

POLICY FOR INTIATION OF AN INTRAVENOUS LINE

Preamble: The purpose of this policy is to set forth the Board's position on the issue of initiating an intravenous line in a dental office.

Certified registered nurse anesthetists, registered nurses, or licensed practical nurses (with dental board approved IV training) can assist the dentist who holds a general anesthesia or intravenous conscious sedation permit and initiate an intravenous line for general anesthesia, intravenous conscious sedation or other therapeutic purposes, as long as the supervising dentist is present. Physician anesthesiologists can also perform this function for a licensed dentist.

No one but a physician anesthesiologist, or a dentist who holds a general anesthesia or intravenous conscious sedation permit, or a certified registered nurse anesthetist under the dentist's direct supervision, can **administer** drugs intravenously in the dental office.

The Administrative Code rules allow a dentist with either a general anesthesia or an intravenous conscious sedation permit to supervise a certified registered nurse anesthetist while administering general anesthesia or intravenous conscious sedation for which the dentist holds a permit issued by the Ohio State Dental Board (see Ohio Administrative Rules 4715-5-05(F) and 4715-5-07(I)).

Initiating an intravenous line is distinct and separate from administration of drugs used for general anesthesia or sedation purposes. Therefore, the qualified person assisting the dentist can initiate an intravenous line under the dentist's direct supervision, but not administer drugs. Only a dentist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or physician anesthesiologist can administer intravenous drugs in the dental office.

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