

ORAL SEDATION – CHILDREN

What is the procedure?

Oral Conscious Sedation is a sedation technique which allows us to be able to help our patients reduce their anxiety and forget being at the office using an Oral Medication. On children we use predominantly a medication called Versed (Midazolam). This medication is similar to the medication Valium in the relief of anxiety and has a stronger amnesic effect.

When you arrive in our office, you and your child will be escorted into the treatment room, they will have their Blood Pressure and Pulse measured, and placed on a monitor to watch their vital signs. Their Doctor will give them the medication mixed with your child's favorite juice. A member of our team will offer them a

warm blanket, a pillow, head phones and allow them to relax. After they are comfortable, their Doctor and the experienced clinical team will take care of their dental needs.

Your Child should be sedated just enough to be unaware of the treatment, as if you were relaxing. They should wake up refreshed, with little or no memory of what was accomplished. Because you are completely comfortable, the doctor can do extensive dental treatments in as little as one or two visits.

When your treatment is completed, you will be able to return your child home to finish your comfortable, relaxing day.

Who is a good candidate?

Patients who are faced with a heightened level of fear or anxiety, or who require involved dental procedures (like root canals or surgical extraction's) may elect to be sedated for their treatment.

Patients who have extremely busy schedules and require multiple procedures may elect to be sedated for a single long appointment rather than multiple ones.

Are there any problems with the Sedation of Children?

Children have a tendency to fight the effects of the sedation medication more than adults and we have found that they have a lower success rate with sedation.

If a child does not respond well to the medication, we do not force treatment on that day. We will make a decision with the parent to try again another day or to refer the patient to a pediatric dentist for treatment under General Anesthesia.

Not all general dentists can perform conscious sedation. They are required to complete advanced training before they can perform this form of sedation and the best trained General Dentist knows when to refer.

