

Changing role of sedation providers

Non-anaesthetists, with postgraduate training in sedation, are becoming more involved as leaders in the field of conscious sedation. In this evolution of sedation practice nobody can do this alone. In the world today we have 3 types of sedation providers:

- Consultant anaesthetists, probably the minority, and usually more involved in in-hospital administration of sedation
- Professional sedation practitioners who are usually full-time providers of sedation services. The majority of this group usually has a postgraduate qualification e.g. certificate or diploma in sedation
- Individual sedation operators e.g. endoscopists, radiologists, paediatricians, dentists who usually operate as operator sedation practitioners that administer their own sedations while carrying out the procedure