

CONSCIOUS SEDATION INFORMED CONSENT FORM



The purpose of this document is to provide an opportunity for patients to understand and give permission for conscious sedation when provided along with dental treatment. Each item should be checked off after the patient has the opportunity for discussion and questions.

- 1. I understand that the purpose of conscious sedation is to more comfortably receive necessary care. Conscious sedation is not required to provide the necessary dental care. I understand that conscious sedation has limitations and risks and absolute success cannot be guaranteed. (See #4 options.)
- 2. I understand that conscious sedation is a drug-induced state of reduced awareness and decreased ability to respond. Conscious sedation is not sleep. I will be able to respond during the procedure. My ability to respond normally returns when the effects of the sedative wear off.
- 3. I understand that my conscious sedation medication will be delivered in two ways:
 - 1. I will take a pill approximately 30 minutes before my visit.
 - 2. The doctor will start an IV when I arrive so medication can be delivered during my visit.
- 4. I understand that the alternatives to conscious sedation are:
 - a. No sedation: The necessary procedure is performed under local anesthetic with the patient fully aware.
 - b. Nitrous oxide sedation: Commonly called laughing gas, nitrous oxide provides relaxation but the patient is still generally aware of surrounding activities. Its effects can be reversed in five minutes with oxygen.
 - c. General Anesthetic: Commonly called deep sedation, a patient under general anesthetic has no awareness and must have their breathing temporarily supported. General anesthesia is more appropriate for longer procedures lasting 3 or more hours. General anesthesia is not performed in this office.
- 5. I understand that there are risks or limitations to all procedures. For sedation these include:
 - a. Inadequate sedation with initial and subsequent doses may require the patient to undergo the procedure without full sedation or delay the procedure for another time.
 - b. A reaction to sedative drugs which may require emergency medical attention and/or hospitalization, such as altered mental states, physical reactions, allergic reactions, and other sicknesses.
 - c. Inability to discuss treatment options with the doctor should circumstance requires a change in treatment plan.
- 6. If during the procedure, a change in treatment is required, I authorize the doctor and the operative team to make whatever change they deem in their professional judgment is necessary. I understand that I have the right to designate the individual who will make such a decision.
- 7. I have had the opportunity to discuss conscious sedation and have my questions answered by qualified personnel including the doctor. I also understand that I must follow all the recommended treatments and instructions of my doctor.
- 8. I understand that I must notify the doctor if I am pregnant or if I am lactating. I must notify the doctor if I have sensitivity to any medication, of my present mental and physical condition, if I have recently consumed alcohol, and if I am presently on psychiatric mood altering drugs or other medications.
- 9. **I will not be able to drive or operate machinery while taking sedatives for 24 hours after my procedure. I understand I will need to have arrangements for someone to drive me to and from my dental appointment while taking sedatives.**
- 10. I hereby consent to conscious sedation in conjunction with my dental care.

PATIENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

DATE

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