

## Why Special Needs Dentistry is Important

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- Dental disease is a progressive, cumulative, infectious process that affects approximately 1 in 4 special needs patients. It is *five times* more prevalent than asthma.
- Regular, preventive care is the most cost-effective way of keeping dental problems to a minimum and identifying developing problems at an early stage.
- It is difficult for many special needs patients to obtain dental care. This is because:
  - ◆ Few dentists have the specialized training to treat these individuals in the most efficient and effective way.
  - ◆ Many patients require general anesthesia or other specialized management techniques to undergo dental care.
  - ◆ If general anesthesia is required, obtaining this service at a hospital is often cost prohibitive and/or difficult.

## Who We Serve

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Dr. Saxen and his team are specifically trained to care for patients with a variety of special needs including:

***Autism***  
***Down's Syndrome***  
***Mental Retardation***  
***Cerebral Palsy***  
***Parkinson's***  
***Dementia***  
***Alzheimer's***  
***Epilepsy***  
***Debilitating Phobias***  
***And others***

For more information, please contact us at 317.924.2390. We will be happy to answer all of your questions.

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## Special Needs Dentistry Services

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*We provide the highest quality care for individuals with special needs.*

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## Who We Are

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### **Anesthesia & Pain Management**

has provided office-based general anesthesia for dental specialists in the Indianapolis area since 1993. During this time, Dr. Mark Saxen has provided anesthesia for thousands of patients, including many with special needs.

Dr. Saxen has assembled a team of dental specialists and staff with specialized training and experience in treating special needs patients under general anesthesia.

Patients are treated in the environment that is most appropriate for their needs. Most patients are able to be treated in a specially-equipped, office-based setting. Those with complex medical problems or similar issues are referred for treatment at Wishard Hospital or Riley Hospital for Children.

## How We Provide Care

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Most cases begin with a consultation appointment with Dr. Saxen. At this time, a brief history is taken, a physical examination is performed, and treatment options are discussed. Decisions on the appropriate location for treatment (office or hospital) will be made at this time.\*

Routine dental examinations and preventive dental services are provided at our home office under general anesthesia. These services include x-rays, cleaning, fluoride, sealants, and similar procedures.

Patients requiring restorative dental treatment (such as fillings and stainless steel crowns) receive treatment from dental specialists in the appropriate venue.

*\*New patients who have received treatment under general anesthesia or sedation in the past may be able to combine their consultation and preventive dental service appointments.*

*More information may be obtained from the Anesthesia & Pain Management offices at 317.924.2390.*

## Does Medicaid Cover These Services

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Office-based general anesthesia for dentistry is covered by Indiana Medicaid for patients under the age of 21.

General anesthesia for dentistry is covered by Indiana Medicaid for patients over the age of 21 only if the patient is treated in a hospital. Although most dental services are covered by Medicaid, many limitations exist.

Patients covered under Medicare *and* enrolled in Medicaid may be eligible for expanded dental insurance coverage at little or no cost through a new program provided by Doral. Visit our website at [www.completedentalsedation.com](http://www.completedentalsedation.com) for more information.

### What is Office-Based General Anesthesia?

Office-based general anesthesia uses medication to create a controlled state of sleep in the office setting. The patient is unconscious and unaware of the procedure, and will not feel any pain or discomfort. This form of anesthesia can only be given by physicians and dentists with special advanced training in anesthesia.