

UNDERSTANDING SEDATION

1.____ You will NOT be unconscious. This is NOT general anesthesia as is done in a hospital operating room. You will not be intubated (breathing tube down your nose or throat) you will NOT be on a respirator. (mechanical breathing machine)

2.____ All of your normal protective reflexes such as swallowing, breathing, coughing, and muscular control remain intact.

3.____ This procedure may cause drowsiness, make you sleepy from time to time, and you might have periods of short sleep. But its purpose is NOT to "put you to sleep". You will NOT be totally asleep all the time.

4.____ We are sedating you. During this process you most likely will not be remember your treatment. But it is possible you may remember bits and pieces of the event. There are no "absolutes" here.

5.____ Every patient responds differently. Some people have profound effects while others experience less.

6.____ Most people respond in the manner described above. On rare occasions a patient may have "idiosyncratic effects". This means they may respond to sedation in a peculiar way, difference from the expected norm. If this happens, you may realize that we exercise our professional judgment, leaning always to the side of conservatism and safety, and reserve the right to decide to terminate the procedure before all planned services are completed if we determine the sedation is not going well.

I have read this.

Signature

Date

I understand this and have had my questions answered to my satisfaction.

Signature

Date