

### ***What are my financial responsibilities?***

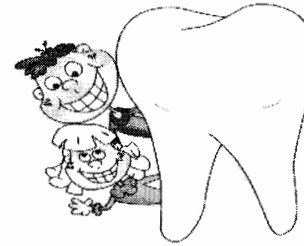
- We will provide you with a written **estimate** of the total cost of the dental treatment under general anesthesia for your child and assist you with pre-authorizing this treatment with your insurance company when appropriate.
- We will collect the *dental* fees directly from your insurance company, provided a pre-authorization for treatment has been received from your insurance company.
- Included in your estimate will be the fee for use of the surgical facility (typically 1-2 hours). This fee is for the anesthesiologist and his/her time and is **not** a reflection of any charges from Child's Play Pediatric Dentistry. These fees are payable by each patient prior to the surgery date. We will also assist in determining whether any of this cost may be reimbursed through your private dental insurance. It is our experience that this fee in most cases is not covered by private dental insurances.
- *Private insurance holders* are responsible for any costs of dental treatment and /or facility fees that are not covered above and beyond your insurance. This amount will be due as a deposit to secure your position at the surgical facility.
- *Government sponsored dental insurance (MSSH, Healthy Kids)* will be accepted for services under general anesthetic, with an additional \$500 available above the \$1400 limit for every 2 years.
- A non-refundable \$75 administration fee will be required for all patients requiring general anesthetic, due to the additional time of booking and administrative staff costs for such bookings. A \$200 deposit is also required to reserve a general anesthetic booking. Failure to comply with preoperative fasting instructions, or canceling of the appointment, without 3 weeks notice will result in forfeiture of your deposit.
- We will do our best to provide you with an accurate dental treatment estimate based on an initial clinical examination. Please understand however that treatment may vary at the time of surgery based on a more detailed clinical **AND** radiographic examination. In addition, fees billed by the surgical facility vary based on treatment and recovery time. Either of these may result in either an increase or decrease of your original estimate.

***Thank-you for your cooperation.***

***Please do not hesitate to ask any further questions.***

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## **General Anesthetic and dental treatment for your child**



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### ***Why is a general anesthetic recommended for your child?***

Dental treatment under general anesthetic (GA) may be recommended for any of the following reasons:

- A young, pre-cooperative age.
- High anxiety or nervousness.
- A medically compromising condition.
- Extensive dental treatment needs, including early childhood caries.
- Dental emergency to alleviate pain.

Any of these reasons may make it difficult, if not impossible for your child to cooperate and allow dental treatment to be completed in a safe and effective manner. The ultimate goal is to maintain a positive dental experience for your child while at the same time accomplishing the best possible treatment.

### ***What are my options for general anesthetic?***

- Based on multiple factors your child can be scheduled at a hospital or an outpatient general anesthetic facility. Hospital time is extremely limited and often reserved for the very young and medically compromised patients.
- A medical history form completed by your child's physician is required for treatment to be done. This form will be provided for you.
- The medical history form must be returned to Child's Play within 3 weeks of your scheduled surgery date to allow sufficient time for booking arrangements. Most physician's office will fax it directly to us when asked.

### ***What is involved when your child is treated under a general anesthetic?***

- On the day of surgery your child will be well taken care of by a certified specialist in anesthesiology. This doctor is responsible for the delivery of the general anesthetic, monitoring and recovery of your child throughout the procedure.
- While your child is asleep, the dentist (Dr. Coveney, Grant or Santos) will provide the dental treatment. Full mouth dental treatment will be completed while under GA. These procedures may include: radiographs (x-rays), cleaning, sealants, white and/or silver fillings, stainless steel crowns, pulpotomies (baby root canals), extractions, and space maintainers. The dental treatment most typically ranges from one to two hours, but the entire procedure with pre and post recovery may take up to three to four hours.
- Please notify our office if your child develops a fever, productive cough, and/or heavy nasal drainage. For your child's safety, the doctor may consider rescheduling the appointment.
- The time of your child's surgery is scheduled based on both age and medical history and will be set by the facility in most cases.
- You will be called prior to your child's surgery to review necessary instructions and confirm the time of arrival. An accurate telephone number where you can be reached directly is essential.
- For the safety of your child you will be asked **NOT to give any food or drink after midnight.** Failure to comply with these instructions will result in cancellation of the appointment and a cancellation fee.
- Two parents or adults must bring the child to the facility and be prepared to remain on-site until your child is ready to go home. Your child is not to return to school the day of surgery.
- You must be able to take your child home by car. Public transportation is not acceptable.
- If English is not your first language and you do not fully comprehend the language you must bring an interpreter at the time of surgery, whom is capable of staying the entire time.
- A one week follow-up examination will be scheduled at Child's Play to review treatment, assess healing, answer any questions and to provide a positive visit for your child.