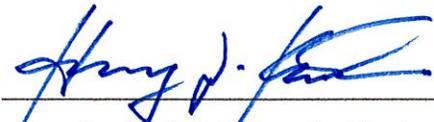


<p>POLICY NUMBER A-501</p>	<p>POLICY TITLE: Policy Regarding Oral Conscious Sedation</p>
	<p>RELATES TO: USE OF HALCION AND TRIAZOLAM IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION FOR LICENSED DENTISTS WHO DO NOT HOLD CONSCIOUS SEDATION PERMITS</p>
<p>EFFECTIVE DATE: December 6, 2017</p> <p>NEXT REVIEW DATE: December, 2022</p>	<p><u>LICENSED DENTISTS</u></p>


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I. Purpose

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) is committed to ensuring the safe practice of dentistry to the public. The purpose of this policy is to clarify the Board's position regarding the safe use of Halcion and Triazolam in the administration of oral conscious sedation for licensed dentists who do not hold conscious sedation permits.

Legal Authority

O.R.C. 4715.09 Unlicensed Practice Prohibited
 O.A.C. 4715.13 Fees for Licenses or Permist.

Education and Training
 O.A.C. 4715-5-05(8) Use of General Anesthesia and Deep Sedation
 O.A.C. 4715-5-07(8) Use of Conscious Sedation

American Dental Association House of Delegates, October 2007; Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students

Minimum Practice Requirement
O.R.C. 4715.10 Application for License.

II. Applicability

The policy applies to the practice of dentistry in regards to oral conscious sedation.

III. Definitions

Conscious Sedation O.A.C. 4715-3-01(8)(6) which defines conscious sedation as a minimally depressed level of consciousness that retains the patient's ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond appropriately to physical stimulation or verbal command, and that is produced by a pharmacologic or non-phannacologic method, or a combination thereof.

In accord with this particular definition, the drugs and/or techniques used should carry a margin of safety wide enough to render unintended loss of consciousness unlikely. Further, patients whose only response is reflex withdrawal from repeated painful stimuli would not be considered to be in a state of conscious sedation.

Licensed Dentist O.A.C. 4715-3-01(C)(1) which states: a graduate of an accredited or a foreign dental school who has successfully passed all examinations, completed all application requirements for licensure in Ohio as set forth in section 4715.10 of the Revised Code and the agency rules of this board, and holds a current license to practice dentistry in Ohio which is not suspended or revoked by board action.

Oral Titration [Enteral/Oral Conscious Sedation] O.A.C. 4715-3-01(8)(4) defines Oral Titration [Enteral/Oral Conscious Sedation] as the use of a single drug administered orally or sublingually at one time on a given treatment day, or combination of drugs administered concomitantly orally or sublingually at one time on a given treatment day, in order to provide sedation or anxiolysis for dentistry. If the dosage is determined to be inadequate and an increased dosage is required to sufficiently provide sedation or anxiolysis, the practitioner must reschedule the patient for a subsequent appointment on a different day. All enteral/oral sedatives shall be administered at the same time and only once during any given treatment day unless the administering dentist is permitted to provide intravenous conscious sedation or general anesthesia.

IV. Procedure

The purpose of this policy is to address the issue of 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.

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.

V. Attachments

None

VI. Monitoring

The supervisory staff overseeing the daily practices of the procedures contained within this policy shall utilize quality tools and instruments to ensure compliance.

An interdisciplinary team comprised of the Director, Deputy Director, and Policy Committee of the Board, shall meet as needed throughout the year to review policies and procedures and integrate collaborative services. Assigned designees may represent each of these respective disciplines. All policies must be documented as an official review in the policy database on an annual basis.

Each year, the policy design team shall review the quality assurance data and results derived from audit reports, quality tools and instruments, legal or investigatory measures, and interdisciplinary team meeting summaries and/or actions, and incorporate the findings and other improvement recommendations as revisions to the current policies and procedures or develop new policies when necessary.

VI. Training

This revised policy requires staff education or training prior to policy implementation.

VII. References

- O.A.C. 4715-5-05 Use of General Anesthesia and Deep Sedation
- O.A.C. 4715-5-07 Use of Conscious Sedation.
- Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentist- October, 2007, American Dental Association House of Delegates