

## **Co-management Guidelines for Dental Pre-Op**

### **Background:**

For children that require general anesthesia for dental work scheduled with Mission Children's Dental team. A pre-operative history and physical must be done by a Mission Health provider within 30 days of the scheduled dental surgery.

### **Initial Evaluation:**

The patient will see one of our nurse practitioners within 30 days of the dental surgery in order to obtain anesthesia clearance. The nurse practitioner will take an extensive past medical history including patient's surgical and anesthesia history as well as an extensive family history (specifically related to anesthesia complications and bleeding history). The nurse practitioner will also do a thorough physical exam in order to determine if the patient is clear for general anesthesia.

### **Initial Management:**

The patient will have a pre-operative exam (including a detailed past medical history and family history) in order to determine if the patient is safe for general anesthesia.

### **Pre Visit Work-up:**

The Mission Children's Dental staff will obtain appropriate past medical information when necessary. This will include the patient's most recent primary care and specialist notes (ex. cardiology, neurology). This may also include lab work prior to surgery day.

The dental team and/or nurse practitioner will determine if the patient is to have his/her surgery at the Asheville Surgery Center or Mission Hospital. This will be determined based on the patient's underlying medical conditions and health status.

### **When to Refer:**

Every patient who is scheduled for dental surgery under general anesthesia at Mission will require a pre-operative exam/clearance to be done within 30 days of the surgery date.

### **Co-management Strategy:**

Mission Children's Dental will communicate with primary care providers and specialists in order to determine if each patient is clear for general anesthesia. The nurse practitioner will order labs or other tests necessary to determine if the patient is clear for general anesthesia.

### **Return to Primary Care:**

The patient will return to the primary care dentist and physician after the dental surgery and post-operative visit with the dental team.

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