

Can Child Anesthesia be Harmful?

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Letter to Editor

Usually, because of children's fear of a medical or dental office, parents may think that their child's dental work is better to be performed by anesthesia. But there are several factors that can prevent children's anesthesia from doing any dental or medical process.

During anesthesia, the patient experiences a decrease in consciousness and does not remember the events of the time. This process takes place without any pain or discomfort and no child's movement. In pediatric dentistry for children under anesthesia, as opposed to medical surgeries due to limited range, as well as the low probability of postoperative bleeding, it is possible to control postoperative pain by administering oral medications and not requiring injection medications after treatment. The child can be hospitalized in the morning, and all the healthcare outpatients can be carried out, and then the child would be discharged on the same day. However, children's anesthesia in dentistry should be done according to a number of principles and cases.

The treatment should be carried out by dental professionals who have completed the course for anesthetic treatments. It should be ensured that the child is being treated at that center. Even the quality of the device and the type of medicine will be very effective in this regard. Prior to the dental procedure, tests should be carried out that are ordered and requested by the dentist. Also, consultation with anesthetists should not be forgotten. Often, because of the common cold or allergic reactions in children and the involvement of the respiratory system, the dentists have been warned about the anesthetics of these children, and they should go carefully with the instructions.

Pediatric anesthesia is just one dental treatment, and no miracle should be expected. Because the principle of oral care is to prevent dental caries, it is necessary parents keep a good oral hygiene of their kids so that no need to go through this procedure which makes them to panic.

Pediatric dentistry with anesthetic is usually applied for those with severe anxiety, physical and mental disability, or very young ages. Just a matter of fact, a question that has engaged the thought of parents' minds is that can anesthesia lead to a lack of awareness or diminish the intelligence of children in adulthood? It should be said that there is still no proven cases, and with the experiences of anesthesia of millions of children in the world, there has not been seen any significant complications so far. Hence, we should tell parents do not worry about it. In other words, in reality, modern anesthesia is extremely safe, even though The Food and Drug Administration warned that repeated or lengthy use of general anesthesia or sedation drugs for children younger than 3 may affect youngsters' developing brains.

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