



FAQ about sedation:

How will the sedation make me feel?

You will feel much more relaxed and comfortable. You may feel light headed after the sedation has been administered.

It abolishes fear and anxiety – you will feel detached from the proceedings. The gag reflex will be diminished and your sense of time altered – an hour in the dental chair will seem like minutes.

Will I be asleep?

No, You will not be asleep for the procedure, but the amnesic effect of the sedation alters memory and you may feel like you have been asleep during the appointment.

Will I feel any pain during the treatment?

You are unlikely to feel pain during the treatment. The anaesthetist will give a combination of sedative and pain relief, the dentist will administer local anaesthetic which will numb the area requiring treatment.

Do I have to pay for my treatment?

Yes, the treatment charges do apply, if you normally pay for your dental treatment.

If you are on the following benefits, treatment charges do not apply:

- Under the age of 18
- 18 years of age and in full time education
- Pregnant
- Had a baby within the last 12 months
- Currently in prison or a young offenders institution
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit guarantee credit
- HC2 certificate
- NHS tax exemption certificate
- HC3 certificate (capped charge applies)

If you do not receive the above benefits then NHS charges will apply as follows:

- Band 1 - £18.80 (assessment only)
- Band 2 - £51.30 (assessment and treatment)
- Band 3- £222.50 (dentures, crowns, bridge)

Can I eat and drink before my appointment?

Fasting instructions are downloadable on our website as different instructions are applicable for inhalation / IV sedation. These can also be found in the leaflet given to you at the time of assessment.

Do I need to bring someone with me?

At your assessment appointment you do not need an escort but we do require parental consent for children at this visit.

At your treatment appointment you will require a suitable escort to stay with you for the rest of that day. Please make sure that you have alternative child care in place. Your escort may not bring children to the appointment. The escort will be responsible for your transport home by car or taxi (public transport is not permitted).

Can my escort stay in the room with me?

Your escort may stay in the room during the assessment process.

At your treatment appointment we will require your escort to take a seat in the nearby waiting area after the sedative has been administered.

How will I feel after treatment?

You may feel drowsy after your treatment. We advise that you take the rest of the day off work or school and remain supervised indoors. Driving is also not recommended.

Will I have to stay in hospital?

No, on average you will be here for 1-2 hours.