

DENTISTRY REDEFINED



BIG MAC

Ask anybody and they will tell you that people most often avoid going to the dentist because of fear of pain. In response, dentists have become masters of local anesthesia and generally achieve high levels of success in keeping their patients physically comfortable during treatment... but some of patients need more than just "Novocaine."

MAC stands for *Monitored Anesthesia Care* and at The Center For Advanced Dentistry it also represents a higher level of pain and anxiety control for our patients. During monitored anesthesia care, sedative and anesthetic medications are used, usually intravenously, to obtain greater degrees of relaxation and pain control, than can be achieved with pills or nitrous oxide (a.k.a. laughing gas, sweet air) alone. Patients are continually monitored to measure blood pressure, heart rate, rhythm and blood oxygen saturation automatically during the procedure. Oxygen is usually administered, sometimes in combination with nitrous oxide as well. The intravenous medications are safe and effective and usually cause some amnesia of the dental procedure. MAC is also useful for patients with medical conditions that may worsen if stress occurs.

Dentists who employ MAC in their offices must be trained to handle any medical emergency that may arise and must be certified in advanced cardiac life support procedures.

Since implementing MAC into our practice more than six years ago, we have helped hundreds of clients obtain the desperately needed dental care they have avoided because of fear and anxiety.

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