

# Sedation Information And Consent

## ORAL SEDATION INFORMATION AND CONSENT

The medications planned for your appointment will create a relaxed state in which you will still be able to communicate with the dentist while treatment is being performed. Even though it is safe and effective, you should be aware of some important precautions and considerations.

1. Do not drive after taking the first of your medications. Patients must be driven to and from the office by a responsible companion. You should not drive or work or operate machinery until the day after your appointment for sedation. Avoid stairs and heavy lifting. Even though you will be able to communicate effectively, you should not make or be entrusted with decisions or valuables until the day after your appointment because some people experience vary degrees of amnesia or cloudy thinking. Those caring for you and transporting you should be made aware of this.
2. Sedative medications should not be taken if:
  - a. You are hypersensitive to benzodiazepines (Valium, Ativan, Versed, etc)
  - b. You are pregnant or breast feeding
  - c. You have liver or kidney disease

Take your regular medications unless specified by your physician or dentist.

Do not take over the counter medications prior to or immediately after your sedation appointment without consulting a doctor. Of course, drinking alcohol or taking illicit/recreational drugs can also cause dangerous reactions.

3. No food or drinks (except water with meds) 6 hours prior to appointment. No stimulants (caffeine, etc.) for 12 hours before or after your appointment. Stimulants can significantly decrease the effectiveness of the sedation medications. No alcohol until the day after your appointment.
4. Side effects may include (light-headedness, headache, dizziness, visual disturbances, amnesia, and nausea). In some people, sedatives may not work as desired.
5. Nitrous oxide (laughing gas) may be used with your sedative medication and local anesthetic.
6. Please remove contact lenses prior to appointment.
7. Dr Moussalli may be reached at the OFFICE: **269-423-4961**, or at HOME: **269-674-8187**, or by CELL: **269-436-0258**.
8. On the way home from the dentist, your seat in the car should be in the reclined position. When at home, lie down with your head slightly elevated. Someone should stay with you for the next twenty-four hours because of possible disorientation and amnesia and possible injury from falling.

I understand these considerations and I am willing to abide by the conditions stated above. I have had an opportunity to ask questions and have had them answered to my satisfaction.

Signed (patient) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (guardian, if pt under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (transporting/accompanying companion) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_