

If you receive a sedative for your procedure.....

Some patients ask why they must have a responsible adult to take them home after the procedure. All of the reasons have to do with your safety.

- This person may accompany you while you talk with your physician after the procedure. Since you have received medication that may impair your short term memory, this person will be able to help you remember details of the conversation.
- A responsible adult will be able to escort you to your home and make sure that you are safe and able to meet your own immediate needs – going to the bathroom, getting yourself something to drink or food from the refrigerator, and having a telephone right near you to call family members or to call for help.
- You may not take a taxi or other public transportation home unaccompanied by a responsible adult after your procedure. If you are alone, there is the potential for an urgent need for medical attention – nausea, vomiting, bleeding, drug reaction – and you may not be able to tell the driver that you need immediate help.
- If you choose to drive yourself after you have signed the agreement that you will not drive until the day after your procedure, you are putting yourself – and your driver's license – at risk. The medications that are used during the procedure remain in your body for several hours. If you drive erratically and are stopped by the police, you may be charged with reckless endangerment or DUI.