

Intravenous Sedation Information for Patient Escorts

You have been asked to accompany someone who is having dental treatment under Intravenous Sedation.

Patients can feel less anxious if they receive a sedative drug (medicine) before or during their dental treatment. The drugs used can cause some patients to feel a little disorientated or confused for a short time after the treatment. **It is important that someone will be responsible for them and take care of them for the remainder of the day.**

Occasionally, it may be necessary for someone to stay with them overnight.

It is important that you follow these instructions:

- Do not bring any children with you or have any other caring responsibilities today
- The patient will have been given a telephone number of who to contact if you have any concerns
- The patient will not be allowed to go home until the dentist is satisfied that the patient is in the care of a responsible adult (over 18 years of age). The escort must be present with the patient as they leave the dental surgery. Some patients take a little longer than others to be ready to go home so please be aware that a precise time cannot always be given
- The patient's judgement (ability to think clearly) is likely to be affected. Patients should not make any irreversible decisions for up to 24 hours following their treatment. Examples are making important decisions or signing legal documents
- Patients should be encouraged to rest for a while once they are home

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- It is not recommended for them to be in charge of others until the next day, this includes children and elderly or sick relatives that they usually have responsibility for
 - Care should be taken when cooking or using domestic appliances
 - Patients should not drive a vehicle, ride a bicycle, operate machinery or drink alcohol until the following day and, in some cases, for up to 24 hours. The dentist will advise the patient on the day of treatment
 - Owing to the aftereffects of the drugs used, care should be taken when using the internet for personal communication
 - The dentist will explain to the patient which pain relief medicines he or she may take
 - Patients should take their usual prescribed medicines unless directed otherwise by their doctor or dentist

If you have any problems after treatment, please contact:

Opening hours:

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 5.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

St Catherine's Health Centre Dental Clinic

0151 514 6420

Victoria Central Health Centre Dental Clinic

0151 514 6266

Leasowe

0151 514 2340

Out of Hours:

Out of Hours Service 111

Revive Dental Care

0161 476 9651

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