Procedural sedation

- Location is Resus or equivalent area
- Sedation is NOT a substitute for analgesia

What patients are suitable?

Adults who

- Are appropriately fasted
- Able to give informed consent
- Have pathology correctable without operative intervention

What are the absolute contraindications?

Vomiting
Impaired consciousness
Non consenting
Allergy to sedative

What equipment is needed prior to this?

Signed consent form
Running IV line
Nasal prongs O₂
Nasal ETCO₂ if using anaesthetics
Comprehensive non invasive monitoring *Analgesia*

Who should be there during this?

Senior doctor

Senior Nurse

- Start a checklist (shown below)
- Vitals every 5 mins during procedure
- Vitals + consciousness score every 15 mins post procedure

Where does the patient go after this?

Home if pathology corrected and ambulant / able to drink OT if non-corrected

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ED Procedural Sedation Checklist

Date:	Patient label here

Instructions for reader::

- All stages need to be checked. Only Consultants and above allowed to skip steps.
- Read aloud each step until someone responds with "DONE" or "YES" or similar.
- <u>Do not tick</u> if response is positive but you have <u>NOT seen it happen</u>.

Prep	Procedure	Post	
Informed consent	Right patient?	Vital signs on 5 min cycle	
Allergies checked	X-ray is from today?	Repeat x-ray needed?	
Difficult airway assessment	Correct side / limb?	Sedation score	
Running IV line	Analgesia	30° head up	
2L O ₂ via nasal prongs		Family updated?	
Vital signs on 5 min cycle			
ETCO ₂ waveform			
Crash cart nearby			
Appropriate drugs drawn up			

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Checklist read by: Senior doctor involved:						
Problems or difficulty of any	sort:					

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