

# Sample Clinical SOAP Note

Here is an example of a clinical note in SOAP format.

**S** The patient, a 5 y.o. male, presents with Dr. Grobmyer for evaluation and treatment. Medical history reviewed with no significant medical conditions noted. No current medications taken. NKDA

CC: Pt's mother reports no new dental concerns at this time except what has been diagnosed at the previous visit. Pt. reports no pain. Pt. appeared anxious and reported he was "scared of the shots". Sedation options discussed.

**O** Pt height:42" Pt weight: 45 lbs. Temp: 98.6°  
Deep decay noted on teeth A and J. Intraoral photos taken of these areas to document decay. No facial or intraoral swelling noted. No fever or erythema, other than minor gum inflammation.

**A** N2O required due to lack of cooperation from patient and to help mitigate patient anxiety for completion of treatment. Pulpal chamber removal necessary on A and J due to extensive decay extending to the nerve. SSC necessary on A and J due to tooth structure being inadequate to support filling restoration for the lifetime of the primary tooth.

**P** Pulpotomy on teeth A and J.  
SSC on teeth A and J.

Treatment rendered today: N2O-given at 40%  
Started at 09:15 AM  
Stopped at 09:52 AM

Topical anesthetic placed.  
1 carpule of lidocaine 2% 1:100,000 with epi injected using a 30-gauge short needle split between buccal vestibule above tooth A and palatal. 1 carpule of lidocaine 2% 1:100,000 with epi injected using a 30-gauge short needle split between buccal vestibule above tooth J and palatal. The patient tolerated the injections and had no adverse reactions. Anesthesia achieved at both sites.

Decay and pulpal tissue in the pulpal chamber removed from both teeth. Cotton pellet placed with fomocresol for five minutes and then removed. Pulpal chambers filled with Vitapex-calcium hydroxide with Iodoform material and SSCs placed on teeth A and J with Fuji cement. Occlusion verified. Excess cement removed.

O2 given to pt. for 5 min before dismissing.  
Verbal and written post-operative instructions were given to the patient/guardian. PQE and DIG. Parent understands and will call back with any questions or concerns.

RX: Amoxicillin 250 mg/5ml (150ml) Take 3X daily until gone.  
Prescriptions were given to clear up and prevent infection.  
Initials: G. Grobmyer

## Narrative example\*:

Five year old male presents with caries extending into the pulp on teeth A and J. The patient's level of anxiety and inability to cooperate required additional time and the administration of N2O to complete treatment. The patient was not billed for intraoral photos taken on teeth A & J.

G. Grobmyer

*\*This narrative will have to be a separate attachment as it is too many characters for the REMARKS section on the ADA claim form.*