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Dental Treatment with Local Anesthesia

- Dental anesthetics numb not only your child's tooth but the surrounding gums, tongue and lips as well.
- Usually, treatment in the lower jaw causes a more severe numbness. Due to the way the anesthetic is administered, a wider area can be affected. This may include the tongue. Anesthesia of the upper teeth is more local but can include the cheeks and upper lip.
- Please watch your child carefully for at least two hours. Do not allow them to eat for the duration of that time. Some children do not understand the effects of local anesthesia and may chew, scratch, or suck the numb area. This can cause damage to the tissues which will be very painful once the anesthetic wears off.
- You can place a piece of folded gauze in your child's mouth to bite on. This will help keep their mouth injury free.
- There may be mild soreness associated with the treatment. You may give children's Tylenol or Motrin according to the package directions if necessary. Please contact our office if pain persists.
- Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns at the number listed above.