

Sedation advice sheet

Intra-venous sedation involves the use of a drug, which will relax you and remove any anxiety you may have about your treatment. In addition to this it will, in the majority of cases, erase any memory you might have of the procedure. It is, therefore, important you understand what is involved in the sedation, what treatment is proposed and what you need to do afterwards because explanations given on the day of treatment will probably be forgotten.

What exactly is intra-venous sedation?

A very narrow tube is placed within a vein in your arm or hand. The tube is placed using a needle and the tube remains in place throughout the procedure. The sedation is injected through this tube. We use the drug midazolam to achieve a sedative effect and it is given slowly until the level of sedation is sufficient to carry out the treatment. No treatment will be carried out until this is achieved.

You will remain conscious throughout the visit and will be able to talk to the dentist, although some patients are so relaxed they actually fall asleep!

The level of saturation of oxygen in your blood will be monitored during the procedure with a pulse oximeter.

On completion the tube will be removed and you will wait at the practice until we feel you are recovered sufficiently to leave.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

You must have a responsible adult to escort you, remain at the practice and ensure you get home safely on the day of your sedation. You should arrange for the responsible person to remain with you for 6 hours after the sedation. You must not drink alcohol for 24 hours before and after the sedation visit. In addition, you must not drive, use mechanical or electrical equipment for 24 hours after the administration of the sedative agent. **Contact the surgery immediately if you experience any adverse reaction or re-sedation later in the day.**

NO ESCORT = NO SEDATION

(You will be charged if you do not have an escort)