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Intramuscular Injection

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A brief health exam will be completed (the anesthesiologist will listen to the patient's heart and lungs and do an airway/IV assessment) Any additional questions/concerns will be addressed at this time.

Once everything is clear, a small shot will be administered into the patient's arm. ***please hold on to your child tight while this shot is given, it is very important that all of the medication gets into the muscle*.**

Within a few minutes, your child will begin to relax and you will see their eyes start to dart around, and then the anesthesiologist will take the patient back to the operatory. Monitors and oxygen will be placed, and then an IV will be started. Medications will be given through the IV to keep your child safe and asleep, and the anesthesiologist will be monitoring the patient closely through the entire procedure. While your child is being treated, please review the postoperative instructions carefully and any questions will be answered once the procedure is completed.

When the dentist is done with the treatment, the anesthesiologist will start waking up the patient. Once the patient is stable, they will be transferred to the recovery room where you will be waiting. Post-operative instructions will be reviewed and all questions answered. The anesthesiologist will then leave to prepare for the next case and check on the patient periodically until your child is cleared for discharge. Please keep in mind that the patient will be lightly sedated for the next hour or so while the remaining medication is metabolized, and they will recover to their baseline within a few hours. The anesthesiologist will not allow you to go home until the patient meets all of the discharge criteria.

The anesthesiologist will follow up with you later this afternoon to make sure everything went well and also address any questions related to the sedation. Please refer all dental related questions to the dental office.