

Same-Day Surgery Pediatric Dentistry Policies and Procedures

Dr. Fales has recommended that your child be scheduled for outpatient dental surgery in order to restore his or her teeth. The following information has been prepared to provide you with important information regarding your child's appointment.

Surgery Facilities and Procedures: Dr. Fales has staff privileges at two area hospitals and since procedures vary at each, individual instructions will be provided to you when surgery is scheduled. Some preoperative procedures, however, remain constant. Your child's general anesthetic will make it necessary for them to have **NOTHING TO EAT OR DRINK AFTER MIDNIGHT ON THE NIGHT PRIOR TO SURGERY.** If the surgery is scheduled at [Children's Mercy Hospital](#), **you will need to have your primary care physician complete a history and physical form (H & P) within 30 days of the surgery. This form must be faxed to our office from your physician's office as soon as it is available. You should also bring the H & P to Children's Mercy on the date of your child's surgery. That facility will not allow surgery to proceed without this documentation.** The anesthesiologist at the facility will review your child's health history with you immediately prior to surgery. After the surgery, your child will spend some time in a recovery room before going home. At that time, Dr. Fales will review post-operative instructions for your child and you will be asked to make an appointment in our office for two weeks after the surgery.

Dr. Fales reserves Friday mornings for surgeries. He does not schedule regular office hours on this day. Surgery appointments are at a premium for Dr. Fales at the surgery facilities. ***There is a \$325 hospital procedure charge due when the date for your child's surgery has been set at the hospital.*** This fee covers the costs associated with scheduling the surgery and working with your dental and medical insurance companies. When a surgery appointment is scheduled, please remember that this time is exclusively held for your child. If your child should get sick or another unforeseen circumstance should arise, please call as soon as possible so the surgery can be rescheduled promptly. Should our office need to reschedule the surgery date due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances, every possible accommodation effort will be made and the hospital charge will be carried over to the next appointment. [You should call to confirm the surgery the week of the scheduled date.](#) If we have not heard from you by phone or in person by Wednesday prior to the scheduled surgery and we have been unable to contact you, the procedures will be cancelled and the time given to another child. If this happens, or if you do not formally cancel or keep the surgery appointment, the hospital charge will be forfeited (non-refundable) to cover the costs associated with surgery scheduling. Please note: Kansas Medicaid/Healthwave and most other insurance carriers do not cover the hospital charge of \$325. As stated, this fee is non-refundable and cannot be applied to account balances. Lastly, the surgery can be scheduled again; however, the rescheduled date cannot be given a priority. It will be scheduled in the first available time slot.

Insurance: You will need to check with your medical/health insurance carrier to verify whether your child is covered for the hospital and anesthesia portions of the dental procedures. If there is no coverage, you will need to make *separate financial arrangements with the facility* well in advance of the surgery date. Your medical/health insurance should not be confused with your dental insurance. In most every case, dental insurance will not cover hospital/anesthesia portions of the planned dental procedures and medical insurance may not cover any or all of the services related to dental rehabilitation. Your insurance plan benefits are available to you by contacting your employer or insurance carrier. **If you do not have dental insurance or all procedure fees are not covered by your dental insurance, payment in full must be made to our office PRIOR TO SURGERY.** Our office number is 913-782-2207.