

**General anesthesia** utilizes medications for sedating the patient to fall **asleep while receiving dental treatment**. The proper candidates for general anesthesia are usually very young children with severe anxiety, medical complications and/or patients with special needs which require extensive dental treatment and who cannot tolerate treatment in the dental office under normal circumstances.

## **FAQ**

### **Q: Is anesthesia safe?**

**A:** Anesthesia is administered by a licensed anesthesiologist, who was trained in a formal anesthesia residency program. Medications used are all state of the art, considered safe, and used as intended. The anesthesiologist, through his clinical skills and modern electronic equipment, monitors vital signs (pulse, breathing, blood pressure, oxygen level, and heart rhythm) and assures they are maintained normally throughout entire dental procedure.

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### **Q: Why is anesthesia important?**

**A:** Anesthesia is important because it eliminates pain and anxiety. It allows the dentist more time to perform complicated procedures and reduce physical shock and emotional stress.

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### **Q: Who benefits from anesthesia?**

**A:** Any child and adolescent in good health is a candidate for anesthesia and sedation. Those who benefit most are individuals with physical or mental disabilities, anxiety or fear

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### **Q: Is dental care in O.R. under general anesthesia covered by my dental insurance?**

**A:** Every dental benefit plan is different— there may be limited or complete coverage.

State and private insurances providers, like NJ Family Care, United Healthcare and others do recognize those situations where dental care becomes a medical necessity: aims to prevent or eliminate oral disease, infection, and pain, or corrects facial disfiguration and dysfunction, or restores the form and function. Please contact our patient coordinator to help you determine the benefits eligibility.