



SEDATION DENTISTRY

OPTIONS

FOR KIDS

**WHAT EACH OPTION MEANS.
WHEN IT MAY BE RECOMMENDED.
AND HOW TO CHOOSE WHAT'S RIGHT
FOR YOUR CHILD.**



Dental Treatment Does Not Have To Feel Scary

Some children need extra support during dental care.

That may be because of anxiety, age, sensory needs, a strong gag reflex, or the amount of treatment needed.

Sedation can help children feel calmer and more comfortable while allowing needed dental care to be completed safely.

At The Tooth Shop, our goal is simple: Help your child feel safe, cared for, and never judged.



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Why Sedation May Be Recommended

Sedation is not about “making a child behave.” It is about helping the experience go better for the child.

It may be helpful when a child:

- Feels very anxious
- Has trouble sitting still
- Needs longer treatment
- Has multiple cavities
- Has sensory sensitivities
- Has had a difficult dental experience before
- Needs care that cannot comfortably be completed awake

The right option depends on the child, the treatment, and their medical history.



Sedation Is Not One-Size-Fits-All

Different children need different levels of support.

Some only need laughing gas.

Others may need a deeper level of sedation for comfort and safety.

Before recommending anything, we look at:

- Your child's age
- Anxiety level
- Medical history
- Treatment needs
- Ability to cooperate
- Safety considerations
- Parent questions and concerns

You should always understand the “why” behind the recommendation.



Option 1: Nitrous Oxide

Nitrous oxide is often called laughing gas.

It is a mild option that helps many children feel relaxed while they stay awake and responsive.

Your child breathes it through a small nose mask during treatment.

It wears off quickly, and many children can return to normal activities soon after their visit.

Nitrous may be a good fit for mild anxiety, shorter visits, or children who just need a little extra help.



Option 2: Oral Conscious Sedation

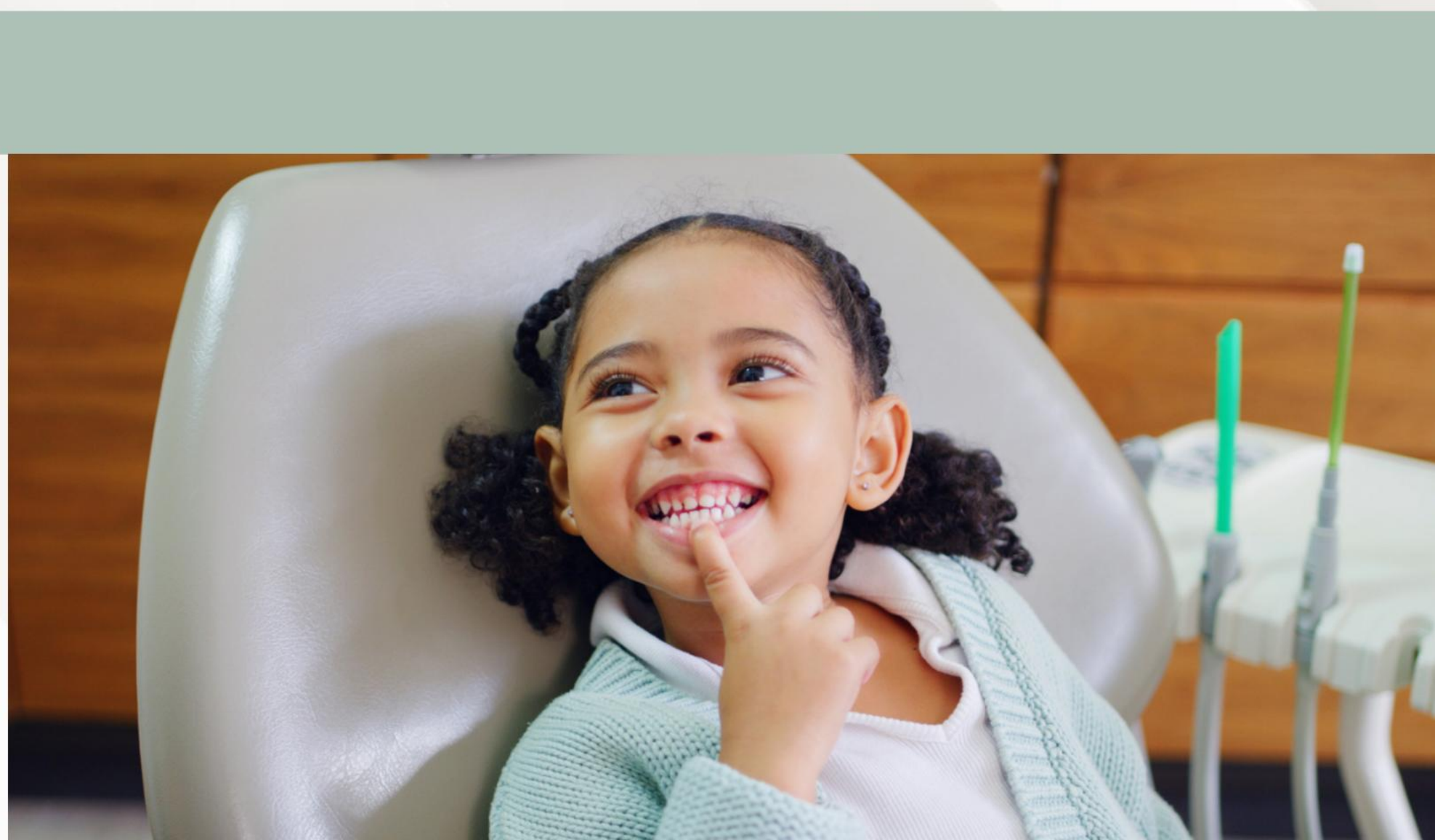
Oral conscious sedation uses medication taken by mouth before treatment.

