



# LAUGHING GAS/NITROUS OXIDE

## BUDDING SMILES OF BEAVER

Patient name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Laughing gas (Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen) is an odorless/colorless gas administered to patients via a nasal mask to produce a sense of well-being and relaxation during difficult dental procedures. It is non-addictive, mild, easily taken, and then quickly eliminated by the body with normal breathing. Your child remains fully awake (conscious), keeps all natural reflexes, and can breathe and talk while laughing gas is administered. It is a great option for patients with mild anxiety that can breathe through their nose and sit relatively still to experience the relaxing effects of the gas. *We recommend rescheduling the patient's appointment if they are sick, particularly in case of any respiratory congestion/infection.* Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen may not be effective for those who have severe anxiety, nasal congestion, and extensive treatment needs or discomfort wearing the nasal mask.

The purpose of this consent form is to provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to understand and give permission for the use of laughing gas when provided along with dental treatment. **Please check the following items** to indicate that you have read the risks and limitations of Nitrous oxide and have had an opportunity to ask questions.

- I accept and understand that laughing gas is not required to provide the necessary dental care.
- I accept and understand that laughing gas is being used to make the experience more comfortable for the patient but it has its limitations and risks and absolute success cannot be guaranteed.
- I accept and understand that laughing gas is administered via a nasal mask and although the effects wear off quickly, the patient may experience some temporary disorientation and irritability.
- Additional temporary complications may occur which include, but are not limited to:
  - Nausea/vomiting/headache
  - Uncomfortable warm feeling/excessive perspiration
  - Shivering/chills
  - Tingling in fingers, toes, cheeks, lips, tongue, and head
  - General sluggishness and slurring of words.
- I have informed the doctor of the patient's complete medical history including any recent surgery, respiratory issues, ear infection, common cold, etc.
- For women (patients and accompanying adults)- It is essential to notify the dentist about any pregnancy or suspected pregnancy if you are present in a room where laughing gas is being administered due to the potential risk to the baby.
- I accept and understand that most insurance companies do not cover the nitrous oxide (laughing gas) and it is therefore your responsibility to pay for the nitrous oxide at the time of service. Even if it is a covered benefit under my insurance, the insurance denies payment for any reason it is my responsibility to pay for it.

I have carefully read and understood the applications, effects and potential side effects of the laughing gas and I consent to its use on the patient.

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Signature

Relationship to patient

Today's date

Witness

