

Sedation Options – Dansville Dental Professionals

Pre-op oral sedation – Low doses of oral medications can be dispensed to the patient to take the night before the appointment and/or the morning of the appointment. These anxiety (nervousness) reducing medications allow the patient to arrive for their dental visit well rested and more relaxed. (You must not drive the day of the appointment when using these medications). Pre-op medication may be combined with either of the below options. Our fee for pre-op sedation (Valium) is \$5 per appointment.

Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) – This anesthetic gas is inhaled through a small mask covering the nose during treatment. Following treatment the patient fully recovers within minutes. Patients using only nitrous are able to drive following their visit. Nitrous offers light sedation – where the patient is still awake, but is less nervous. Nitrous can be combined safely with the pre-op sedation for an additive effect. Nitrous does not work as well as IV sedation for the very nervous patient or patients who fear needles. \$106/hr.

IV Sedation - (“sweet dreams”) - (You must be between the ages of 13 and 70, and not significantly obese). This option offers the most controllable and predictable (most likely to work) sedation within the realm of conscious sedation. You will be very relaxed, may doze off during treatment, and usually will not even remember the dental treatment. IV sedation is safe and effective because it allows the dentist to carefully adjust the level of sedation for each individual, and gives the added benefit of allowing antibiotics, pain and anti-inflammatory medications to be given through the iv for faster better results. the fee for this service is \$203 for first quarter hour and \$170 for each following quarter hour.

Anesthesiologist – We have a medical anesthesiologist (M.D.) and team available to provide deep anesthesia in our office. This is intended for patients who are very young (under 12), patients who have complex medical or emotional situations, patients who have extreme anxiety for whom starting an IV is not a considered a possibility, and or patients who need very long appointments under sedation. These appointments require special schedule arrangements. The fee for the anesthesiologist is \$975 for first hour.

OUR RECOMMENDATION for the nervous patient or the patient who fears needles: (combination of oral plus IV) You arrive 30 minutes before your appointment and are given an oral sedative (a pill). You are comfortable and relaxed before we start the IV sedation. Using this method, you may be only minimally aware of us starting the IV for you. This approach works great for patients who fear needles. Patients who have used this method of sedation for their dental work have been very pleased.

Second recommendation: IF you are using IV sedation, and will want pain and anti-inflammatory medication following the procedure, we recommend taking advantage of the IV and have these medications started through the IV. This will allow the medications to work better, and much faster for you, than if taken in pill form. The medications

through the IV will be working before your local anesthetic wears off. The only fee for this service is the cost of the medications themselves.