

Post-Sedation Orders

1. A responsible adult must accompany the patient home. Sensory imbalance should be expected following the dental office sedation, and the patient must be supported while ambulatory.
2. Following dental office dismissal, mild sleepiness may persist for several hours, and the patient should be encouraged to go to bed and sleep.
3. The patient should be cautioned against sitting up or standing erect suddenly after a rest period at home, as this may lead to transient dizzy spells.
4. The patient is not to engage in any activity that requires sensory or motor coordination for 24 hours following the dental appointment. Driving a car, operating power tools, or making important decisions are not to be done during this period.
5. The patient should not indulge in any alcoholic beverages for 24 hours following the dental appointment.
6. If needle puncture site remains painful, apply moist heat to the site.
7. Nausea may develop if patient is ambulatory too soon or frequently. Make patient lie quietly in bed.
8. Take postoperative medication only as ordered by your dentist.
9. Any unusual event such as pain or swelling at needle puncture site, any rash, prolonged sleeping, fainting episodes, marked vomiting, or bizarre dreaming should be reported.