

Scared of going to the dentist?

Don't feel that you are the only person that has a genuine fear of going to the dentist. A single or combination of bad previous dental experiences can add up to a real fear of dental treatment. Recent research has indicated that the number one reason adults postpone needed dental care was fear! That's right, not time, not money, but fear! However, dental decay and gum disease do not just "go away". The only way to save your teeth from these problems is comprehensive dental care. Unfortunately, this is the same dental care that causes fear in many people.

- ***Complete relaxation***
- ***Lack of memory of procedures***
- ***Safety***

What is Intravenous Sedation?

IV Sedation is the state-of-the-art technique for the comprehensive control of pain and anxiety in dentistry. Other sedative techniques such as nitrous oxide are commonly used in most dental offices. However, IV Sedation's superior results make it the method of choice for the highly fearful dental patient. Because of the kinds of drugs used and the method of their delivery, IV Sedation allows the dentist to control their effects precisely.

Our office is unique

The use of IV Sedation in dentistry is carefully regulated by the California Board of Dental Examiners. To perform these advanced sedative techniques special university training and clinical experience are required. The educational and special equipment requirements are so stringent that less than 2% of general dentists in California have a permit to perform the procedures. Prior to the issuance of a Conscious Sedation Permit,

the office must be specially equipped with emergency equipment and drugs. An in-office inspection is required of each dentist issued a permit. Dr. Gagne has been granted a Conscious Sedation Permit to perform this advanced sedative technique. The office has state-of-the-art patient monitoring equipment to assure your comfort and safety during sedation. The office contains more emergency equipment and drugs than required by law, and the staff constantly trains to provide the highest level of sedation care.

General dental care

Many patients seen in the office have multiple dental problems such as periodontal (gum) disease, very badly decayed teeth, or extensive restorative dentistry needs (crowns, fillings, etc.) In many general dental offices some phase of treatment must be referred to a specialist. Dr. Gagne has had years of experience in all phases of difficult and challenging dental treatment. He performs all phases of your dental treatment in this office. What this means is that you see only one dentist during your entire treatment. While you are sedated many different specialty areas can be treated in one visit, there is no need to go from one office to another.

Is IV Sedation safe?

Dr. Stanley Malamed, Professor of Anesthesia and Medicine, University of Southern California School of Dentistry, a nationally known expert on dental sedation and an author of two textbooks, calls dental IV Sedation one of the safest of all sedative techniques. "While any sedative technique carries a degree of risk, the drugs used and their slow delivery, accompanied by modern monitoring equipment, make IV Sedation extremely safe. After personally supervising over 3,000 sedations at the University of Southern

California School of Dentistry," Malamed reported, "Complications arising during sedation were less than 0.3 %, and even those were minor." Since our office does many sedations per month, we constantly train to be ready for any occurrence. Each assistant is certified in Basic Life Support by the American Heart Association.

The time is NOW to get your teeth fixed

Comprehensive dentistry can save your teeth, improve your smile, and keep you looking youthful. However, the problems must be caught early and treated promptly. IV sedation can get you back to wonderfully healthy, attractive, and pain-free teeth. Teeth of which you can be proud. Teeth that will serve you for a lifetime. Let us work together to give you the opportunity to get the dentistry you need without the fear of the treatment. You will find the staff understanding, with regard for your special concerns when you call. They have treated literally hundreds of patients like yourself. Dentistry just does not have to be a scary experience like it has been in the past. Patients that have received dental care under IV Sedation will attest to this fact. These patients would also tell you that NOW is the time to take advantage of the most advanced sedative technique in dentistry...before you have problems that will change your lifestyle.