

SEDATION POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS

- After Treatment:** You and your child will remain in the clinic upon completion of treatment until your child is awake, alert, can sit up unaided, and move with minimal assistance. Because we use local anesthetic to numb your child's mouth during the procedure, your child may accidentally bite or chew the lips, cheeks, and/or tongue and/or rub and scratch their face after treatment. This is especially true if it is the initial treatment for your child. Please observe your child very carefully. This danger exists for 2-3 hours after treatment. A small amount of bleeding from the gums around the teeth that were restored or removed is normal and should stop within 24 hours. Your child should experience only minor discomfort, if any, as a result of the dental treatment.
- Returning Home:** Your child **MUST** be supervised by a responsible parent or legal guardian. He/she should be closely observed for breathing difficulty and carefully secured in a car seat or by a seat belt during transportation.
- Activities:** **DO NOT** plan or permit activities for your child after treatment. Allow your child to rest. Closely supervise any activity for the remainder of the day.
- Drinking/Eating Following Treatment:** Be sure that your child starts to drink liquids as soon as you leave the clinic. This will prevent dehydration. We suggest that the first drink following treatment is plain water. Clear liquids such as apple juice, Gatorade or ginger ale are preferable next. Small drinks are better than allowing your child to fill up all at once. Feed your child a normal diet when he/she is ready but wait at least 2 hours until the numbness from the local anesthesia has disappeared.
- Temperature Elevation:** Your child's temperature may be elevated to 101 degrees F/ 38 degrees C for the first 24 hours after treatment. Give Tylenol or Motrin/Advil pain relievers every 3-4 hours and encourage drinking to help alleviate this condition.
- Seek Advice:**
1. If vomiting persists beyond 4 hours, or occurs greater than 3 times.
 2. If the temperature remains elevated beyond 12-24 hours or goes above 101 degrees F/38 degrees C.
 3. If there is any difficulty breathing.
 4. If there is persistent bleeding.
 5. If any other matter causes concern.
- If Additional Information Is Required:** Contact the office at 727 478 3210.

Sincerely,

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