

**THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
POSITION STATEMENT and LEGISLATIVE POLICY
REGARDING MINIMAL, MODERATE AND DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA
USED DURING DENTAL TREATMENT OF CHILDREN**

ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

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The Mission of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry (CSPD) is to serve its membership and the public by advocating optimal oral health of infants, children and adolescents.

CSPD through its Patient Services Committee¹ is making a position statement and legislative policy regarding minimal, moderate, and deep sedation/general anesthesia used during dental treatment of children. It is this position statement and legislative policy that will guide CSPD in its position on legislation regarding the practice of minimal, moderate, and deep sedation/general anesthesia used during dental treatment of children.

Our members put children first in everything they do, and at the highest standards of ethics and patient safety. As such, CSPD is THE leading advocate in the State of California dedicated exclusively to children's oral health. CSPD is the embodiment of our members' expertise as the authorities and experts on pediatric oral health.

CSPD supports and endorses the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Policy on Patient Safety Revision 2018.²

CSPD supports and endorses the AAPD Best Practices on Monitoring and Management of Pediatric Dental Patients, Before, During and After Sedation for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures: Update 2016.³

CSPD adheres to the definitions of minimal, moderate and deep sedation/general anesthesia as set forth by the 2017-2018 AAPD Reference Manual.³

CSPD supports the personnel requirements for each level of sedation for children that are outlined in the AAPD⁴ and ADA⁵ endorsed AAPD Best Practices on Monitoring and Management of Pediatric Dental Patients, Before, During and After Sedation for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures: Update 2016³ and The 2018-2019 AAPD Best Practices on Use of Anesthesia Providers in the Administration of Office-based Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia to the Pediatric Dental Patient.⁶

In minimal sedation, "children who have received minimal sedation generally will not require more than observation and intermittent assessment of their level of sedation."³

In moderate sedation, personnel requirements include:

1. A skilled dental provider who could rescue the child when airway compromise occurs and who is PALS certified or trained in advanced airway management.³
2. An observer who will monitor the patient but who may also assist with interruptible tasks who should be trained in advanced airway management.³

In deep/general anesthesia, personnel requirements include:

1. At least 3 individuals should be present:
 - a. operating dentist⁶
 - b. support personnel⁶
 - c. an independently practicing and currently licensed anesthesia provider.⁶

REFERENCES

1. The Patient Services Committee is a standing committee of CSPD. The duty of this committee to promote and make recommendations to improve patient safety in the dental office and to advise recognized professional, lay and governmental organizations of the Clinical Guidelines and Oral Health Policies of this organization and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) as they relate to all phases of dentistry for infants, children, and adolescents including those with special health care needs.
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