

Clarification about dental Local Anaesthesia

Dental local anaesthesia serves as local elimination of sensitivity to pain in teeth-, mouth-, jaw-, and face areas. That is why necessary treatments (e.g. fillings, root canal treatments) can generally be carried out painless. The local anaesthetic solution is placed as close to small nerve fibres in the periodontium and the jaw bone or near one of the three main branches of the nerves. Even though local anaesthesia is a safe process of pain elimination, side effects and intolerance to the used substance are not absolutely avoidable. Furthermore it can be lead to these following complications:

Haematoma: Through injuring small blood vassels bleedings can occur in the surrounding tissue. Internal bleeding in one of the masticatory muscels as a result of the injection can lead to a disability to open your mouth and pain or in very rare cases to infections. You shall inform your dentist if you have one of the complaints listed above so that an appropriate treatment can take place. It usually comes to a complete re-establishment of that function.

Nerve Damage: In case of the conduction anaesthesia an irritation of the nerve fibres can appear in very few cases. Thus temporary or permanent sense disturbances are possible. This especially concerns the injection in the lower jaw, where the corresponding tongue- or lower jaw half, as well as the lip area can be affected. A special therapy doesn't exist at the moment. If the numbness didn't fade away completely after a maximum of 12 hours, you should immediately contact your dentist.

Fitness to drive: Local anaesthesia and if applicable medicine that was needed during and after the dental treatment could lead to an impairment of the ability to react- or concentrate. That is the reason why you shouldn't actively participate in the traffic during that time (up to 24h). If requested, we will call a taxi with pleasure.

Self Injury: Should the surrounding soft parts except for the treated tooth (e.g. tongue, cheeks, lips) be numb, please go without eating as long as that state lasts. Besides bite injuries, burns and frostbites are possible.

I give my declaration of consent to dental local anaesthesia.

Surname, first name (in capital letters) _____

Hamburg, _____ Signature _____



Thank you very much for your kind assistance!

Frehland
Ihr Zahnarzt im Herzen von Barmbek