



Parent's Information for I.V. Sedation

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Why is sedation important?

Most dental procedures in children are completed using local anesthesia, however very young, fearful or uncooperative children also require some sedation. Sedation is a deep sleep that insulates your child from the stress and discomfort associated with dental procedures. It is not the same as general anesthesia used in a hospital. With the young patient sleeping and comfortable, your dentist can concentrate on the procedure knowing that your child's breathing, heart activity and general condition are being closely watched by the pediatric anesthesiologist.

Who is a Pediatric Anesthesiologist?

A pediatric anesthesiologist is a medical doctor who has completed specialty training in anesthesiology and extra training in anesthesia for infants and children.

How is sedation given?

Sedative medications are given as an intramuscular injection (**shot**) that works quickly and reliably within about 5 minutes. **Please do not tell your child about the shot.** You may hold and comfort your child until the sedative takes effect. Your child may not remember the injection or the office visit. Once in the dental procedure room blood pressure, heart and breathing monitors are placed. The intramuscular sedatives are supplemented with nitrous oxide administered by nose-mask and intravenous sedatives (IV). This allows your child's dentist enough procedure time to complete all of your child's dental treatment in one visit eliminating the need for repeat visits and sedations. **Parents are not allowed in the dental procedure room during the sedation.**

Recovery

At the end of the dental procedure your child is carefully attended by the pediatric anesthesiologist until safely recovered and then allowed to finish waking up with you. Most children are ready to go home within 30 to 60 minutes.

Risks

Every type of sedation has side effects. Dizziness is the most common, nausea and vomiting are rare. More serious risks are **extremely rare** but include allergic or unexpected reactions to medications. Should one of these rare reactions occur; further treatments, tests or even hospitalization may be necessary.

Back at Home

Expect your child to be **sleepy or dizzy** for several hours. Numbness in the mouth may upset young children. Nausea and vomiting are rare. If your child experiences any unexpected symptoms such as fever or bleeding call Dr. Tucker. Dr. Tucker will call your home in the afternoon or evening to make sure your child is recovering normally.



Parent's Instructions for I.V. Sedation

NO FOOD, MILK OR FORMULA for 6 hours before the procedure.

Give CLEAR LIQUIDS (water, apple juice, Gatorade) until 3 hours before the scheduled procedure time.

Nothing by mouth for the last 3 hours

Failure to follow these instructions may result in delay or cancellation of your child's procedure.

For your child's well being and comfort please follow these instructions.

- Your child will need your undivided attention for the first 3—4 hours after the procedure.
- Please bring **another adult** with you to help with your child on the way home.
- Dress your child in loose comfortable clothing (This makes the giving shot easier)
- Bring a change of clothes (children sometimes wet themselves while asleep) and a small blanket.
- Please make arrangements for your other children.

If your child develops a COLD (an upper respiratory infection) please call Dr. Tucker's office. 330-598-1556

Keep these instructions near your phone. Dr. Tucker's office will call to discuss your child's sedation and answer your questions.

Use the space below for notes or questions to ask Dr. Tucker.



Request and Consent for Sedation

Please read the consent form, you will be asked to sign it on the day of the procedure.

Dental procedures can usually be accomplished without sedation. However, children who are very young, anxious, uncooperative, or require extensive dentistry with multiple appointments benefit from sedation. This type of sedation is not the same as a general anesthesia used in a hospital operating room. Rather, it is a controlled sleep that insulates the child from the stimulation of dental treatment while allowing the dentist to complete treatment in a safe and efficient manner. Your child will be deeply asleep but there is the possibility of bodily movements, therefore children are protected in a light Velcro wrap during the treatment period but will be unaware of this restraint. The type of sedative drugs and technique will be determined by the anesthesiologist who will consider the medical history, length of the dental procedure, and body weight of your child. He will discuss this with you.

Of course, all medications have side effects and associated risks. Regardless of the experience or care and skill of the anesthesiologist complications could arise during treatment. They may include but are not limited to allergic reactions, pneumonia, and phlebitis (infection of the IV site). These risks are rare and although the anesthesiologist will do his best to protect your child from such risks he cannot completely guarantee the outcome of the sedation procedure.

Dr. Tucker has discussed with me the sedation procedure for my child. I understand that the type of sedation will be determined by Dr. Tucker including the use of alternative drugs as required during the procedure. I understand in the unlikely event that an unexpected reaction or complication should occur it may be necessary to transfer my child to a medical facility to continue necessary treatments initiated by Dr. Tucker. I have read the consent form, it has been explained to my satisfaction, and I request that my child be sedated for dental treatment.

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About Dr. Moira Tucker

Dr. Moira Tucker is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology. She received her medical degree from the National University of Ireland in 1992 and completed an internship there. She went on to complete an additional internship in internal medicine and a 3 year residency in Anesthesiology at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Additionally, she served a pediatric anesthesia fellowship at Akron Children's Hospital.

Dr. Tucker has practiced pediatric anesthesiology in Northeast Ohio for over 8 years. She spent 5 years delivering anesthesia to adults and children at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 1 year of regional anesthesia at The Crystal Clinic, and the last 2 and a half years exclusively delivering pediatric anesthesia at Akron Children's Hospital. She brings a wealth of experience in safely dealing with pediatric patients and is the leader of the Sedation Care Team.

About Dr. Christian Tucker

Dr Christian Tucker is also a Pediatric Anesthesiologist. He received his medical degree from the National University of Ireland in 1992, completed an internship there, and a further internship in Internal Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where he then completed a 3 year residency in Anesthesiology in 1998. He then went on to complete a Pediatric Anesthesia Fellowship at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital. He received his anesthesia Board Certification from the American Board of Anesthesiology in 1998.

