

481—579.2(153) Minimal sedation standards.

579.2(1) A dentist shall evaluate a patient prior to the start of any sedative procedure. In healthy or medically stable patients (ASA I, II), the dentist should review the patient's current medical history and medication use. For a patient with significant medical considerations (ASA III, IV), a dentist may need to consult with the patient's primary care provider or consulting medical specialist. A dentist may only provide minimal sedation after obtaining informed consent from the patient or the patient's parent or legal guardian.

579.2(2) Minimal sedation for ASA I or II nonpediatric patients.

a. A dentist may prescribe or administer a single medication for minimal sedation via the enteral route that does not exceed the maximum recommended dose (MRD) for unmonitored home use. A dentist may only administer a supplemental dose of the same drug if the clinical half-life of the initial dose has passed and the total aggregate dose does not exceed 1.5 times the MRD on the day of treatment.

b. A dentist may administer a single medication for minimal sedation via the enteral route that does not exceed the MRD for monitored use on the day of treatment.

c. A dentist may utilize nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia in combination with a single enteral drug.

579.2(3) Minimal sedation for ASA III, ASA IV or pediatric patients.

a. A dentist may prescribe or administer a single medication for minimal sedation via the enteral route that does not exceed the MRD for unmonitored home use.

b. A dentist may administer a single medication for minimal sedation via the enteral route that does not exceed the MRD for monitored use on the day of treatment.

c. A dentist may only administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia for minimal sedation of ASA III or IV patients or pediatric patients provided the concentration does not exceed 50 percent and is not used in combination with any other drug.

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