

# Brick Pediatric Dentistry

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## In Office Oral Sedation

Dear Parent:

Your doctor has determined that your child would benefit from the use of sedation to provide the needed dental treatment. Sedation is used to help your child cope with the stress that sometimes accompanies a visit to the dentist and/or to help your child tolerate long dental procedures. We have prepared the following information to answer some of the commonly asked questions you may have and guide you with the procedure of sedation.

1. The medication that will be given to your child is based on his/her weight. Please know your child's weight.
2. The procedure cannot be done if your child is sick or has a cold. If this is the case, your appointment may have to be rescheduled. Please contact the office in advance if there is a question.
3. Sedations do not mix with food or drink. Your child **cannot** eat or drink for **four** hours before the appointment. Also, dairy products should not be consumed on the entire day of sedation.
4. The appointment will consist of time to administer the medication, time for the medication to take effect (20-60 minutes), treatment time, and observation after treatment. Plan on at least 2-2 ½ hours. Please make arrangements for your other children.
5. During the time that the medication is being absorbed and taking effect, your child may become sleepy and uncoordinated. Have your child sit quietly or keep him/her in your lap so that he/she does not fall or injure himself/herself.
6. During the entire appointment, please do not leave the office.
7. Because your child may not be aware of his/her movements, it is often necessary to restrain his/her arms or legs to prevent him/her from injuring him/herself.
8. The effects of the sedation may last for 2-8 hours after the appointment. Your child should be watched by a responsible adult, should not go to school, walk unattended or engage in any activities such as bicycling, skating, or swimming after sedation.
9. Due to variation in the response to sedation medication, treatment of your child may be stopped and rescheduled with a different medication or form of treatment at the judgment of the doctor. Our goal is to treat your child in the best and **safest** method for him/her individually.
10. There is a separate fee for office sedation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per visit. This is NOT reimbursed by most insurance plans and must be paid in full at the time of a visit.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING SEDATION OF YOUR CHILD,  
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.**

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