



Thinking About Retaining the Services of a New Dentist or Physician to Administer Sedation and/or Anaesthesia in Your Dental Practice?

Here Are Some Things You Need to Know

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When a member applies, a facility permit is issued by the College after a review of the training and qualifications of those administering sedation and/or anaesthesia services, as well as a satisfactory on-site review to ensure that:

- all necessary equipment and monitors are in place and are maintained properly;
- all emergency drugs are available and current;
- all other requirements and conditions set out in the College's Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and/or General Anaesthesia in Dental Practice are being met.

If you are thinking of retaining the services of a new physician or dentist to administer sedation and/or anaesthesia in your dental practice, please note:

It is your responsibility to inform the College of this change prior to booking any sedation/anaesthesia cases with this new dentist or physician. You need to ensure that this new person is, in fact, on file with the College as approved to administer sedation and/or general anaesthesia in a dental practice.

In addition, if this new physician or dentist brings his or her own sedation equipment, emergency drugs, etc., to your dental facility, please note:

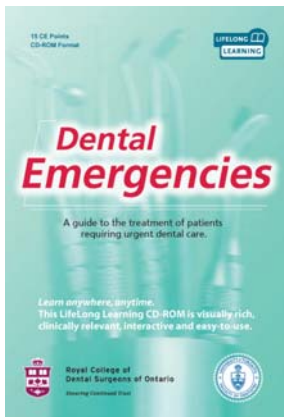
It is also your responsibility to ensure that the sedation armamentarium has been inspected by the College and is in full compliance with the College's Guidelines.

Once you have informed the College of any changes about who is administering sedation and/or general anaesthesia in your dental practice, the College will confirm, in writing, that the individual that you are planning to engage is qualified to do so. The College will then also issue a new facility permit reflecting this change.

If this new physician or dentist will be using a sedation/anaesthesia modality that is different from the one currently being administered, you also need to inform the College about this change.



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➤ General Information about the Anaesthesia and Sedation Facility Permit Process

- The RCDSO Regulation and RCDSO Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anaesthesia in Dental Practice represent the standard of practice in relation to inducing general anaesthesia, deep sedation or conscious sedation with respect to dental services in Ontario.
- Since the contravention of the Regulation and Guidelines may be considered as professional misconduct, dentists employing any modality of drug-induced sedation or general anaesthesia must be familiar with their content, be appropriately trained and regulate their practices accordingly.

- The Guidelines require that all dental facilities that provide parenteral conscious sedation, deep sedation or general anaesthesia must be registered with the College and obtain a facility permit. Permits are not required for offices that use nitrous oxide and oxygen conscious sedation and/or oral administration of sedative agents.
- These permits are granted subject to a review of the qualifications and training of the person administering the sedation/ anaesthesia and conformance with all aspects of the Guidelines and subject to a satisfactory on-site inspection and evaluation by RCDSO. These modalities cannot be administered unless and until a facility permit has been issued
- The permits are also subject to annual renewal and a periodic re-inspection of the facility.