It can help children feel more relaxed, drowsy, and less aware of the dental visit.

Children are not fully asleep, but they may remember very little afterward.

This option may be considered when nitrous oxide is not enough or when treatment requires more support.

Parents receive specific instructions before and after the appointment.



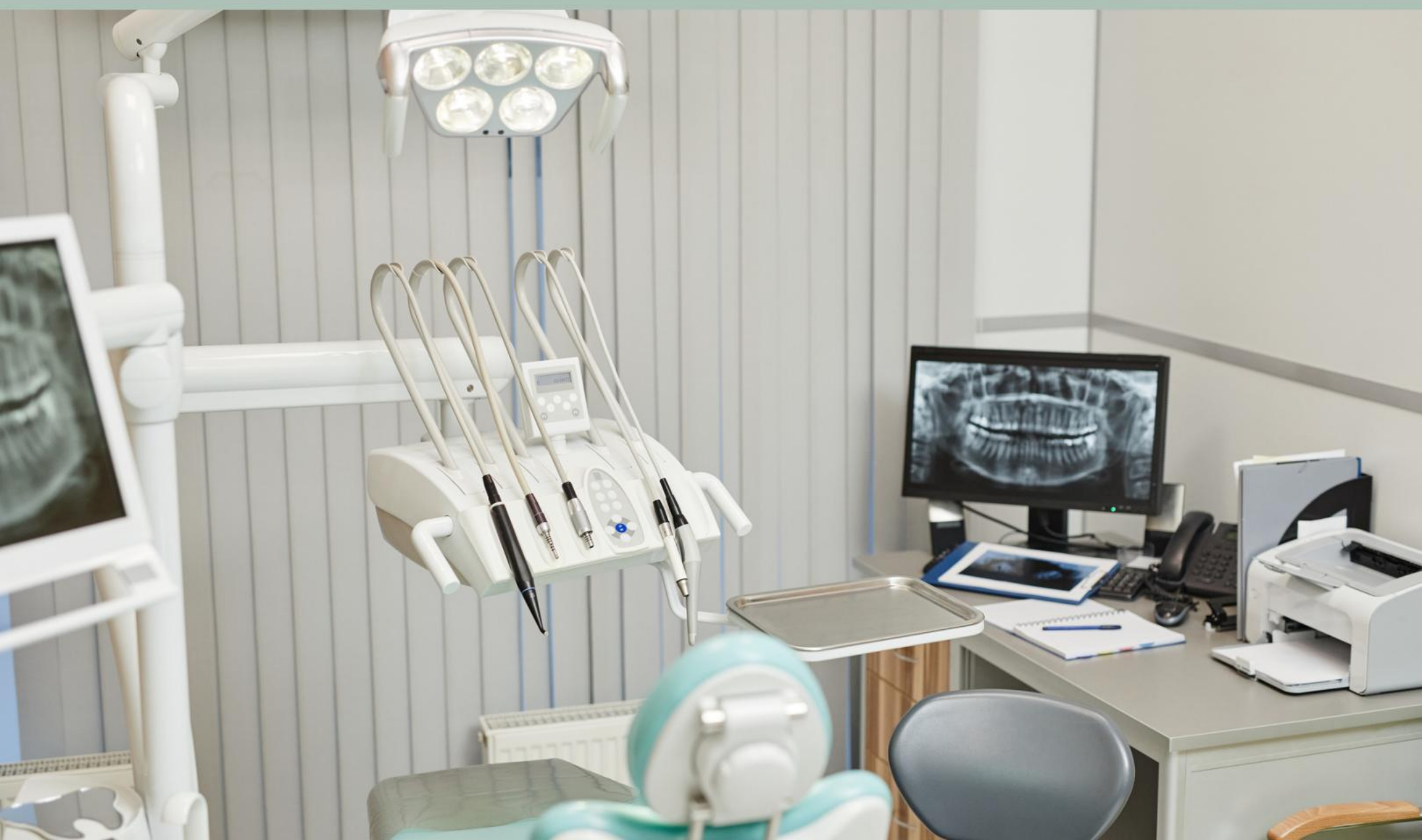
Option 3: Moderate Conscious Sedation

Moderate conscious sedation provides a deeper level of relaxation while your child is still monitored closely.

Children are usually very sleepy and may respond slowly to voices or gentle prompts.

This option may be recommended for children with higher anxiety, more involved treatment, or difficulty tolerating care with lighter options.

Safety, monitoring, and recovery are always part of the plan.



Option 4: IV Sedation

IV sedation uses medication given through an IV to help a child become deeply relaxed for dental treatment.

It may be recommended for extensive dental needs, severe anxiety, special healthcare considerations, or when completing care in fewer visits is best for the child.

IV sedation involves additional preparation, monitoring, and recovery instructions.

We will walk parents through every step before treatment day.



How We Help You Choose The Right Option

There is no “best” sedation option for every child.

There is only the best option for your child.

Dr. Perkins will consider:

- What treatment is needed
- How your child handles dental visits
- Medical history and medications
- Previous dental experiences
- Parent preferences
- The safest way to complete care

Our job is to explain the options clearly so you can make a confident decision.

Questions Parents Should Ask

Before choosing sedation, it is okay to ask questions.

Helpful questions include:

- Why do you recommend this option?
- What will my child remember?
- How will my child be monitored?
- What should we do before the visit?
