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INFORMED CONSENT FOR NITROUS OXIDE INHALATION
SEDATION

We offer our patients a variety of pain relievers and sedatives, according to each individual's needs and desires.

Lidocaine or Septocaine (local anesthesia) is designed to eliminate pain. It does not eliminate the tension and anxiety which is sometimes associated with dental treatment in the minds of many people.

Nitrous oxide (laughing gas) is a safe medication that is breathed in along with oxygen from a nose piece. It gives the patient a relaxed, detached feeling; free of tension and anxiety. Your child will not go to sleep, but will remain awake and cooperative. After your child's treatment is completed, your child will breathe plain oxygen for several minutes until the effects of the sedative are gone. This sedative does not take the place of local anesthetic, but is used along with it. It is no way compulsory and you may request only local anesthetic if you wish.

Some patients may experience certain side effects when receiving Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen sedation. The possibilities are, but not limited to:

- 1) Nausea – very few people experience slight nausea. If this happens the doctor will turn down the nitrous or go to pure oxygen which can eliminate this very quickly.
- 2) Excessive perspiration: the peripheral blood vessels enlarge somewhat during sedation and may cause this, all though extremely rare.
- 3) Shivering, especially after sedation, which may be attributed to the dilation of the blood vessels? This, too, is extremely rare.

The doctor has explained the process and I understand that the sedative procedure is purely elective on my part. Any fee(s) involved have also been explained to me.

I understand there is a \$25.00 charge for nitrous oxide that may not be a covered procedure under my insurance plan.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/guardian