

# Pre-Surgery Instructions

## If you are having Intravenous (IV) Conscious Sedation

- You **cannot eat or drink anything for at least 6 hours** prior to your surgery
  - Although, patients can have **WATER ONLY up to two hour prior** to the appointment, but no other liquids or food for 6 hours prior.
  - Any prescription medications should be taken at their regular times with no more than a few small sips of water.
- A **responsible adult (legal guardian if under 18) must accompany you to the appointment and REMAIN in the office** throughout the surgery.
  - Most patients are in and out of the office in 1.5hrs. The accompanying adult must be able to drive you home and remain with you until you are alert (stay with you after the surgery for at least 2-3 hours).
- **Wear loose non-restrictive clothing with SHORT SLEEVES** so that we can start the IV in your arm.
- Wear **shoes that are securely fastened** (ex: no sandals).
- **Female patients**: must **be sure you are not pregnant** prior to any sedation. If you feel you may be pregnant, please notify the doctor prior to the appointment.
- Sedated patients will not be able to perform activities that require coordination for 24 hours such as driving or cooking.
- Intravenous conscious sedation is a safe reliable method of providing relief from the fears and apprehensions of surgery. Various drugs will be administered making you very relaxed, and sleepy. If you have questions pertaining to IV conscious sedation, please feel free to contact Dr. Woodmansee with the above contact information.

## Steps to a Smooth Surgery Day

- Planning for your surgery will make your day go much smoother. **Purchasing ice packs, liquid diet foods and Tylenol before the surgery** will allow to you to rest and recover sooner. Liquid diet foods include items like yogurt, pudding, tomato soup, ensure shakes, and mashed potatoes.
- Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by the legal guardian at the appointment time.
- Ensure you arrive for your appointment on-time and have planned for adequate recovery time.
  - Wisdom teeth usually require 3 days of recovery time.
- Smoking in the weeks prior to surgery greatly increases your chances of complications. If you smoke, it is best to refrain or limit as much as possible for at least 1 week prior to surgery.

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