

Department: Dental

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Policy Title Anesthesia Services

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Policy Statement:

The Ne Ia Shing Dental staff will provide Anesthesia services for the comfort of patients during dental treatment. Anesthesia Services are performed only by health care professionals who have been credentialed and granted clinical privileges by the organization in accordance. Adequate direct supervision of anesthesia services are provided by one of more qualified dentists approved and have privileges for supervision granted by the governing body.

Purpose:

To provide patient relief of anxiety, discomfort, and pain during dental treatment.

Procedure:

- **Anesthesia is defined as:**

1. **Local or topical anesthesia** is the application of local anesthetic agents, in appropriate doses adjusted for weight.
2. **Minimal sedation (anxiolysis)** is a drug-induced state during which patients respond normally to verbal commands. Although cognitive function and coordination may be impaired, ventilator and cardiovascular functions are unaffected. Inhaled nitrous oxide in low concentrations that would not reasonable be expected to result in loss of the patient's life-preserving protective reflexes would be considered minimal sedation.
3. **Moderate sedation/analgesia (conscious sedation)** is a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patents respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.
4. **Regional anesthesia** is the application of anesthetic medication around the nerve r nerves in a major region of the body, which supply the area that is targeted for the abolition of painful neural impulses. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

- Licensed Dentists, Licensed Dental Hygienists and Licensed Dental Assistants that are CPR Certified and qualified in administration of topical anesthetic, have the privilege to administer topical anesthetic and qualified in the administration of Nitrous Oxide, have the privilege to administer Nitrous Oxide. Dental Health Care Professionals are directly supervised by a dentist who has been privileged for such supervision.
- Licensed Dentists and Licensed Dental Hygienists that are CPR Certified and qualified in administration of local anesthetic, have the privilege to administer local anesthetic. Dental Health Care Professionals are directly supervised by a dentist who has been privileged for such supervision.
- Licensed Dentists who have current ACLS Certification and are credentialed by the Credentialing or Executive Committee of the Clinic, and who has undergone didactic training in conscious sedation and demonstrated clinical competence safe administration of conscious sedation to ten patients observed by a physician or dentist have privilege of administering conscious sedation.