

Pediatric Dentistry of the Treasure Coast

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COMFORTS WE PROVIDE FOR THE APPREHENSIVE OR IMMATURE CHILD

ANALGESIA (LAUGHING GAS/OXYGEN)

It produces a feeling of warmth and security along with a pleasant floaty sensation. There is a tingling sensation in the toes and finger-tips, possibly even the lips.

HOW TO PREPARE BEFORE THE VISIT?

It is best if the child **ONLY HAS A LIGHT MEAL PRIOR TO THE VISIT** (clear juice or liquids and toast only). Occasionally, a child may get nauseous and vomit.

GOING HOME AFTER THE VISIT.

The child is awake at all times. There are no after effects. The laughing gas leaves the body within 3-5 minutes, as the oxygen flushes it out of the lungs. The child leaves the office feeling fully alert and can resume a normal, daily routine immediately, except that he may be numb.

PRE-MEDICATION WITH A TRANQUILIZER (ATARAX OR VERSED).

Atarax and Versed, light tranquilizers, will decrease the level of apprehension a child may otherwise experience when facing a potentially uncomfortable situation. Versed does not induce sleep but instead promotes a state of relaxation that allows the child to learn from the procedures and cooperate with me by interacting positively. Most children experience amnesia and have a foggy recollection of the visit afterwards.

HOW TO PREPARE BEFORE THE VISIT?

When giving Atarax at home, feel free to allow your child to sip a few ounces of his favorite juice afterwards to wash the taste out. **PLEASE DO NOT STUFF HIM WITH A FULL BREAKFAST. VERSED WILL BE ADMINISTERED AT THE OFFICE BY WEIGHT BY THE DOCTOR OR A QUALIFIED STAFF MEMBER ONLY. ONLY CLEAR LIQUIDS SHOULD BE INGESTED UP TO (3) HOURS BEFORE THE DENTAL APPOINTMENT THAT DAY.** Once the medication is taken, it will take approximately 15 minutes for the effects to be noticed. **Dress him lightly but covering the arms and legs.**

GOING HOME AFTER THE VISIT.

We will provide you with detailed instructions at the time of the visit. Please plan on spending at least (4) hours monitoring your child closely following the dental visit, as his gate may be erratic and need support to walk and avoid falling and hurting himself.

PRE-MEDICATION WITH AN ORAL SEDATIVE COCKTAIL (ATARAX-MEPERIDINE-CHLORAL HYDRATE).

Since your child is young and immature, a sedative cocktail will make him a bit groggy so we can accomplish the dental treatment easier and so he will have a vague recollection of the visit.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD BEFORE THE VISIT?

Please have your child evaluated by his PEDIATRICIAN no more than (2) days prior to the procedure. I will provide you with a referral letter for the pediatrician. Please call us with his OK and bring the report with you to the visit.

Please give your child **NO FOOD OR LIQUIDS AFTER MIDNIGHT** of the day of the appointment.

If the child is hungry, you can offer him a few ounces of a clear liquid only up to (3) hours prior to the visit time.

THE MEDICATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED AT THE OFFICE BY THE DOCTOR OR A QUALIFIED STAFF MEMBER ONLY. Once the cocktail is administered orally, it will take approximately 30 minutes for the effects to be noticeable. We will let him be with you. Please encourage him to relax and many times he may fall asleep. Some possible effects are disorientation and hyperactivity, at first; then drowsiness.

Please take your child to the bathroom as soon as I administer the cocktail to empty his bladder one last time.

Dress him lightly, but covering the arms and legs.

GOING HOME AFTER THE VISIT.

We will provide you with detailed instructions at the time of the visit. Please plan on spending 6-8 hours monitoring your child closely following the dental visit.

Encourage him to drink a glass of a liquid of his choice every hour to re-hydrate him. Once he is not numb anymore, you may want to start feeding him softer solids like bread, apple sauce, noodles.