

**SIGNATURE DENTAL**  
*Family Dentistry*

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**INTRAVENOUS SEDATION**

We strive to offer pain free treatment in comfortable surroundings, that allows most people to complete their dental care with ease. However, for some people, the mere thought of a visit to the dentist produces anxiety. Intravenous sedation offers the option of a safe, pleasant way of handling this situation.

The I.V. sedation is done in the dental chair. A medical doctor will come and check your medical history, and then administer the anxiety relieving medication via a small injection in the arm. Within a few seconds you will feel very relaxed and drowsy, and may fall asleep for brief periods while your dentist continues the treatment. The experience of time is often changed, so that an hours treatment may seem to flash by in only ten minutes. In this relaxed state, you will be able to talk to your dentist and cooperate with him during your treatment.

The after-effects are minimal but you will be less alert. For this reason, it is essential that you do not drive a car or operate any machinery on the same day. It will be necessary for a responsible adult to pick you up at the dental office and accompany you home.

It is also important not to undertake any important business matters or drink alcohol. A quiet, restful time at home works well.

The B.C. Medical Plan (M.S.P.) will cover part of the cost of I.V. sedation. We may require a copy of a letter signed by your physician stating its' need (ie/ you have a stated medical condition or dental phobia). The fees are as follows:

\*1 hour of time: \$150.00  
\*2.0 hours : \$160.00  
\*3.0 hours : \$170.00 etc.

This fee is payable at the time of visit. **PLEASE SEE OVER FOR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.....**

## **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1) The doctor will need a list of all the medications you are taking--especially sleeping pills, tranquilizers, antidepressants, cortisone preparations, and blood thinners including recent doses of aspirin or A.S.A. containing medication.
- 2) The doctor will also need a list of serious illnesses in the present or past and any allergies must be reported.
- 3) Wear loose, comfortable clothing with short sleeves so that the blood pressure cuff can be applied.
- 4) Regarding food and drink, you may take:
  - clear liquids such as black coffee, tea, apple juice or carbonated beverages  
2 or more hours before the appointment. No grapefruit juice.
  - a light breakfast such as tea and toast 6 or more hours before the appointment.
  - a heavier meal if the appointment is at least eight (8) hours away.
  - DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL 24 HOURS BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT.
- 5) It is helpful if you do not use lipstick, nail polish, earrings or bracelets for your visit.
- 6) **Please bring your B.C. Medical Plan card with you.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the staff members.