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## Sedation for moderate/extensive dental treatment

#### **NITROUS OXIDE**

#### Type: Gas

Description: Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) is the oldest dental sedative technique, dating back to the 1860's. Effectiveness and safety have been proven time and time again. It is a gas that is breathed thru a mask over the nose. The gas is carefully mixed with oxygen by a special dispenser designed for dental use. This is an ideal sedation for short dental procedures.

#### **ORAL SEDATION**

#### Type: Pill

Description: Oral sedation is one of the newest methods of anxiety control in dentistry. Recent developments in drug technology have given dentists oral drugs that produce a profound state of relaxation with a high degree of safety not possible in the past. Taken as a pill one hour prior to the start of the dental treatment, this sedative technique is very well received by patients.

### BENEFITS

#### A sense of relaxation.

with sedation.

Light pain relief is produced

**BENEFITS** 

Patient is able to drive home after the treatment.

Dentist can control the rate of sedation to accurately produce the desired sedative effect.

Safest form of dental sedation.

A very relaxed state.

More sedation produce as compared with Nitrous Oxide.

About 60% of patients have no memory of their treatment.

Short recovery time as compared to intravenous sedation.

Least expensive form of dental sedation.

## INTRAVENOUS SEDATION

**Type**: Liquid

**Description**: Intravenous sedation (IV Sedation) is the most advanced sedation technique for comprehensive control of pain and anxiety in dentistry. It dates back to the early 1960's. In this technique a plastic needle is placed into a vein, then a IV line is attached. The drugs which produce the sedation are placed in the IV line. Less than 3% of general dentists in Texas have the special education and permits issued by the Board of Dental Examiners to provide this advanced sedative technique.

#### **BENEFITS**

A Profound state of relaxation.

Superior pain control

About 95% of patients have no memory of their treatment.

Dentist is better able to control the amount of sedation.