## AFTER SEDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENT AND DRIVER



- 1. Patient cannot drive for 24 hours after taking sedation medication.
- 2. Do not operate any hazardous devices or do any heavy lifting for 24 hours.
- **3.** A responsible person should be with the patient until he/she has fully recovered from the effects of the sedation.
- 4. Patient should not go up and down stairs unattended. Let the patient stay on the ground floor until recovered.
- 5. Having nutrition after sedation is important. The patient should begin eating appropriate food as soon as possible. Do not delay.

Additional restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

- 6. Patient needs to drink plenty of fluids as soon as possible and stay hydrated.
- **7.** Patient may seem alert when he/she leaves. This may be misleading so do not leave the patient alone.
- 8. Always hold patient's arm when walking.
- **9.** Call us if you have any questions or difficulties. If you feel that your symptoms warrant a physician and you are unable to reach us, go to the closest emergency room immediately.
- **10.** Patient should not carry, sleep next to or be left alone with the young children for a period of no less than 24 hours after the last dosage of medication.
- **11.** No sedatives or stimulants should be taken for 24 hours after the appointment (including alcohol, caffeine or nicotine)
- **12.** <u>DRIVE DIRECTLY HOME & CALL THE OFFICE WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT HOME AND THE PATIENT IS</u> <u>COMFORTABLE & SAFE</u>.