

South Hill Periodontics

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INTRAVENOUS SEDATION

Instructions to patients:

Medications will be administered to you through an IV making you very relaxed, non-apprehensive and sleepy; you will not be completely unconscious. Local anesthetics will be used to numb the area of surgery within the mouth. As a result of the medications used and your sleepy condition, certain precautions must be observed.

1. Advise Dr. Giardino/ Dr. Johnson of any changes in your medical history and any medications or pills you are taking. Do not take any other medications without his knowledge and approval.
2. Do not eat anything for **8 hours** prior to your appointment. You may have only water up till **6 hours** prior to your appointment. No gum before your appointment. No alcoholic beverages for 24 hours prior to your surgery.
3. Notify Dr. Giardino/ Dr. Johnson if you develop a cold, sore throat, cough, fever, or any other illness prior to your surgical appointment.
4. Wear loose, comfortable clothing with short sleeves or sleeves that can be easily drawn up past the elbow.
5. Please arrive promptly for your appointment. Sedation procedures require extra time, so late arrival may necessitate rescheduling of your appointment.
6. You must provide a responsible adult to act as an escort to drive you home and to supervise your activities for the remainder for the day. This escort must be present during the appointment to ensure they are readily available following completion of the procedure.
7. If you have any concerns after leaving the office, you should call Dr. Giardino or Dr. Johnson at 536-7032. Parents or guardians of children should observe the child continuously upon returning home.
8. It is important to remember that full mental alertness will not return for several hours following I.V. sedation surgery. For the remainder of the day you should limit activity requiring full concentration power. You must not:
 - a. Drive an automobile
 - b. Undertake business/legal matters
 - c. Drink alcoholic beverages