

Analgesics and Anesthetics for Dental Treatment



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We offer the following methods to provide comfort during dental treatment. Please feel free to discuss any of the options with your dentist or oral health therapist.

1. **Local Anesthetic:** This is by far the most common form of anesthetic. You will receive a nearly painless injection of an anesthetic, which is short acting (one-hour), long acting (three-hour), or extra long acting (up to six-hours). There are virtually no side effects. At Gerber Dental Group we understand that many people have a fear of injections, so we use “The Wand”. The Wand eliminates the ‘stinging’ sensation that is commonly associated with local anesthetic injections. The Wand is a revolutionary computerized device which slows down the delivery of the anesthetic and more accurately controls the areas to which it is delivered. The wand is not only virtually painless, it also eliminates the ‘numb face’ feeling that you have after your dental visit. The wand is a miracle device for both dentists and patients alike.



2. **Sedatives:** If you are very anxious or nervous about dental treatment, please ask us about pre-medication. This medication is provided to you about 30 minutes before the treatment begins. You should plan to arrive half an hour early and have someone present to drive you home later. There is no additional fee for this service.

3. **Nitrous Oxide:** Is provided on request to all our patients for any/all dental procedures. The fee will depend on how long your procedure lasts for, but we will include it in your treatment plan if you let us know before your treatment commences.

4. **Distraction:** We are happy to offer you a range of DVDs and headphones so you can watch a movie while your dental treatment is in progress. Distraction is a great way to take your mind off your treatment and help you to relax and pass the time. You are welcome to bring your own DVD if you wish.

5. **Penthrox:** Relatively new to the dental market, penthrox is an inhalation gas that has mild, short acting analgesic effects. It does not cause drowsiness or sedation, but rather takes the “edge off” any discomfort. It has been used extensively by the ambulance service for temporary pain relief.

