

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has just undergone dental surgery with a general anesthetic. Since every child responds differently to such procedures, we've put together information that will address some common concerns.

Nausea & Vomiting

Any nausea and/or vomiting that may occur will last a short time. If your child does vomit, wait about 30 minutes before giving them liquids such as water or carbonated soft drinks. If nausea does not occur, progress slowly to a regular diet. Try soup, crackers, and then solid foods.

Bleeding & Pain

Children will respond to pain or discomfort differently, therefore their mouth may or may not feel sore after surgery. You may give your child Children's Tylenol or Motrin* to help make them more comfortable, if necessary. There may be also a small amount of bleeding around the gums. The gums are pushed on and cleaned around during surgery therefore a little bleeding is normal after dental surgery and should stop within a few days. If teeth were extracted there may be some discomfort and bleeding. If your child's mouth starts bleeding excessively please call Puyallup Pediatric Dentistry.

Fever

After any surgical procedure a low-grade fever (99-100 F) is normal. You may give your child Children's Tylenol or Motrin*. If the fever continues over 101.5 F for 24 hours please call Puyallup Pediatric Dental.

Activity

Your child may feel sleepy for the next 24 hours. This is due to the medicine your child has received. Please do not leave the child alone. Children should rest at home, but may be up and about. Please have your child refrain from exercise that requires quick reflexes for 24 hours. Regular activity is encouraged the day after surgery. Keep children propped up with a pillow while sleeping. Check your child every 20-30 minutes to make sure they respond.

Sore throat

Your child may have a sore throat due to the drying effects of the anesthetic gasses for up to 48 hours.

Post Operative

Your child will need to come back to see the dentist two weeks after the surgery. Please schedule a post operative visit at the time of surgery. If you have any further questions or concerns please call Puyallup Pediatric Dentistry at 253-864-9889.

**Note: With all medications, follow manufacturer's instructions for administering drugs, found on the package. Aspirin is contraindicated for children.*