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Dental Treatment under General Anesthesia At South Fraser Surgical Centre

What is General Anesthesia?

General anesthesia is what is commonly known as “putting a child to sleep”. It is a safe and effective way to provide dental treatment for children. Dr. Ella Choi has recommended dental treatment under general anesthesia for your child for one of the following reasons:

- Cannot cooperate due to a lack of psychological or emotional maturity and/or mental, physical or medical disability
- High anxiety or nervousness
- Verbally uncommunicative because of psychosocial, medical or cultural situations
- Require significant restorative and/or surgical procedures
- Use of GA may protect the developing psyche and/or reduce medical risk

Financial Information

The total fee consists of two components. The first component is the surgical facility fee which is determined by surgery time at South Fraser Surgical Centre. The second component is the dental treatment fee which is determined by procedures provided by Dr. Ella Choi.

Surgical Facility Fee: The facility fee at South Fraser Surgical Centre is \$690 per hour with one hour minimum. The fee increases in 5 minute increments after the first hour. This fee is for the medical anesthesiologist and their facility fee, and does not include dental treatment fee by Dr. Ella Choi.

Dental Treatment Fee: Before dental surgery, we will provide you with a written **estimate** of the dental treatment. We do our best to give you an accurate estimate at the time of clinical examination. However, on the day of surgery we may find new cavities upon radiographic and clinical examination. In this case, we will fix all cavities including new ones. As a result, the final fee may be higher than the estimate given to you.

Deposit: A non-refundable \$500 deposit for dental treatment and facility is required to secure your spot for the dental surgery. The surgery time has been especially reserved for your child. No cancellation will be accepted once the deposit is paid. The following will result in a loss of your deposit: (i) failure to follow pre-surgery instructions; (ii) providing less than 48 hours’ notice for cancellation; or (iii) failure to show for your surgery. Exceptions will be made for medical emergencies with a medical doctor’s note.

Financial Responsibilities: As a courtesy to our patients, we will be collecting dental fees directly from your insurance company if pre-authorization for treatment has been approved. You are 100% responsible for any cost of dental treatment and facility fee that are not covered by your insurance.

How to Prepare Before Surgery

- **Do not eat anything after midnight before surgery.**
- You can drink clear fluids such as water and apple juice. No milk is allowed. **Stop 3 hours before your check-in time.**
- A child patient should be accompanied by two adults. One adult to drive home and the other adult to supervise the child on the way home after surgery.
- **Violations of these instructions will result in cancellation of dental surgery and loss of your deposit.**

What Happens During Dental Surgery

- On the day of surgery, you will come to South Fraser Surgical Centre.
- Your child will be taken care of by the medical anesthesiologist. He will be in charge of the general anesthesia, monitoring and recovery of your child.
- Dr. Ella Choi will provide all necessary dental treatment during surgery. The treatment may include but is not limited to: x-rays, cleaning, fluoride varnish, filling, pulpotomy (baby nerve treatment), crown, extraction and/or space maintainer.
- We will provide the best dental care possible for your child.

What to Expect After Surgery

- Recovery of your child will be monitored by the medical anesthesiologist
- Your child's mouth will be frozen for 2-3 hours after surgery. Watch your child for lip biting.
- It is important to keep your child hydrated. Start with liquids such as smoothies and juice. For the first day or two after surgery, give your child soft food.
- Pain medications such as ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin for Children) may be required.
- At least one responsible adult must stay with your child for 24 hours after surgery.

Contact Information

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