



Instructions for Dental Surgery:

Before Surgery:

- **Eating and Drinking:**

To avoid vomiting and complications during surgery, **DO NOT** allow your child any food or drink (milk, juice, water, gum, etc.) prior to surgery unless directed otherwise by doctor.

The following schedule should be followed:

1. **NO** milk or solid after midnight prior to the scheduled procedure.
2. **Liquids:**
 - Children ages 0-3 years, Clear liquids up to 4 hours before procedure.
 - Children ages 3 years and above, Clear liquids up to 6 hours before procedure.

- **Changes in Health:**

If your child develops a cold, runny nose, cough, fever, or other medical problem within 2 days of the procedure, please contact us immediately to evaluate their health status.

- **Medications:**

Give your child those medications which he/she takes routinely, such as seizure medications or prophylactic antibiotics, and those prescribed by your child's physician. **DO NOT give your child any other medicines, before or after treatment, without clearing it with your doctor/dentist first.**

- Plan on spending part of a day at the hospital. You will need to **arrive 2 hours prior** to surgery for check in. The procedure itself takes (on average) 2-3 hours. Then your child will be in recovery for as long as they need, but will not be at the hospital overnight (unless medically necessary).

After Surgery:

- **Diet:**

For the first day following surgery, your child should be on a soft diet. They may feel sore from some of the procedures completed. Please stay away from sticky/chewy candy as a change in their diet. These candies can not only cause cavities, but can pull off the restorations that have been placed during their surgery.

- **Medications:**

Children's Tylenol or Motrin may be taken for pain as needed.