

What to expect with going to the Operating Room at Lancaster General Health Campus

At Parkside Dentistry, P.C. we use the facilities at Lancaster General Health Campus for completing dental restorations under general anesthesia.

The goals of these procedures are to:

1. Guard the patient's safety and welfare.
2. Minimize physical discomfort and pain.
3. Control anxiety, minimize physiological trauma, and maximize potential for amnesia.
4. Control behavior and /or movement so as to allow the safe completion of the procedure.
5. Return the patient to a healthy state in which safe discharge from medical supervision is possible.

Patients will be given a preoperative sedative to relax them. This usually helps to give them amnesia (not remember) for the procedures.

Patients will be given laughing gas and sedative gases in the operating room prior to getting an I.V. placed in their arm. So, they will be "under anesthesia" and not be "awake" when the needle is placed. The anesthesiologist will discuss this with you and obtain consent from you. Any other questions about "going under" can be asked from the doctors and nurses prior to surgery.

You are with your child up until the nurses and doctors wheel them into the room.

Dr. Mathias will meet with you prior to your child going into the operating room. If there are any last minute questions you can ask her at the hospital, also. She will obtain consent for the dental procedures at this time and give you some post-operative instructions.

Dr. Mathias will also come to the recovery area and inform you of any changes in treatment and check on the recovery of your child postoperatively.