

Pre-Treatment Instructions For Oral Sedation

1. A sedation consent must be signed by the parent or legal guardian prior to your child's sedation appointment. If the parent or legal guardian will not be accompanying the child to the sedation appointment and a consent is not signed by the parent or legal guardian, your child's appointment will be rescheduled. Because your child may still be drowsy after treatment, we recommend that more than one person come to the appointment to assist in managing your child on the way home.
2. If your child develops a fever, cold, cough, runny nose or any other symptoms within 7 days prior to the day of treatment, please call us. It may be necessary to reschedule the sedation appointment.
3. Do not give your child **ANYTHING** to eat or drink after midnight the night before the appointment. (Nothing after getting up in the morning.) This is for your child's safety.
4. Notify us of any medications that have been given to your child within the last 24 hours before the sedation appointment. It is very important for your dentist to know because some medications may interact with the medication that we will be giving your child. Give your child only those medications he/she routinely takes unless otherwise instructed by the dentist.
5. Dress your child in loose, light, comfortable clothing. (Pajamas are appropriate.) Bring a change of clothing for your child. Please remove any nail polish from your child's fingernails and toenails.
6. Upon arriving for the appointment, your child will be given the sedative medication. If your child does not take the medication within a reasonable amount of time, it may be necessary to reschedule the appointment. The medication that your child will be given will **NOT** put your child to sleep. He/She may be very drowsy and fall asleep on their own during treatment. The sedation medication will take approximately 5 to 15 minutes to begin taking effect. The medication will take full effect after approximately 20 minutes. At this time, your child will be taken to the treatment area, and you will be asked to remain in the lobby until treatment is finished.
7. Your child may be wrapped in our pedi-wrap during treatment. The pedi-wrap is a comfortable, protective device that resembles a sleeping bag. It is used to secure your child while treatment is performed to prevent him/her from rolling over or making unexpected movements during the procedure.
8. Your child's heart rate, breathing, and oxygen saturation will be monitored throughout the treatment.
9. **It is important that you inform us if you cannot keep this appointment because sedation appointment times are very limited. If you are late for the sedation appointment, your child may be rescheduled. If you fail to keep this appointment without giving 24 hour notice, we may not be able to reschedule your appointment. Payment for treatment is due in full on the day of your child's sedation visit.**