

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is Anesthesia Safe?

Anesthesia provided by an experienced anesthesiologist, with advanced monitoring and equipment is extremely safe. Modern advancements in medicine have made many of the drugs safe and predictable. Once the dental work is completed the patient is often ready to go home in little as 20 minutes. Dr. Joseph and his staff will be responsible for your anesthetic management, all to assure you a pleasant, and anxiety free experience.

What Are Some of the Common Side Effects?

Some of the common side effects of anesthesia include dizziness, shivering, nausea, sore throat and feeling tired. What we find is that by the afternoon, most patients return back to their normal self. The nausea is less common with the medication provided, but if you know you get nauseous to begin with, we will work out a plan that prevents it from occurring. The sore throat is a possibility but rare, and typically goes away by the following day or two.

Will I Feel Pain?

We understand many people have had some unpleasant experiences in the past when they had visited the dentist office. Dr. Joseph will be administering pain medication throughout the procedure, so that when you or your child is at home, pain will not be a concern during recovery. Depending on the procedure, the treating dentist or Dr. Joseph, can also write you a prescription for pain medication for the remaining recovery period.

Will The Patient Hear Anything During the procedure?

Many patients have asked us this question in the past, likely due to the publicity of these rare events or Hollywood movies. The medications we administer throughout the treatment have almost completely eliminated anesthesia awareness. The likelihood of remembering or hearing anything while being asleep is very rare.

What Kind of Monitoring Is Performed?

We measure the heart waves, the oxygen in your body, blood pressure, and your temperature (we want you to be as comfortable as possible). Majority of our patients will get an IV, which will be placed once you are asleep. The intravenous line will be taken out once you are awake, and most patients do not recall this step. All our equipment and monitors are checked regularly by state professionals and certified routinely.

What Information Do I Need To Fill Out Before My Appointment?

We request that you have a health history form filled and completed to the best of your knowledge. In addition we may require that you visit your primary care provider so that they may fill out an in-depth health form. Having the full medical history allows our staff to maintain accurate and comprehensive medical records on our patients.

What Should I Do The Day Before My Procedure?

We recommend patients refrain from eating or drinking starting 6-8 hours prior to scheduled appointment time. For morning appointments, it is important to not eat or drink after midnight the night before their scheduled appointment. If your procedure is scheduled in the afternoon, we will tailor a plan that works with your appointment time. We will also counsel parents beforehand with detailed instructions for every child.

What Should I Bring The Day Of The Procedure?

We know there is a great deal of information to remember, so in order to make things easier, we will email you a checklist of what to bring. In addition to the checklist, we will always contact you via phone to go over pre and post-procedure instructions.

What Kind of Clothes Should I Wear?

This is a great and another popular question. We ask that you refrain from putting makeup on, and we suggest dressing comfortably. All patients are suggested to have a short-sleeve t-shirt under any sweaters or sweatshirts. We also recommend our parents bring a warm blanket from home for their child. We have observed that children prefer their own comfortable blanket over ours. (And also because Dora or Spiderman is much more fun than our blankets)

I'm Concerned My Child Will Not Cooperate. Will this be a problem?

We get this question a great deal, and honestly it is what we pride ourselves on being great at. We allow our parents to be in the room before we go to dream land. Our team tailors the experience to your child's interests.

What Is Your Experience Taking Care of Special Needs Children?

We have extensive experience providing care for patients with special needs. Our philosophy holds that every patient is unique and anesthetic care should be tailored to meet the individual needs of our pediatric patients.

Are Services Covered By Insurance?

Insurance companies may vary in coverage but most policies typically do not cover anesthesia in the dental setting. We recommend that you speak to your medical/dental insurance provider for further details. Depending on you or your child's medical condition, your dentist can provide a letter on your behalf highlighting the necessity of anesthesia for their procedure. Our goal is to always accommodate our patients to prioritize their dental care.

I Have More Questions What Should I Do?

At Ambulatory Dental Anesthesia, we feel that it's important to be available for all our patients. For more information visit us at www.ADAofNY.com. We will be more than happy to provide you with references. Our dedication to patient care, safety record, and quality services is reflected in our working relationship with your own dental provider. Our team members pride ourselves on being always available, accessible and you will always receive a follow up phone call. Should you have any additional questions pertaining our services please do not hesitate to contact us.