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Reasons Why A.S.C. Outpatient General Anesthesia is a Better Option than Office Treatment

1. Treatment can be done all in one visit at Asheville Surgery Center (A.S.C). If you choose office sedation, it can take several visits to complete. With increased treatment visits and time, one can also see an increased chance that severely decayed teeth may abscess before treatment can be completed.
2. With outpatient general anesthesia treatment, the child is completely asleep, therefore they have no memory of the visit.
3. Outpatient general anesthesia treatment will be easier for the child when looking at young child's maturity level.
4. Risks are similar or less due to being at a hospital health care facility in the event of an emergency. The risks of general anesthesia are similar to sedation since you are at a hospital facility that can handle any problem in the event of an emergency.
5. Certain types of treatment such as extensive anterior crowns may only be possible for patient while asleep.
6. Multiple office sedation appointments can become increasingly difficult for child.
7. With office sedation, children can become very fussy, groggy or combative which often extremely upsets the parents.
8. With outpatient general anesthesia, there is no numbing or medicine to drink and the child will leave A.S.C. fairly awake and alert.
9. On young children, general anesthesia when done through A.S.C. may be covered by many medical insurance companies, whereas office sedation may not be. Therefore, it can be more cost efficient for the patient to do treatment in A.S.C vs. office since sedation costs may not be covered by dental or medical insurance.
10. Parents are out of work only one day for outpatient general anesthesia vs. several days for office treatment, therefore more cost effective.
11. When doing office sedation it is required that two adults accompany the child on the day of treatment.
12. Our office will arrange A.S.C. treatment and physical appointments with pediatricians, therefore less hassle for the parent.

* General anesthesia is not included in our estimate or the treatment plan.