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Dental Care at the South Shore Regional Hospital

If dental care is deemed necessary under general anaesthetic as an outpatient procedure at the South Shore Regional Hospital, the following requirements will need to be met:

- Original paperwork provided by our office and required by the hospital. All paperwork must be signed and returned to our office prior to being placed on the schedule.
- Once given a surgery date, the South Shore Regional Hospital will be in contact with you to set up a pre-anaesthesia consult and the surgery time.
- All patients are required to be NPO the day of surgery (absolutely no solid food after midnight the day of surgery). **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!** You cannot receive a general anaesthesia with food in your stomach.
- If the patient is sick or congested in the days leading up to the surgery, please advise our office so we may reschedule your appointment. The anaesthetists will not perform a general anaesthesia procedure on sick individuals.

Children

- MSI-Children's Oral Health Program will cover both the anaesthetists and hospital fees for children until the end of the month in which they turn 10 years old.
- The South Shore Regional Hospital has a paediatric anaesthesia policy stating that children under 5 years of age will not receive a general anaesthesia procedure.
- It is the policy of the South Shore Regional Hospital that children between the ages of 5-10 years of age, from outside Lunenburg and Queens Counties, will need to stay in Bridgewater overnight after receiving a general anaesthetic. The accommodations are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Mentally Challenged

- Mentally challenged individual will have coverage for dental treatment, anaesthesiologist and hospital fees through MSI-Mentally Challenged Program.
- The South Shore Regional Hospital requires all mentally challenged patients (and patients of permanent care facilities) to have their family physician do a physical and current history, complete with a list of medications, prior to a general anaesthesia procedure.

All Other Patients

- If you do not fit into either of the above categories you are responsible for all related hospital and general anaesthesia costs. Your dental treatment can be billed to a dental insurance carrier but the anaesthetists and hospital fees may not be a covered expense. The fees are as follows:
 - Anaesthetists fee = \$200/hour
 - Hospital fee = \$340 maximum
- Payment arrangements for the two above fees need to be made with the South Shore Regional Hospital *prior to the general anaesthesia procedure.*