## **Oral Sedation Instructions**

- -This medication works better on a mostly empty stomach. Do not take medication with food or right after eating.
- -Take the prescribed medication with a glass of water
- -If your/the patient's appointment is in the morning, you/the patient may have a light breakfast, for example: toast, decaf coffee, or fruit. If your/the patient's appointment is later in the day, you/the patient may eat breakfast, but eat a very light lunch. Do not have anything high in protein or fat such as meat, eggs, cream cheese, etc...
- -Avoid caffeine, sugar, and nicotine for a minimum of 3 hours before appointment as they are stimulants that can decrease the effects of the sedation meds.
- -Avoid eating or drinking grapefruit products while taking this medication.
- -Do not drink alcoholic beverages when taking or under the effects of this medication
- -A responsible adult **MUST** accompany you/the patient to the office, remain in the office during the procedure, and drive you/the patient home.
- -Someone **MUST** stay with you/the patient and monitor you/the patient for a minimum of 6 hours after your procedure. While these medications are safe, there are possible risk factors while the medication is in your/the patient's system.
- -Because the effect of this medication continues for an indeterminate period after treatment and effects everyone differently, driving or operating heavy equipment is prohibited for a period of 12 hours after the administration of this medication.
- -After your appointment, you will be groggy. Plan to rest and take it easy for the rest of the day, following the precautions listed above.
- So that you do not have to deal with money or payments while under the influence of sedation medication, all payments for procedures must be paid in full before the day of the procedure, unless arrangements have been made otherwise.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 219-879-8563