



Premier Dental Anesthesiology News



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Pediatric dentist, Dr. Alvin Sams of Dental Kids in Florissant was one of the first providers to sign up with Premier. Recently, I had the pleasure to talk with him about his practice since using our service.



When did you start using Premier's services?

January 2007

Prior to using Premier, did you offer sedation?

Yes, I administered my own oral sedation.

Why did you contact Premier to take over?

The Missouri Dental Board was leaning towards changing the rules on administering oral sedation. The old rules only required us to go through the ADA trained residency program to receive certification. Now you have to gain state certification as well. Obtaining that state certification was costly enough for the dentist in charge, but you also had to pay for at least one assistant. On top of that you also had to purchase all of the equipment, ie: monitors, rescue equipment. Between having a limited number of people certified in the office and the costly setup fees, it made more sense to have someone come the office to do it all for me.

How has Premier changed your practice?

My goal is to make sure I give competent, efficient and quality work to all of my patients. I also need to respect the parent and their employment obligations. If I tell a parent that their child needs three to four visits to complete the work, that is several times they need to miss work. That is too much to ask of a parent, especially in these times! By using Premier, we can get everything done in one visit. Additionally, the trauma that the child could have endured by multiple visits has also now been alleviated.

What kind of feedback have you received from your staff since using Premier?

There has been acceptance. Some of my assistants who work these cases really enjoy it because they almost see it as a vacation day. It's THAT easy. Others like the back and forth, the higher stress situations and actually are a little bored.

Do you think this is the way dental practices are moving?

Yes, I do. First of all, it cuts down on time. Second, it is a benefit that you can offer your patient and it broadens your practice in that you are able to accommodate any patient that comes through the door. And, finally, if the health care plan passes, there will be many more insured patients who will then seek medical/dental care. In an effort to treat these new patients, services such as Premier will be a big help.

Thank you for your time, Dr. Sams!

GOOD BITS TO KNOW:

- ◆ We administer Deep Sedation / General Anesthesia in your office
- ◆ We bring all necessary equipment
- ◆ You provide only the suction
- ◆ Missouri State Law requires all children under the age of five to be covered by their medical Insurance
- ◆ We accept Care Credit
- ◆ **There is NEVER any cost to the dental office for our service**

SEDATION MONITORING CLASS:

- Now taking reservations
- Free to you and your staff
- Approved by the Missouri Dental Board

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