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 THE ROLE OF THE DENTAL SEDATION NURSE

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Role of Sedation Nurse
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Standards Guidance

Role of Sedation Nurse

- “Second appropriately trained person”
- Assist with sedation
- Monitoring
- Assist with dental treatment
- Chaperone
- Assist in case of emergency

And then came this.....

Standards for Conscious Sedation in the Provision of Dental Care
 Report of the Intercollegiate Advisory Committee for Sedation in Dentistry

2015 | The dental faculties of the royal colleges of surgeons and the Royal College of Anaesthetists

- ▶ **Conscious Sedation**
- ▶ ‘..... a technique in which the use of a drug or drugs produces a state of depression of the central nervous system enabling treatment to be carried out, but during which verbal contact with the patient is maintained throughout the period of sedation. The drugs and techniques used to provide conscious sedation for dental treatment should carry a margin of safety wide enough to render loss of consciousness unlikely...’
- ▶ Dept of Health Expert Group on Sedation in Dentistry
- ▶ October 2003

Aims and Objectives

- ▶ Define the role of the dental nurse
- ▶ Highlight the key areas or responsibility

Role of Sedation Nurse in emergency

- Emergency Drugs and Equipment: Access
- Spot an unwell patient and inform dentist
- Administer O2
- Monitor unwell or collapsed patient
- Manage a faint
- Help unwell patient administer their prescribed drugs

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Role of Sedation Nurse in emergency

- Prepare emergency drugs at request of dentist
- Initiate and perform BLS: +/- dentist
- Manage a choking patient
- Call emergency services
- Liaise with paramedics

Medicine Allergies PMH Last oral Events Signs/symptoms

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What do we need to consider?

Are there any differences for the dental team treating patients under Conscious Sedation?

What roles do dental team members play during a Conscious Sedation session and are these clear?

Dental Nurses - where do you fit?

Second Appropriately Trained Person

Who are they?

How do they meet this statement?

- Clinical Experience
- Formal Training & Qualifications
- Patient Safety?

Chaperone

Why is this important?

Who are you chaperoning?

Legal implications

Assist with sedation

- Preparation
- Drugs
- Sedation equipment including Monitoring equipment
- Cannulation
- Dental Equipment & Materials etc
- Informed Consent
- Documentation

Monitoring

- Clinical
- Mechanical
- Continuous
- Ability to quickly respond to changes

Remember

- Always consider the role the dental nurse plays in the treatment of patients
- This should be reflected clearly in your RoE
- Preparation, Anticipation and Reassurance
- Reflection – form of learning, so not to repeat mistakes

- Not very good....but don't know it.
- Yet!
- UNCONSCIOUSLY INCOMPETENT

- CONSCIOUSLY INCOMPETENT
- Still poor....but recognise it!

- CONSCIOUSLY COMPETENT
- Can do it well! And knows It!

- UNCONSCIOUSLY COMPETENT
- Does everything well, by nature!

