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## Oral Moderate Sedation – General Information

### NEW REQUIREMENT

At its May 14, 2009 meeting, Council gave final approval to the revised Guidelines on the Use of Sedation and General Anaesthesia in Dental Practice, which include a new requirement for the use of oral moderate sedation.

Effective June 1, 2009, all dentists who wish to treat patients using the oral administration of multiple sedative drugs, with or without nitrous oxide and oxygen, must now register with the College and obtain a Facility Permit. In addition, all dentists who intend to achieve moderate sedation using any modality of conscious sedation, including the oral administration of a single sedative drug, with or without nitrous oxide oxygen, must adhere to the Guidelines for moderate sedation. This includes the professional responsibilities of registering with the College and obtaining a Facility Permit.

The granting of a Facility Permit is subject to training and conformance with all aspects of the Guidelines, as well as satisfactory on-site inspections and evaluation by the College.

The Guidelines describe the training required to administer oral moderate sedation. The Guidelines also contain a provision whereby dentists whose prior training is not as described, but who have been practising this modality for some time and can demonstrate that they have successfully completed an appropriate course in airway management, may submit their qualifications and experience in writing to the College for consideration.

### IMPORTANT TIMELINES

All dentists currently administering oral moderate sedation must now register with the College and apply for a Facility Permit no later than December 31, 2009.

### REGISTRATION FORM

The Registration Form for the administration of Oral Moderate Sedation can be found on the College's website at [www.rcdso.org](http://www.rcdso.org). Please complete this form and submit it to the College no later than December 31, 2009.

You are required to apply for a Facility Permit if your dental facility does not currently have one.

### **FACILITY PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**

If your facility does not currently have a Facility Permit, please also complete the Facility Permit Application Form and submit it to the College along with your Registration Form. Upon receipt, one of the College's Field Inspectors will contact you to arrange for an inspection. It will be helpful if you are prepared for the inspection by ensuring that your facility is properly equipped with the requisite sedation equipment and emergency drugs, as outlined on pages 11 and 12 of the Guidelines. You may also refer to the Oral Moderate Sedation Checklist of Sedation Equipment and Emergency Drugs, which is available on the College's website.

### **FACILITY INSPECTION**

Following the inspection of your facility, the inspector will forward a report to the College for review and a Facility Permit will be issued. As all Facility Permits expire on March 31st of every year regardless of the initial date of issuance, your Facility Permit will remain valid until March 31, 2010.

### **FACILITY PERMIT ANNUAL RENEWAL**

In early January of 2010, you will be billed for the renewal of your Facility Permit. The due date for annual renewal is March 31, 2010. Upon receipt of your completed Annual Renewal Form and fee, a new Facility Permit will be issued for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

It is anticipated that all facilities will be re-inspected on a three-year staggered cycle and billed annually for the Facility Permit renewal.