

18 VAC 60-20-110. Requirements to administer general anesthesia.

A. Educational requirements. A dentist may employ or use general anesthesia on an outpatient basis by meeting one of the following educational criteria and by posting the educational certificate, in plain view of the patient, which verifies completion of the advanced training as required in subdivision 1 or 2 of this subsection. The foregoing shall not apply nor interfere with requirements for obtaining hospital staff privileges.

1. Has completed a minimum of one calendar year of advanced training in anesthesiology and related academic subjects beyond the undergraduate dental school level in a training program in conformity with published guidelines by the American Dental Association (Guidelines for Teaching the Comprehensive Control of ~~Pain and Anxiety~~ and Pain in Dentistry, effective ~~July 1993~~ October 1999), which are incorporated by reference in this chapter; or
2. Completion of an American Dental Association approved residency in any dental specialty which incorporates into its curriculum the standards of teaching comparable to those set forth in published guidelines by the American Dental Association (Guidelines for Teaching the Comprehensive Control of ~~Pain and Anxiety~~ and Pain in Dentistry, effective ~~July 1993~~ October 1999), which are incorporated by reference in this chapter.

B. Exemptions. A dentist who has not met the requirements specified in subsection A of this section may treat patients under general anesthesia in his practice if a qualified anesthesiologist, or a dentist who fulfills the requirements specified in subsection A of this section, is present and is responsible for the administration of the anesthetic. If a dentist fulfills requirements himself to use general anesthesia and conscious sedation, he may employ the services of a certified nurse anesthetist.

18 VAC 60-20-120. Conscious sedation; intravenous and intramuscular.

A. Automatic qualification. Dentists qualified to administer general anesthesia may administer conscious sedation.

B. Educational requirements. A dentist may administer conscious sedation upon completion of training for this treatment modality according to guidelines published by the American Dental Association (Guidelines for Teaching the Comprehensive Control of ~~Pain and Anxiety~~ Pain in Dentistry, effective ~~July 1993~~ October 1999) and incorporated by reference in this chapter, while enrolled at an approved dental school or while enrolled in a post-doctoral university or teaching hospital program.

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

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