

ANESTHESIA FAQS

Premier Dental Sedation Specialists (PDSS) Board-certified specialists in dental office anesthesia and sedation

IS ANESTHESIA IN THE DENTAL OFFICE SAFE?

Yes. When administered by board-certified anesthesiologists, dental office anesthesia is extremely safe—even safer than many everyday activities like driving. Our team has over 225 years of combined experience and an excellent safety record.

HOW DO YOU UPHOLD MY SAFETY DURING ANESTHESIA?

We use hospital-grade monitors, medications, and equipment. Our board-certified doctors have safely administered thousands of anesthetics and monitor you continuously until you're ready to go home.

WHAT TYPE OF ANESTHESIA WILL I BE RECEIVING?

We use:

- General Anesthesia – You're fully asleep with a gentle breathing tube to protect your airway.
- Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC) – “Twilight sleep” where you breathe on your own without a breathing tube.

We ask consent for both types, since plans may change depending on the procedure, provider, or your medical history.

I AM SCARED OF NEEDLES!

We usually need to place an IV for safety and comfort. We're gentle and may use oral sedatives to ease anxiety. Small children or patients with special needs may receive anesthesia via inhaled gas (“candy air”) or an intramuscular injection if necessary.

WHAT MAKES YOUR ANESTHESIA DIFFERENT?

We use fast-acting, modern medications that minimize grogginess and speed recovery. Most patients wake up quickly and comfortably—often faster than after hospital anesthesia.



WHAT ARE THE COMMON SIDE EFFECTS OF ANESTHESIA?

Minor side effects like sore throat or nasal irritation (from the breathing tube) may occur. Nausea is rare. Some patients may briefly experience confusion or agitation after waking; this resolves quickly.



Brothers Jose & Ricardo both woke up within minutes after their general anesthesia! (Individual responses will vary).

HOW LONG WILL I BE ASLEEP?

The length depends on your procedure. Anesthesia usually takes 15–20 minutes to start, and most patients awaken within minutes after surgery. Billing includes procedure time plus 30–45 minutes.

ARE YOUR ANESTHESIA FEES COVERED BY INSURANCE?

Most insurers deny coverage for in-office anesthesia, so we do not bill them. We can provide a superbill, but reimbursement is rare. Our fees are generally lower than hospital or surgery center costs, especially when factoring in facility fees and recovery time.

NEXT STEPS

To secure your appointment, please place your deposit and return the anesthesia health history form within 3 days of receipt.

You can also fill out our anesthesia forms online via our website: www.premiersedation.com

