

Patient escort information

Following treatment under IV Sedation

You have been asked to accompany someone who is having dental treatment under sedation. It is important that you follow these instructions.

Patients can feel less anxious if they receive a sedative drug before or during their treatment.

The drugs used can cause some patients to feel a little disoriented or confused for a short time after the treatment.

It is important that someone will be responsible for them and take care of them for the remainder of the day and overnight.

The patient will not be allowed to leave until the dentist is satisfied that the patient is under the care of a responsible adult. The escort must be present with the patient as they leave the surgery.

Patients should be encouraged to rest for a while once they are home. They should not be in charge of others until the next day at the earliest, and should not be using cooking or domestic appliances.

Patients should not drive a vehicle, ride a bike, operate heavy machinery or drink alcohol for 24 hours following the sedation treatment. They should also refrain from recreational drugs within 24-48 hours of sedation treatment.

Owing to the after effects of the drugs used, care should be taken when using the internet for personal communication.

The dentist will explain to you any medications that may need to be taken and any aftercare instructions.

Patient should take their usual prescribed medicines unless directed otherwise by their doctor or dentist.