

Information regarding your child's dental treatment at Hospital Dental Service

What is a sedation?

Sedatives are medicines used to help your child relax during a dental procedure.

Your child will

- Stay awake
- Remain drowsy for a short period

What is a general anaesthetic?

General anaesthetics are medicines used to send you to 'sleep'.

This involves

- A day-stay hospital appointment
- Fully 'asleep' during the procedure
- Waiting time of up to 4 months

What we offer for decay (holes) in baby teeth?

- Fluoride and prevention
- Tooth coloured fillings or silver coloured stainless steel crowns for the back teeth*
- Nerve treatment (called 'pulpotomy')
- Teeth with larger holes may need to be removed
- Root canal treatment **
- 'Drill-free' dentistry – talk to your hospital dentist to know more about this

* tooth coloured crowns are not provided. A dentist or specialist paediatric dentist may be able to do this in private however costs are involved.

** suitable teeth only and not provided under general anaesthesia

NOTE: For children over 7.5 years of age and decay in baby back teeth, extractions may be the preferred choice of treatment under general anaesthesia at the Hospital Dental Service. The consequences for removing baby back teeth in children over 7.5 years of age are minimal.

Please talk to your hospital dentist should you have any queries regarding decay holes in permanent (adult) teeth.

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YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY TO SEE THE HOSPITAL DENTIST

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

This leaflet explains what to expect when your child has been referred to the Hospital Dental Service for dental treatment.



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