

How Do You Practice Sedation?

There is a new trend in dentistry and unless you don't watch TV, listen to the radio, read newspapers or ever look up at billboards, you'd miss it; sedation dentistry, that is. Sedation dentistry, twilight dentistry, sleep dentistry, whatever you want to call it, has inundated not only the Saint Louis area, but the entire country. And, with this service everyone wins. Your anxious patient can now face their fear by going to their own dentist, fall "asleep" and wake up with a beautiful smile. Your office is ahead by not having to refer your patient out and also probably charging extra for sedation as well. This all sounds great, and it is in most situations, but as with any procedure there are risks involved. With Missouri leading in dental sedation deaths, the risks are a little unknown to the general public, but perhaps not for long.

Missouri Medical Law Report published a story recently on a wrongful death case against an area dentist. The dentist went through a popular three-day training program that teaches how to do in-office sedation. And, although perhaps thousands of successful cases had been performed, this fatality could have been avoided by taking preventative measures. Not only was there a lack of equipment used to detect early warning signs of distress, allegedly, the patient had underlying medical problems that should have kept him out of the chair in the first place.

Turning your attention to this case, including mentioning any type of brief seminar-type education is not meant to discredit anyone or any facility. It is merely to make you and your patients aware of the level of education, skill and experience a board-certified anesthesiologist can bring to your case. Before the patient even sets foot in your office, we are involved. We have a team of people who work on each and every case. Before sedation day we interview your patient and get their medical history. On the day of the appointment we conduct a short physical, a board-certified anesthesiologist and registered assistant work together with the patient during the case and monitored recovery afterwards is mandatory. The treatment we give to your patient is nothing short of that which we give to any patient we treat in a hospital OR.

For a link to the *Missouri Medical Law Report* article in full, please visit our website: www.PremierDentalAnesthesiology.net. Here you can also receive a partial list of area dental offices that use our services.

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:

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

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