



**Conscious Sedation Consent**

The purpose of this document is to provide an opportunity for our patients to understand and give permission for conscious sedation when provided along with dental treatment. You will have the opportunity for discussion and questions with the Staff and/or the Doctor.

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. The purpose of conscious sedation is *not to sleep*. I will be able to respond during the procedure. My ability to respond normally returns when the effects of the sedation wear off.

3. I understand that conscious sedation will be achieved by the following route:

Intravenous (IV) Administration: The doctor will inject the sedative in a tube connected to a vein in my arm.

4. I understand that the alternative to conscious sedation are:

A. No sedation: the necessary procedure is performed under local anesthetic with the patient fully aware.

B. Anxiolysis: taking a pill to reduce fear and anxiety.

C. 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.

D. 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 and is typically administered in a hospital setting.

5. I understand that there are risks or limitations to all procedures. For sedation these include:

- Inability to access a vein suitable for Intravenous placement of catheter (The doctor cannot find a good vein that will support having a tube placed in order to deliver sedative medications).
- Atypical reaction to drugs which may require emergency medical attention and/or hospitalization such as altered mental states, physical reactions, allergic reactions, and other sicknesses.
- Inability to discuss treatment options with the doctor should circumstances require 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, if I so desire. 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 under 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 after taking sedatives.

10. I hereby consent to conscious sedation in conjunction with my dental care.

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Patient/Guardian

Date

Witness