

**Please read the following information completely as it contains important information.**

Dr Hinckfuss has indicated that your child should have all their dental treatment provided in one appointment under general anaesthesia. General anaesthetic procedures take place in private hospital day surgery centres with specialist paediatric anaesthetists. As such there are fees for the hospital and the anaesthetist in addition to the cost of the dental treatment Dr Hinckfuss will provide.

**You should have received:**

- **A hospital admission form to be completed and brought to the hospital on the day.**
- **An estimate of the dental fees for your child's dental treatment. Please check with your private health insurance fund regarding rebates (Hospital, anaesthetist and dental fees).**
- **Post-operative instructions -please read ahead of the day of the procedure so you are prepared**
- **An information sheet detailing preventive management that can help your child avoid developing more dental cavities in the future**

Once you have decided that you are ready for your child to go ahead with the proposed treatment under general anaesthetic, a non-refundable deposit of \$300 is required to secure a date for the procedure. Please call 7036 5552 and speak with Paula who coordinates the general anaesthetic procedures to organise this.

Please also note that full payment of the estimated dental fees is required 2 weeks prior to your child's scheduled admission date or the time will be offered to another patient. Paula will give you the due date for this payment when you get your hospital admission date.

The hospital will advise you the day before on the time you are expected to arrive on the day. Please adhere to the fasting instructions for your child.

We suggest bringing a spare change of clothes for your child including underwear and don't forget your child's comfort item (soft toy, blanket etc). If your child has long hair please tie it on the top of the head or to the sides not at the back.

Due to occupational health and safety laws patients are not allowed to take any teeth home as they are considered infectious waste, this includes baby teeth so we recommend you arrange a tooth fairy to come to the hospital or a letter to the tooth fairy for your child as a substitute.

If your child requires x-rays on the day of the procedure or if otherwise discussed by Dr Hinckfuss there may be slight changes in the actual dental treatment that is needed for your child. You will be billed for the additional treatment over the fee estimate or if the cost of the treatment is less you will be refunded accordingly. Following the provision of treatment under general anaesthetic you will receive an itemised account for reconciliation with your health fund. Please note that different health funds pay different rebates for dental procedures.

If you decide that the costs involved with having your child treated under general anaesthetic are not financially viable then Dr Hinckfuss may be able to provide treatment under nitrous oxide inhalation sedation in the practice as an alternative, however, this is not an option in all cases as your child must be cooperative with low anxiety for the nitrous oxide to work. Treatment under nitrous oxide will likely involve several visits to our dental practice to complete the course of care. Dental fees will be higher for treatment under nitrous oxide sedation but there will be no hospital or anaesthetist fee. In addition, if your child is eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefit Scheme you will be able to claim from your available funds which is not currently possible for treatment under general anaesthetic.

It is important to contact us to let us know if you decide not to go ahead with treatment so that we can notify Dr Hinckfuss as your child may be at risk of developing more complex problems if care is not received.

If you have any queries about the above process please contact Paula on 7036 5552 or via email on **[Paula.ajani@smilesolutions.com.au](mailto:Paula.ajani@smilesolutions.com.au)**