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How to Schedule Anesthesia Cases

Scheduling patients is quite easy when you follow these suggestions....

1. **FEES:** Please give the patient a rough estimate of the anesthesia fees (\$500/hr). Ask your doctor how long the procedure will take and add one hour. Multiply that by **\$500** for a rough estimate. Please have the patient contact my staff for any questions regarding financial arrangements.
We also accept VISA, AMEX, Discovery and Mastercard. **Patients will settle their bill prior to the day of surgery so you will not be collecting for Dr. Davies.**
2. **INSURANCE:** Explain to the patient that our office will handle all insurance relating to the anesthesia by sending them a claim to forward to their carrier and that these charges are separate from the surgery/dentistry charges.
3. **PREAUTHORIZATION:** If your patient wishes to wait to schedule until they hear back from their carrier, fax a copy of your dental pre-auth and an estimate of how long the procedure will take. Our staff will do the rest. Medicare will not pay for dental anesthesia. Delta Dental will not pay except for general anesthesia for extractions. Most medical plans do not cover anesthesia charges except due to an accident and when the dentistry is also covered. Some medical plans cover for surgical procedures; ie osseous surgery, endosseous implants, extractions, or apicoectomy. Of course dental insurance will not pay for the anesthesia if your fees exceed their maximum benefits.
4. **Ready to schedule:** Fax (949-448-8858) the page of their health history containing patient information fax and e-mail address. Call (949-362-9690) with some of your available dates and how long you expect the patient to be in the chair. We can fax or e-mail you all of our available times.
5. **On the day of surgery:** *Our patients will be pre-sedated with a Valium type of medication. Therefore it is highly recommended that any consent for your procedure be signed prior to the day of surgery.*
6. Dr. Davies will need a room, an assistant and the patient **30 minutes prior** to the start of treatment; please inform him what areas are to be anesthetized first. The surgeon must be in the office before Dr. Davies can start.

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