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Oral Conscious Sedation - How Far Will It Take You?

The widespread use of Oral Conscious Sedation for dentistry these days has been a boon for both patients and dentists. It's easy to administer, inexpensive and readily accepted by most patients. We routinely use it ourselves as anxiolysis for our healthy patients.

But what about the patients for whom Oral Conscious Sedation may not be sufficient or safe? This includes those who are or who have:

- Severe phobias
- Physical disabilities
- Developmental delays
- Cognitive impairments
- Dementia
- Emotional or psychological challenges
- Combative or non-compliant
- Medically at-risk
- ASA class II, III or IV
- Significant gag reflex
- Allergy or intolerance to local anesthesia
- Frail elderly
- Pediatric

"Our goal with anxiolysis is not to put the patient to sleep. Our goal is to create the most relaxed and comfortable appointment possible, while the patient remains awake and conscious."

- The Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation (DOCS). Oral sedation dentistry manual (San Francisco, June 2007), I-5.

Where Do You Turn When Oral Conscious Sedation Is Not Enough?

For over 20 years, The Blende Dental Group has partnered with the dental community to treat patients who require I.V. Sedation or General Anesthesia for their dental treatment. (Please see the reverse side for details.)

"If a patient needs to be unconscious to safely receive their dental treatment, or if they simply want to be asleep because they are afraid, why deny them that option?"

- David Blende, DDS
The Blende Dental Group



Do you know someone who cannot travel to a dental office?

Our division, Bay Area House Call Dentists, makes **House Calls** within 60 miles of San Francisco.

Thank You!

As a thank you to the dental community for your continuing partnership, we would like to extend a complimentary in-office examination and consultation to patients you refer.

Your Resource, The Blende Dental Group

When you partner with the Blende Dental Group, the patient remains in your control. We will work with you to develop a treatment plan, and return the patient to you for follow-up and routine care.



Who is the Blende Dental Group anyway?

If you encounter a patient who is outside the defined scope of your practice, here is what you can tell them about your referral:

Patients

The BDG treats people who cannot physically, mentally, emotionally or behaviorally cooperate with dentistry. Every day, we treat those with phobias, special needs and who are medically at-risk.

Sedation options

The BDG offers the full spectrum of Sedation and Sleep modalities, including nitrous oxide, oral conscious sedation, I.V. sedation and general anesthesia.

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Experience

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One Visit Treatment

The BDG coordinates the total treatment plan, financial arrangements and scheduling of the full team of specialists to provide definitive full-mouth treatment at one time, in one place.

Team

The BDG team includes general dentists, endodontists, periodontists, oral surgeons, pediatric dentists, physicians and nurses. Our team also includes experienced anesthesiologists who administer I.V. sedation and/or general anesthesia, allowing the dentist to focus on treating the patient's dental needs. This multi-disciplinary team approach is key to managing the complexities of treating patients who are medically at-risk or emotionally compromised.

Hospital Affiliations

The BDG's dentists are on staff and routinely treat patients at several Bay Area hospitals including Marin General, several Kaiser Permanente hospitals, Mills Peninsula and the California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) hospitals. Dr. Blende is Chief of the Dental Division at both CPMC and Kaiser Permanente San Francisco, where Dr. Itani is Vice Chief.

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