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Informed Consent Form About Sedation Dentistry

The purpose of this document is to provide an opportunity for patients to understand and give permission for conscious sedation when provided along with dental treatment. Each item should be checked off after the patient has the opportunity for discussion and questions.

- 1. I understand that the purpose of conscious sedation is to receive more comfortable care. Conscious sedation is not required to provide the necessary dental care. I understand that the conscious sedation has limitations and risks and absolute success cannot be guaranteed.
- 2. I understand that conscious sedation is a drug-induced state of reduced awareness and decreased ability to respond. Conscious sedation is not sleep. I will be able to respond during the procedure. My ability to respond normally returns when the effects of the sedative wear off.
- 3. I understand that my conscious sedation will be achieved by the following route: *oral administration
- 4. I understand that the alternatives to conscious sedation are:
 - a. No sedation- the necessary procedure is performed under local anesthesia with the patient fully aware
 - b. Anxiolysis - taking a pill to reduce fear and anxiety
 - c. Nitrous oxide sedation - commonly called laughing gas, provides relaxation but the patient is still generally aware of surrounding activities. Its effects can be reversed in 5 minutes with oxygen.
 - d. Intravenous Administration - the doctor can inject the sedative in a tube which is inserted into a vein in the arm.
 - e. General Anesthetic - commonly called deep sedation, a patient under general anesthesia has no awareness and must have their breathing temporarily supported. General anesthesia is more appropriate for longer procedures lasting 3 or more hours.

- 5. I understand that there are risks and limitations to all procedures. For sedation these include:
 - a. Inadequate sedation with initial dosage may require the patient to undergo the procedure
 - b. Atypical reaction to sedative drugs which may require emergency medical attention and/or hospitalization such as altered mental states, physical reactions, allergic reactions or other illness
 - c. Inability to discuss treatment options with the doctor should circumstance require a change in the treatment plan.

- 6. If, during the procedure, a change in the treatment plan is required, I authorize the doctor and the operative team to make whatever change they deem in their professional judgement is necessary. I understand that I have the right to designate the individual who will make such a decision.

- 7. I have had the opportunity to discuss conscious sedation and have my questions answered by qualified personnel including the doctor. I also understand that I must follow all of the recommended treatments and instructions of my doctor.

- 8. I understand that I must notify the doctor if I am pregnant (or lactating). I must notify the doctor if I have sensitivity to any medication, of my present mental and physical condition, if I have recently consumed alcohol, and if I am presently on psychiatric mood altering drugs or any other medications.

- 9. I will not be able to drive or operate machinery while taking sedatives for 24 hours after my procedure. I understand that I will need to have arrangements for someone to drive me to and from my dental appointment while taking oral sedatives.

- 10. I hereby consent to conscious sedation in conjunction with my dental care.

Patient/Guardian

Witness

Date