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SEDATION OF CHILDREN IN RADIOLOGY

Pictures in Radiology, like any other pictures, are clear only if the child holds very still. Since a child may have trouble holding still, he/she may be given a sleeping medicine. This medicine is called **sedation**.

The sedation medications we use are **Chloral Hydrate**, **Benadryl** (instead of, or with the **Chloral Hydrate**,) or **Versed**. These medicines are safe and usually very effective.

As with any medication there are risks. The risks are:

1. **Allergy to the medicine(s)**

- Tell the nurse about your child’s allergies or reactions to medicines.

2. **Adverse reaction or paradoxical reaction**

- Instead of getting sleepy, some children get more active, grouchy or hard to manage for a short time. If this happens we may need to schedule the test for another day under general anesthesia.

3. **Aspiration**

- This could be a problem for children with reflux or a full stomach. While your child is asleep, he/she could vomit and breathe the vomitus into their lungs. To reduce the risk of aspiration we ask you not to feed your child and to limit liquids prior to your arrival.

4. **Airway obstruction**

- This is not a problem if your child has a normal breathing pattern and a normal airway. If your child has problems with his breathing or airway, the nurse and doctor may discuss with you a different plan of sedation using general anesthesia.

Your child may sleep for a while following sedation. Once the child is responsive he/she will be discharged.

I understand the above information _____

Reviewed by _____

Patient or family member’s signature

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS PLEASE CALL:

(434) 924-9400 (Hospital Operator) and ask for: Radiology Resident On-Call or Radiology Nurse

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