

THE BENEFITS OF GENERAL ANESTHESIA

- In most cases, your child's entire recommended dental treatment can be completed in just one visit. This reduces the likelihood that their dental cavities would deteriorate further over an extended treatment period, and avoids the unpleasanties and emotional upset of numerous, difficult appointments.
- Because your child is comfortably asleep, a comprehensive clinical dental examination and higher quality X-rays (radiographs) of the teeth can be easily obtained. This will help us determine if other cavities are hiding between the teeth and also allow us to evaluate for dental or boney abnormalities in the jaws – all without any awareness or recall. With this added information, we can provide the dental care your child deserves.
- Dental treatment does not require deep levels of general anesthesia like major hospital surgery, but is more like that used for “ear tubes”. Light levels of general anesthesia allow your child to sleep comfortably through their dental treatment while recovering quickly, returning home after a brief recovery period. And, because your child will be asleep, local anesthesia is usually not necessary, thereby avoiding that “numb” feeling afterwards. As you can see, this type of general anesthesia is ideally suited for out-patient dental office care for our “small” patients.
- For your confidence, Dr. Michael Higgins is a board certified and state licensed dental anesthesiologist. He holds the academic position of Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology with the University of Illinois Hospital, Head & Neck Division, since 1982, and is recognized as an expert in this field.

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