



## Moderate Sedation Consent

Our aim is to make your procedure as comfortable as possible. To help us achieve this goal, intravenous sedation is often used. Medicines are given intravenously through a vein in your arm or hand and monitoring devices are continually used to watch your blood pressure, heart rhythm and breathing.

Our office is equipped with the latest in safety features and our staff is trained in the use of these sedative medicines.

Although common and quite safe, any sedation carries some degree of risk and it is important for you to be aware of these risks prior to consenting to the procedure.

- Allergic reactions to any of the medications used.
- Discomfort or bruising at the site where the drugs are placed into a vein.
- Vein irritation, called phlebitis, where the needle is placed into a vein. Sometimes this may progress to a level where arm or hand motion may be restricted temporarily and further medication or care may be required.
- Nausea and vomiting, although not common, may occur with intravenous sedation.
- \*Intravenous sedation is a serious medical procedure and, whether given in a hospital or office, carries with it the risk of brain damage, stroke, heart attack or death.
- There is a risk of depressed respiration “stopped breathing” where it becomes necessary for intubation or placement of a breathing tube.

In order to insure your best outcome, please adhere to the following:

Because the anesthetic medication caused prolonged drowsiness, you **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult to drive you home and stay with you for several hours until you are recovered sufficiently to care for yourself.

Sometimes the effects of the drugs do not wear off for 24 hours.

During recovery time (normally 24 hours), you should not drive, operate complicated machinery or devices or make important decisions.

You must have a completely empty stomach. It is vital that you have **NOTHING TO EAT** or **DRINK** (including water) for eight (8) hours prior to your sedation. If directed, sips of water may be used to take regular medications or prescriptions given to you.

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE-** Sedation effects vary from person to person, There is a possibility the medication given today may not be effective and the use of anesthesia will be discussed in this event. You will need to be rescheduled in a hospital setting; therefore the paramedic/technologist will discuss this action with you if it is necessary.

_____ Patient Signature	_____ Date	_____ Witness Signature	_____ Date
_____ Signature of person consenting for patient	_____ Date		