



NHS MEDICAL POLICY

Dental Anesthesia Procedure 2018-006

General anesthesia in a hospital or surgery center may be indicated for a dental procedure when any ONE of the following is present:

1	A child, age 4 or under, requires treatment in more than one quadrant of the mouth which cannot be delayed until the child matures.
2	A child, age 8 or under, requires multiple restorations or extractions in more than one quadrant of the mouth and has a history of failed attempts in the office under local anesthesia. The dental procedures cannot be delayed until the child matures.
3	A dentist has described how local anesthesia would be ineffective or poorly tolerated because of acute infection, anatomic variation, or allergy to local agents.
4	A dentist has described how extensive dental restorative or surgical treatment cannot be adequately rendered under local anesthesia or conscious sedation.
5	Both local anesthesia and conscious sedation (either inhalation or oral) were already tried but failed to control pain with a needed dental procedure.
6	A dentist has described how a physical, intellectual, developmental, psychiatric or medical condition prevents humane and successful dental treatment under local anesthesia.

SOURCES

1. American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Guideline on use of anesthesia personnel in the administration of office-based deep sedation/general anesthesia to the pediatric dental patient. Adopted 2001, Revised through 2012.
2. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center (POHRPC) www.aapd.org was accessed Sep 10, 2018.
3. Milliman Care Guidelines, 22nd edition, was accessed Sep 10, 2018: Head and Neck Surgery or Procedure GRG (SG-HNS)

CODE REFERENCE (This may not be a comprehensive list of codes to apply to this policy.)

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