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ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF A SINGLE SEDATIVE DRUG (Page 11 and 12)

6. A dose of an oral sedative used to induce minimal ~~or moderate~~ sedation should be administered to the patient in the dental office, taking into account the time required for drug absorption. Patients must be monitored by an appropriately trained dentist, or an appropriately trained registered nurse, registered respiratory therapist, licensed practical nurse, or a registered dental professional where vital sign monitoring is within their scope of practice under the supervision of a dentist, by direct and continuous clinical observation of the level of consciousness and assessment of vital signs which may include heart rate, blood pressure, and respiration. Patients may be discharged to the care of a responsible adult when they are oriented, i.e., to time, place and person relative to the pre-anesthetic condition, ambulatory, with stable vital signs, and showing signs of increasing alertness. The patient must be instructed to not drive a vehicle, operate hazardous machinery, or consume alcohol for a minimum of 18 hours, or longer if drowsiness, or dizziness persists