



To Whom It May Concern:

In light of some recent incidents with adverse outcomes of patients who underwent general anesthesia or deep sedation anesthesia, I thought a medication monitoring regimen, including toxicology screening, would prove beneficial to my patients and my practice.

My practice, Lake Charles Oral and Facial Surgery, began Medication Monitoring testing in June 2015.

In that time, Medication Monitoring has uncovered several potentially harmful drug-to-drug interactions. Without this testing, our office would not have been aware and could have put the patient, and my office, in a perilous position.

The most recent example was a patient who failed to disclose the fact that he abused cocaine. This patient was scheduled for a deep sedation anesthetic. The procedure was postponed until repeat testing showed no evidence of cocaine or any other recreational drug abuse. The procedure/anesthetic was performed and the patient tolerated the procedure well and had an uneventful recovery.

By utilizing this extensive 88 panel test, I've been able to get an accurate pre-op picture of what is actually in my patients' systems.

I will not perform any surgical procedures involving administering anesthesia without Medication Monitoring reports to ensure the safety of both the patient and my practice.

Sincerely,

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