



PEDIATRIC DENTAL
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ORAL SEDATION POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS

Oral Sedation:

Your child will still be sleepy after treatment and must remain under adult supervision until fully recovered from the effects of the sedation. Take care to properly position your child in their car seat for the ride home so that their head and airway are supported. If your child wants to sleep, position your child on his/her side with the head supported and the chin up. Check your child's breathing periodically. If your child is snoring, reposition the head until the snoring disappears. Be sure your child is drinking plenty of liquids to prevent dehydration, even if you must wake up your child.

Your child may be drowsy and irritable after the sedation appointment. Restrict activities for the remainder of the day, especially those that require balance.

Local anesthetic may have been used to numb the mouth during dental treatment. The numbness usually lasts 2-4 hours. Watch to see that your child does not bite, scratch, or suck the cheek, lips, or tongue during this time.

A slight fever (less than 101 degrees) is common after using sedative medications. You may give Children's Tylenol or Motrin as needed for fever or discomfort following the procedure.

Please feel free to call the office for any questions or concerns that you might have.

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