- What should we expect afterward?
- Are there other options?
- Who will be with my child during treatment?

Good care includes clear answers.



Before And After Sedation Dentistry

Preparation matters.

Before the visit, parents may be asked to follow instructions about food, drinks, medications, clothing, and arrival time.

After the visit, your child may feel sleepy, emotional, hungry, or a little unsteady. That is why we provide clear instructions for recovery at home.

You will never be left guessing.



Have Questions About Sedation Dentistry?

We would love to help you understand your child's options.

Schedule your child's appointment today.

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WHY FAMILIES TRUST THE TOOTH SHOP

Families choose The Tooth Shop because we focus on:

- Honest recommendations
- Clear communication
- Long-term oral health
- Child-friendly care
- Helping parents feel informed and confident

We're here to help families understand their options without pressure or confusion.



Meet Dr. Perkins

Dr. Jaron Beau Perkins, DMD, is a Pediatric Dental Specialist focused on creating a calm, positive experience for children and families. He earned his degree in Exercise and Wellness from Arizona State University, attended Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, and completed his pediatric dental residency at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Over the past 13 years, Dr. Perkins has practiced in rural and underserved communities in Pennsylvania and Prescott, AZ, treating complex pediatric cases and severe decay. These experiences shaped his compassionate, creative approach to care. He is a member of the AAPD and AAFE.

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"My goal is to help every child feel safe, understood, and confident at the dentist while building healthy habits that last a lifetime."

Jaron Perkins, DMD

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