Dr Christian Tucker has practiced General Anesthesia at Lakewood Hospital for 2 years. He then went on the practice exclusively Pediatric Anesthesia at Akron Children's Hospital for the last 7 years, and is currently on Staff at The Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. He too brings a wealth of experience in safely dealing with pediatric patients, and completes the physicians involved in the Sedation Care Team.



Pre-Anesthesia Medical History

Pediatric Dental Office:

Patient's Name		Age	Date of Birth
Parent's Name		Child's height (inches)	Child's weight (pounds)
Please check a response for each question		Y	N
Please list all medications your child is taking.			
Please list all Dietary supplements other than multi vitamins.			
Does anyone smoke in your child's home or daycare?			
Is child allergic to any drugs such as penicillin or sulfa drugs?			
Has your child had a history of any of the following?			
Allergies to latex, rubber, tape, eggs, food or any other allergy?			
Recent cold or a cough			
Persistent cough or coughing with sleep or exercise			
Snoring, asthma, lung or breathing problems			
Heart trouble, murmur, or heart surgery			
Surgery or hospitalizations			
Problems or complications with anesthesia			
Malignant hypertension or low pseudo cholinesterase			
TB, rheumatic fever, scarlet fever, AIDS or HIV infection,			
Hemophilia, bleeding problems or blood disorder			
Sickle cell anemia			
Hepatitis or liver problems			
Feeding, swallowing or digestive problems			
Kidney infection or kidney problems			
Diabetes, thyroid or hormone problems			
Cancer, tumor or leukemia			
Epilepsy, seizures or fainting			
Prematurity or other birth problems			
Cleft lip/ Cleft palate or other birth defect			
Cerebral palsy, developmental delay, autism or ADHD			
Vision, speech or hearing problems			
Emotional, psychological or violent behavioral problems			
Lip, tongue or cheek piercing?			
Is parent or patient pregnant?			
Any other medical conditions?			
I have received an IV Sedation Brochure.			
I have reviewed Dr. Tucker's website at pediatricseadation.com			
Child's Pediatrician:		Date of last visit:	Phone #
I understand that the information I have given is correct to the best of my knowledge and that it will be held in the strictest of confidence. X _____			
Signature of parent or guardian			Today's Date



Parent/Guardian information and requirements for a safe and successful dental procedure with IV sedation.

For your safety and your child's safety, parents are not allowed in the treatment room during IV sedation. If you are not comfortable with this policy please ask about other care options.

Your child needs your supervision and your attention for the entire day. Do not delegate supervision to baby sitters, teachers, day care or others who may not fully understand or be completely committed to your child's care needs.

Do not bring other children. Please make arrangements for the needs of your other children.

You are expected to remain in the office during your child's entire procedure should the dentist or anesthesiologist need to consult with you regarding your child's care.

Last minute cancellations are an inconvenience to you, your child, the dental office and the anesthesiologist. If your child develops a cough, a cold, the flu, vomiting, diarrhea, a fever or has any change in health prior to the procedure, please call 330-598-1556 immediately.

A child's dental treatment plan is an estimate only. Once the child is sedated and a complete oral exam or x-rays can be done, the time required for a procedure may change.

Time changes in earlier procedures may affect your child's appointment time. On the day of your child's procedure you may be asked to come in earlier or later. Please be available by telephone so the dental office can contact you regarding changes to your child's appointment time. Please be flexible, do not make other appointments or commitments on the day of your child's procedure.

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your child's appointment time. During this time your child will be checked in, weighed, given an opportunity to use the restroom, and you will receive post operative instructions.

Recovery and discharge usually takes 30-60 minutes. Be prepared to stay longer if the anesthesiologist feels it is necessary for your child's safety.

After you leave the office you will be responsible for your child's safety. Use seat belts on the way home, do not hold your child in your lap or lay your child down in the back seat. Your child's balance and coordination can be affected for 3-4 hours. On arrival home put your child to bed for 3-4 hours; this will protect your child from falls and bumps.

Bring another adult to help you.



INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICAL INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT

Our services are available by request through your pediatric dental office. For your convenience, all scheduling, deposit and payment arrangements are made through your pediatric dental office. We will gladly help patients who have dental or medical insurance receive the maximum benefits provided by your insurance company.

Drs. Tucker are physician anesthesiologists, but are **not** a provider with any insurance company and **do not accept insurance assignment**, BUT your medical insurance may reimburse you for all or part of Drs. Tucker's fees.

BEFORE THE PROCEDURE:

Call the Claims Department of your medical carrier and tell them about your child's planned procedure. Ask if your policy requires "**prior authorization**". If so, follow their instructions.

They may require:

- 1) "**Statement of Medical Necessity**" completed and signed by your child's pediatric dentist and your child's physician.
- 2) "**Estimated Statement of Anesthesiology Services**" form.

AFTER THE PROCEDURE:

To file for reimbursement after the procedure send the following forms to the Claims Department of your insurance carrier:

- 1) Fill out the Patient and Insured Information section on the "**1500 Health Insurance Claim Form**" that you will receive after the procedure.
- 2) Dr. Tucker's professional statement, (**Patient Copy Medical Insurance**) which includes a description of the medical services/medical codes for the anesthesia care.
- 3) "**Statement of Medical Necessity**" completed and signed by your child's pediatric dentist and your child's physician if required by your insurance carrier.
- 4) Your **receipt of payment** from the dental office.

Send your insurance carrier the originals and **keep copies for yourself** in case your claim gets misplaced.

File your claim even if your insurance carrier tells you the anesthesia services are not covered by your policy. Payments for services may be applied to reduce your annual deductible.

Should your insurance carrier send your reimbursement check to our office we will send you a refund check.