

Patient Instructions for Oral Sedation

You are having a dental procedure completed under oral sedation prescribed by your periodontist. You will be relaxed but able to respond to instructions during the procedure.

The following precautions must be observed:

- 1. You will not be able to drive or operate hazardous machinery for 24 hours after taking sedation medication.
- 2. A responsible adult is required to drive you to and from your dental appointment and to remain with you until the effects of the sedative have worn off (for a minimum of 24 hours).
- 3. You cannot take a taxi or Uber home as the sedative affects your memory, cognition and balance.
- 4. Upon returning home, you should rest for the remainder of the day.
- 5. You cannot be responsible for children or dependents for 24 hours after taking the sedation medication.
- 6. You should be careful when walking up and down stairs whilst sedated, even if you feel lucid.
- 7. Alcohol is best avoided for 24 hours after taking sedative medications.

Sedative medications are not recommended for the following patients:

- 1. Those who are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- 2. Those taking psychotic mood-altering medications, unless under the supervision of a psychiatrist or doctor.
- 3. Those taking the following medications: nefazodone, ketoconazole or itraconazole, or HIV medications such as ritonavir.
- 4. Those taking illicit drugs as they adversely affect oral sedatives.
 - Those affected by Myasthenia gravis, Chronic Obstructive Airways
 Disease (COAD) or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).
 - Those who are **allergic to benzodiazepines** (including Valium, Mogadon, Normison, Ativan, Antenex and Temaze).

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