

**Sedation Consultation. Response from Lingfeng Soo, periodontist, Person id 8237**

**Q1. Do you agree/disagree with the updated draft Sedation practice standard? If you disagree, please detail why.**

Disagree.

The dental council is implying that all sedation cases must be recorded in an excel spreadsheet format or similar to review the effectiveness and outcomes. What happens if the sedationist works in multiple clinics or practices. This is onerous for a practitioner who's providing sedation on a weekly or daily basis with multiple cases per week. The time and corresponding financial cost for this is unjustified and disproportionate for maintaining competency and the level of risk to the patient.

In general, patient records are stored in a patient management app or software program (PMS). The required data in terms of how many cases and which patients received sedation can be easily pulled from the PMS by generating a report. But to have a comment on each patient case on the exported patient data to discuss with the professional peer who would then require a summary overview to have meaning full discussion will require a lot of compliance. This would require the export of the PMS data as an excel or print a copy of the PMS data then write notes next to each patient's name. The clinical notes for the patient would already include details of the sedation whether the intended level of sedation was achieved and if there were complications or problems during the procedure. In the event of an audit from time to time, the person doing the audit can view the patient records directly using the list of patients on the PMS system.

**Q2. Are there any areas of the proposed Sedation practice standard you feel require further clarification or guidance? If yes, please tell us which areas and why.**

The requirement to discuss sedation cases and review the outcomes of the sedation caseload with their professional peer sounds advantageous as there's reflective learning process. However the professional peer may not be providing sedation. And would the dental council view the professional peer relationship differently? What's the dental council requirements on such a process?

**Q3. Do you have any further comments on the proposed Sedation practice standard?**

It's helpful that there's a written standard on the education and training for providing paediatric sedation care.

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