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INFORMATION CONCERNING PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA IN OFFICE.

It is our goal to be able to provide surgical services to your child in a totally anxiety and pain-free environment. Adult patients will always insist on it being that way.

The goals of anesthesia are to provide: 1) elimination of anxiety, 2) increase in pain threshold, and 3) no memory of the surgical procedure. These are the same goals we provide in the hospital.

We use an IV anesthesia technique designed to achieve those goals with very short acting medications. We do not use an intubated (breathing tube) gas anesthetic like the hospital.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons are well versed in this technique and most surgeons in this area will use the same technique to achieve the same goals.

As a point of information, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons spend considerable time in anesthesia during their residencies (more than any other medical or dental specialty except anesthesiologists). We all undergo an office Anesthesia Evaluation every 5 years and are required to be certified in Advanced and Pediatric Life Support every 2 years.

Our office is getting ready to obtain certification as an Ambulatory Surgical Facility and our office standards will be higher than any other Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery office in San Antonio.

We hope this helps with your understanding of IV anesthesia.

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