

BRIEFING NOTE

PURPOSE:	To ensure patient safety in moderate sedation facilities
DATE:	May 24, 2019
PREPARED FOR:	The Board
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TOPIC:	Inspection of Oral Moderate Sedation Facilities

SITUATION:

The Board had approved, in principle, the framework for inspection and accreditation process for non-hospital parenteral moderate sedation facilities.

According to CDSBC Sedation and General Anaesthetic Services Standards and Guidelines, provision of moderate sedation can be achieved by:

1. Multiple Oral Sedatives
2. Parenteral Moderate Sedation Utilizing Benzodiazepine Drugs Only (Level 1)
3. Parenteral Moderate Sedation Utilizing Benzodiazepine Drugs with or without Narcotics (Level 2)

Although moderate sedation can be accomplished with different routes, the level of sedation and depressed consciousness are the same. As such, both oral and parenteral moderate sedation facilities should adhere to the same requirements and inspections.

BACKGROUND:

Requirements for sedation and general anaesthesia are based on sedation levels. The method of administration has little significance.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia inspects and accredits all medical facilities that provide sedation.

ASSESSMENT:

Based on the self-reported responses from the 2019 Annual Renewal - Sedation and General Anaesthesia Questionnaire, the number of oral moderate sedation facilities was lower than what the Committee had anticipated. It appears that it is possible to initiate the inspection of oral and parenteral moderate sedation facilities together.



In-text amendments have been made in the Authorization Process for Non-Hospital Parenteral Moderate Sedation Facility to reflect current updates and requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To authorize the Sedation and General Anaesthetic Services Committee to inspect oral moderate sedation facilities using the same framework and accreditation process as parenteral moderate sedation facilities.

RELEVANT ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Authorization Process for Non-Hospital Parenteral Moderate Sedation Facility

NEXT STEPS:

Initiate first phase of moderate sedation (both oral and parenteral) facility inspections. Initial Self-Assessments will be sent to moderate sedation facilities. Facilities will submit completed self-assessments for authorization review along with Moderate Sedations Self-Assessment fee of \$360.

In-office inspections will commence once all the initial self-assessments have been reviewed and approved. To be efficient and cost-effective, inspections will be conducted geographically.