

Kuhn Dental Associates

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Dentist Expands Patient Comfort Through I.V. Sedation Certification

It is estimated that one-third of American adults experience anxiety associated with dental visits. Many are so fearful that they avoid dental visits altogether. This, in turn, relates to the many age 35+ adults who develop a number of oral problems, including periodontal disease, the leading cause of adult tooth loss.

Some dentists realize that adults are not always able to overcome these fears, with many unsure of what sparked the fear in the first place. For this reason, Moore County dentist Dr. D. Ritt Kuhn has completed extensive training to be Certified to provide I.V. Sedation. The 132-hour course was held over a period of November 4 – December 4 at the Oral Surgery Department of the Medical College of Georgia (Augusta). Training included I.V. sedation of nearly 40 patients, in addition to a two-day Advanced Cardiac Life Support Class.

This advanced training broadens Dr. Kuhn's skills to offer a variety of comfort options to patients. While sometimes referred to as 'twilight sleep,' I.V. Sedation allows patients to be totally relaxed before, during and after treatment with little or no memory of the procedure. Dr. Kuhn and the other doctors at Kuhn Dental Associates also offer Oral Sedation in pill form to give a high level of relaxation, which often has an amnesiac effect on patients.



“When adults realize they can complete dental care without dealing with an overwhelming fear, they are able to have necessary treatment, many for the first time in years. This allows them to achieve a healthy, confident smile with many treatments completed in just one visit. As a dentist, to be able to provide this for those in this fearful category is something I am proud to offer,” states Dr. Kuhn. He goes on to explain that I.V. Sedation is not always needed for fearful dental patients. *“We often find that Oral Sedation is sufficient in allowing patients to relax in a tranquil state to complete care comfortably. This requires no needles and the recovery is quick.”*

“Since childhood, the mere thoughts of going to the dentist would cause me to break out in a sweat. When I learned Dr. Ritt Kuhn could put me to sleep for my dental care, I was thrilled. He’s such a nice dentist to begin with and was so gentle. Before I knew it, he was asking me to open my eyes and I realized he was through! I felt like I’d had a relaxing nap and remembered nothing! Plus, the work that was done was gorgeous! My smile is healthy for the first time in years and I’m not ashamed to show it! Quite frankly, I’m not sure I’ll need IV Sedation the next time I go because of the wonderful care they’ve given me. But it’s nice to know it’s there if I need it.”

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