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Biographical Sketch

- Practiced anesthesia for dentistry in Indianapolis since 1993
- Clinical Associate Professor at the Indiana University School of Dentistry, Department of Oral Surgery/Hospital Dentistry
- Adjunct Professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Departments of Anesthesia and Pharmacology
- Undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame
- Dental School at Case Western Reserve University
- PhD and Residency at Medical College of Virginia
- Served five years as President of the American Dental Board of Anesthesia
- Teaches office-based anesthesia to Oral Surgeons and Pediatric Dentists at Riley Hospital Dental Clinic
- Lectures nationally on a variety of topics related to the safe delivery of anesthesia in the dental office
- Authored several papers and book chapters on anesthesia for dentistry
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor since 1998

What happens when I choose general anesthesia for my child?

Your child will be completely asleep during the entire procedure. He or she will go to sleep and wake up in your arms or at your side.

How is my child monitored?

Your child will receive the same treatment that is employed in a hospital setting. We use the identical standards for an office-based procedure – including the drugs, monitors, and techniques.

Why is it important that my child receive general anesthesia?

Early childhood dental experiences can affect some children for a lifetime. A very young or very fearful child may simply not be able to cope with routine dental care, because they can't understand what is happening to them. In these instances, performing the treatment while the child is asleep may prevent him or her from avoiding dental care for years to come.

What are the advantages of choosing general anesthesia for my child?

When a child requires a lot of dental work, it is common to break the treatment down into multiple office visits. When a child is awake, there is only so much treatment that can be given at one time. An alternative is to perform the treatment under general anesthesia. In this instance, all of a child's treatment can typically be completed in one visit.

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