



Local Anesthesia

- Your child has received a local anesthetic, possibly for the first time.
- In addition to blocking sensation from the teeth, **anesthetic “numbs” the lips, cheek, and tongue** in the area of treatment. This may be a puzzling or curious sensation for a child.
 - Make sure that your child does not bite, suck, or chew on his/her lips, cheeks or tongue. ⇒ Failure to do so can cause laceration or swelling of the treated area. While this is not serious it is most uncomfortable.
- Therefore, please watch your child closely for approximately one to **one and a half hours**. During this period your child must avoid eating until the anesthetic has “worn off”.

Composite Fillings / Restorations

- Complete restoration to a front tooth is not as strong as a natural tooth.
 - Your child should NOT bite into things such as an apple (the apple should be cut up first).
- Take care not to bump the tooth. Extra care must be taken or the tooth may easily chip and break.