Oral sedation treatment ideal for cosmetic dentistry

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What if you could prep a full mouth for crowns and veneers with the assurance that those in your care would have little to no postoperative discomfort? What if you could complete entire treatment plans for your patients in as little as two to three appointments? It’s possible with oral sedation dentistry.

Oral sedation is an ideal treatment option for patients undergoing extensive cosmetic dental procedures. While it is typically advocated for those with high fear and anxiety, it can be tremendously beneficial for people who require longer cosmetic and restorative dentistry appointments.

One of the least recognized yet appealing benefits of oral sedation is that it allows more dentistry to be performed in a single visit. Dentists can work faster and more efficiently on patients who are relaxed and comfortable. Gag reflexes lessen, tense muscles ease, and hours feel like mere minutes for the patient. And for those who are anxious, it makes their experience that much easier.

Treatments like full mouth restorations often require multiple prep visits. With proper scheduling and oral sedation dentistry, the procedures can usually be finished in as little as three appointments: one to prep and provisionalize the first arch, one to insert the first arch and prep the second arch, and finally, one for completing the plan and inserting the second arch. It is important to keep in mind that the amount of time required depends on an individual practitioner’s advanced training and experience.

Oral sedation allows dentists to provide the most relaxed and comfortable dental treatments possible. An added benefit of sedation is little to no postoperative discomfort for the patient, regardless of the procedure. This may be a result of the analgesic and amnesic properties of the sedative medications.

With fewer appointments to attend and quicker results, patients are more likely to complete their treatment plans.

It’s often said that happy patients make for happy dentists, and it’s true. Satisfied patients are the gateway to more referrals.

The use of oral sedation dentists can enjoy the rewards of their hard work through the happy and fully restored smiles of the people they care for.

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