



Is intravenous sedation right for me?

Does dental treatment make you really nervous? Or does some part of the treatment (noise, smell, vibration) give you the creeps? If the answer is Yes, then read on:

Intravenous sedation is a GREAT way to get dental treatment done. Dr. Blavin has been doing IV sedations since 1985. Here's what happens, an IV is started (after numbing the skin with cream), sedative drugs are put into the IV tubing and you relax. We monitor your vital signs while you rest. All the medications that Dr. Blavin uses can be quickly reversed should the need arise. This gives a margin of safety that is not present when you use pills alone. Also, the sedatives can be titrated, meaning it's easy to add a little more and it works right away, unlike a pill which takes time to be absorbed and it's easy to be under or over-sedated (which is dangerous). We do sometimes use a single pill before starting the IV if it will be a long visit.. Then, we perform the dental care, you wake up and someone drives you home. Most patients don't remember anything.

Are there risks?

A few. Bruising or irritation at the IV site. Collapsed veins. An allergic reaction is possible (we use versed and demerol). Safety is our primary concern, and in an outpatient setting there are limits as to how much sedative we can give.

Any other options?

Oral pill sedation or laughing gas (nitrous oxide).

Any other benefits?

Yes. We can complete a lot of treatment when you are snoozing, and that means fewer appointments for you.

A few rules:

1. No eating or drinking for six hours. If you usually take medications in the morning, please discuss this with Dr Blavin.
2. You cannot drive or return to work the day you are sedated.
3. Wear a short sleeve shirt, no contacts, and bring an mp3 player if you want to listen to music as we begin, to help you relax.

Advance reservations:

In order for us to schedule your sedation visit, because it is long and we want to make sure you don't chicken out ☺, we need the full fee for the sedation, \$467, paid when the appointment is set. This fee is nonrefundable if you skip your appointment. Lastly, sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances, Dr. Blavin has to change the treatment that was planned (for example, a tooth has deeper decay than was thought and needs be extracted or a root canal is necessary). Because you are sedated, he can't discuss it with you. You are giving him your permission to use his clinical judgement to do what's best for you.

I have read and understand this consent for sedation:

_____ Date: _____

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Dr. Neil Blavin has dedicated his professional career to providing you with the best that dentistry has to offer. Dr. Blavin is continually upgrading himself and his practice on the newest dental techniques and approaches in order to offer state-of-the-art, comfortable and personalized care to you and your family: Dr. Blavin has been providing sedation for his patients since 1986.

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