

POLICY REGARDING ORAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION

Preamble: The purpose of this policy is to clarify the position of the Ohio State Dental Board regarding the use of Halcion and Triazolam and the use of these drugs in oral conscious sedation for those dentists who do not hold a sedation permit in the state of Ohio.

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It is the Board's position that Halcion and Triazolam may only be prescribed in SINGLE DOSE ONLY for those dentists who do not hold an anesthesia/sedation permit. These drugs may not be utilized for oral titration. The outcomes are unpredictable and may be dangerous, therefore, to do so would first require an anesthesia/ sedation permit to be issued by the Board to those licensees who so qualify pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4715-5-05 through 4715-5-07.

Further, it is the Board's position that use of the phrase "sleep dentistry" in advertising of services to the public constitutes a violation of the rules regarding appropriate advertising, specifically Ohio Administrative Code 4715-13-04. Therefore, utilization of this phrase must cease, and failure to do so could result in formal disciplinary action being brought by the Board.

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