

Sedation Dentistry

We are proud to offer sedation dentistry as a way to help our more anxious patients relax. Complimentary nitrous oxide (laughing gas) is available in all rooms as well as flat-screen televisions, blankets and pillows. In our office we offer nitrous oxide and oral sedation for your comfort and convenience, as well as IV sedation if you would like to get all the treatment done at one time.

Nitrous Oxide

Nitrous oxide is a popular anesthetic agent used by dentists. Its safety has been well-established; it is effective, and the anesthetic effect wears off quickly so there is no extended recovery time. It can be used for both children and adults. In fact, 85% of pediatric dentists use it, according to the American Board Of Pediatric Dentistry.

Nitrous oxide has a very calming comforting effect, even though the patient remains in control.

Some dental experts have called it the "ideal anesthetic" because it takes effect quickly (in less than 5 minutes) and because there is a very rapid recovery time (about 5 to 10 minutes). Nitrous oxide is mixed with oxygen so that you will have an ample supply of oxygen at the same time.

In addition to the sedative effect of nitrous oxide, it helps control the discomfort associated with some procedures. The level of sedation can be easily adjusted for the best possible effect for each individual patient.

[NITROUS OXIDE CONSENT FORM](#)

Oral Sedation

Oral sedation comes in pill form and will almost immediately make you feel relaxed. The sedation will help keep you from noticing surrounding smells and sounds. Oral sedation may make you feel sleepy and will help keep you from becoming anxious or nervous. Oral sedation can last for hours and will not wear off throughout your entire appointment. We use oral sedation for several reasons:

- Many of our patients are needle-phobic so they would not like to be told that we must use a needle to sedate them.
- With oral sedation we can work on patients for longer periods of time.
- Oral sedation is very safe.
- The pills stay in a patient's system for several hours after the appointment, so we get very few complaints of pain after procedures are completed.

IV Sedation

IV Sedation is one of the most effective sedations we offer! Administered through an IV, the sedation takes effect within minutes and will make you drowsy and extremely relaxed right away. With IV Sedation, you may not remember anything about the appointment. This type of sedation allows your body to feel no pain throughout your visit and is strong enough to help your body relax without being uncomfortable. IV Sedation is usually recommended during longer, more extensive appointments or procedures.

With IV sedation, there is the ability to increase or decrease the dosage at any time and the effects are almost instantaneous. This isn't possible with the oral sedation and is one of the main advantages IV sedation offers. In addition, the effects of IV sedation wear off faster than oral sedation.

We have partnered with a well-qualified local anesthesiologist who will be present to sedate and monitor you while your dentist completes the necessary treatment. Your dentist will be available throughout your entire procedure and you can rest assured you'll be in good hands under a trained and experienced team!

If you are looking for sedation dentistry in Flower Mound, TX, give us a call today! We are happy to provide a Free Consultation and discuss each of your options to find the best solution for your dental needs!