

Sedation consultation documents

Dear DCNZ,

I am a member of NZSSD, and a regular sedationist; and I support their submission regarding the revised Sedation Practice Standard.

I agree with all points, and I especially have concerns with the use of pentrox as I have heard it being dispensed by hygienists in some clinics, and patients not being asked questions around risk of malignant hypothermia and proper safety assessments prior to use.

I believe for it to be safely used there must be guidelines of mandatory safety questions and understanding of the risks of volatile anaesthetics.

I also believe in capnography and safe staffing for sedation.
Oral sedation can be unpredictable and lowering the standards would put patients at risk when they are particularly sensitive to the medication.
We do not want a return to the days of patients taking oral sedation and sitting in waiting rooms for induction and recovery.
I do not believe this is dignified or safe.

I do not believe that lowering any standards for safe sedation is wise, and I believe puts patients at risk and will also undermine the confidence of the public in safety at dental clinics should we not treat midazolam sedation in a predictable and safe manner.

I have full confidence in the NZSSD in representing my views in this matter.

Regards
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