

## POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEDATION

1. Your child may be drowsy and uncoordinated in their movements. Thus, you must either carry them or hold their hand when they walk. **ALWAYS** assist them in their movements.
2. Your child may be drowsy for several hours after the appointment. They should always be able to be aroused. If not, please call us immediately. (260) 432-3459
3. Do not let your child play unassisted for several hours after the sedation appointment. You must watch them.
4. Your child may sleep for several hours after the appointment. Let them sleep. Watch their breathing.
5. You should give your child some liquids soon after the appointment. If they are hungry, they may eat anything that they can tolerate. Do not give hot foods to them as their mouth may be numb (numbness can last 2 –2 ½ hours after appointment) and they might burn their tongue.
6. Do not let your child chew their lip or tongue. These tissues might be “asleep” or numb.
7. If your child has had a tooth pulled, a minimal amount of bleeding may be expected. The blood will mix with the saliva and seem like a lot of bleeding. When your child sleeps, elevate their head with a pillow. **Do not let your child spit or suck through a straw for two days.**
8. If your child does begin to bleed excessively, call us immediately.
9. If your child vomits, clean out their mouth so they can breath normally.
10. If your child begins to act strange or breathing is obviously impaired, call us.
11. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us.