

LOCAL ANESTHETICS

Local anesthetic is an injection given to numb the area to prevent pain or discomfort during a dental procedure. Local anesthetic can last as little as a few minutes, or as long as 12 hours, depending on which type is used, typically without side effects. The average duration is 3-4 hours.

Be aware of the following when having local anesthetic:

- Be careful not to bite or chew your lip, cheek, or tongue while you are numb.
- Wait to eat anything until the anesthetic is gone. You may drink liquids at any time.
- Avoid eating or drinking very hot foods while you are numb to avoid burning yourself
- Soreness in the area of the injection is typical, but usually lasts no longer than a day or two.
- Stiffness in your jaw or slight bruising can occur on rare occasions.

Contact our office at 262.338.2992 if you experience sustained numbness!