



Cosmetic & Reconstructive Periodontics
Dental Implants

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Discomfort and Apprehension Control

Often people are very apprehensive about various aspects of periodontal or implant therapy. It may be due to poor past dental experiences, negative past experiences of a family member or friend, or most likely, the fear of the unknown. Regardless of the cause of this apprehension it is our policy and belief to do everything possible to prevent any unpleasant experiences in our office and to allow for a warm, comforting environment. We use many modern techniques to achieve this goal such as topical anesthesia, local anesthesia, nitrous oxide sedation, oral sedation and intravenous sedation. All of these are available and are used as needed to make our services as comfortable and pleasant as possible.

Topical anesthesia is extremely effective in minimizing the discomfort associated with the use of the very small disposable needles we use today. This is a routine procedure and our standard of care and there is no additional charge.

Local anesthesia is the normal procedure of numbing the teeth, gums and supporting structures with a very small disposable needle to ensure that there is no discomfort associated with any procedure. This is the standard of care and will always be performed, if sedation is desired, local anesthesia will be performed after the patient is sedated. This is no additional charge.

Nitrous Oxide sedation (Laughing gas) can be used to give a very pleasant relaxed feeling to eliminate apprehension. This is available at your request. It has no significant after effects but it is best if a person not drive for several hours after its use. Therefore we request that you make arrangements to have someone drive for you if you desire the use of gas. There is a small monitoring charge for this service.

Oral Sedation is the use of orally administered drugs (pills) to pre-medicate, relax and sedate. Today we have powerful drugs that work well and may result in sleeping during treatment or amnesia in which the office visit memory is not clear. This requires an accompanying responsible adult to whom we have given instructions on your care. You are not allowed to drive for the rest of that day on which the medication is taken and should plan on enjoying no responsibilities for the rest of the day. There is a monitoring charge for this service.

Intravenous Sedation is the most powerful safe technique available for relief of apprehension in the office setting. Powerful drugs are administered intravenously, often with oral pre-medication, to sedate you and relieve your apprehension. This usually creates a very pleasant situation in which your apprehension is eliminated and time passes very rapidly. It is called conscious sedation and often induces a state of relaxation or sleep in which you can be easily awakened. Afterwards there may be limited memory of the procedure and you are usually sedated for several hours following the procedure. Therefore the patient must not drive or operate any equipment and must be accompanied by a responsible adult to whom we have given instructions on your care. There is a charge for this service.