

POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTRAVENOUS SEDATION

1. Patients cannot drive or operate any heavy machinery or potentially hazardous devices for 24 hours after sedation.
2. A responsible adult should accompany the patient until the side effects of the sedation have fully worn off. Immediately after leaving the office, patients should not be left alone; although patients may seem normal, the side effects of the medication used in IV sedation may last several hours after the appointment has ended.
3. Patients should not overexert themselves significantly such as going up and down stairs unattended until the side effects of the sedation have fully worn off. The attendant should always hold the patient's arm, providing support when walking or going up and down stairs.
4. Patients should consume plenty of fluids post operatively to avoid dehydration.
5. Do not consume alcohol for 24 hours after surgery.

Kindly notify our office should you have any questions on the above or difficulties, post appointment. Should you feel your symptoms warrant a physician and you are unable to reach our office, immediately go to your nearest emergency room.