

Information About Dental Work Under Anesthesia  
(Issued by own dentist)

The aim of treatment under anesthesia is to remove pain and treat teeth with cavities. To avoid treating the child/you under anesthesia again within a short period of time, the treatment should be long-term and thorough.

The procedure for dental work under anesthesia is described below:

- all treatments are usually carried out the same day
- the procedure often starts with X-rays
- all cavities are drilled out and filled with a tooth-coloured filling
- baby teeth with cavities so deep that they extend to the tooth nerve are extracted, as the prognosis for root-canal treatment of baby teeth is relatively poor
- permanent teeth with cavities extending to the tooth nerve are usually given a root-canal treatment if it's front teeth or small molars. Large molars usually can't be given a root-canal treatment and so have to be extracted

It's not always possible prior to treatment to say how many teeth will have to be extracted, how many will be given a root-canal treatment, and how many will be filled. The treating dentist will decide this during the treatment. Other types of treatments such as teeth cleaning, varnishing or may be needed, and this can't always be predicted before the treatment.

Before the treatment under anesthesia, anesthetist John Lange will call you and explain the anesthesia procedure and inquire about your child's/your health.

In case of problems during the period from when the child/you are referred to treatment under anesthesia and until you are called in for treatment, you must contact the dentist who referred the child/you (the child's/your own dentist).

Best regards

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