

Nitrous Oxide (Laughing gas) and Pubescent Young Women

Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) may be a part of treatment during dental procedures. Young women who have gone through puberty and are sexually active have a risk of pregnancy. Although the gas is kept low, there is a small risk to the developing baby.

Since we have no way of knowing if a young woman is in early pregnancy, we will discreetly have her sign a document stating she is not pregnant. If the patient declares herself to be pregnant or the possibility exists, nitrous oxide will not be used. This document is confidential. The document will only be given to young women 14 years of age or older. It reads as follows:

Pregnancy Disclosure

(This statement of disclosure is given confidentially to all female patients 14 years of age and older.)

Exposure to nitrous oxide may be harmful to a developing baby. It is important for our office to know if you are or may be pregnant to determine whether or not we should use nitrous oxide.

This statement is confidential between the patient and the dental professionals.

I, _____, have read and understand the above statement and declare that there is not a possibility that I may be pregnant.

Signature

Date