Definitions

Local Anesthesia

- Local anesthesia is the introduction of a local anesthetic agent into a localized part of the body by topical application or local infiltration in close proximity to a nerve, which produces a transient and reversible loss of sensation. All local anesthetics possess both excitatory (seizure) and depressant (loss of consciousness) central nervous system effects in sufficient blood levels and may have profound cardiovascular depressant effects. There may also be interactive effects between local anesthetic agents and sedative medications.

- Unsupplemented local anesthesia means use of local anesthesia without supplementing with sedatives or analgesic medications by any route, and/or without supplementing with nitrous oxide in any concentration.

- Supplemented local anesthesia means the use of local anesthesia supplemented with any sedatives, analgesics or any concentration of Nitrous Oxide.

Nitrous Oxide

- Use of Nitrous Oxide with a concentration of < 50% nitrous oxide in oxygen with no other sedatives or analgesic medications by any route is minimal sedation.

- Use of Nitrous Oxide with a concentration of > 50% nitrous oxide in oxygen either with local anesthesia or in combination with sedative or analgesic medications by any route is moderate sedation and may produce deep sedation.

Liposuction

The table below summarizes the circumstances under which the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) would define liposuction as meeting the definition of Office Based Surgery (OBS) according to Interpretation of PHL 230-d.

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• Liposuction with removal of over 500cc regardless of level of sedation meets the definition of OBS, requiring OBS accreditation.

• Liposuction with removal of less than 500cc with unsupplemented local anesthesia does not meet the definition of OBS, does not require OBS accreditation.

• Liposuction with removal of less than 500cc with supplemented local, which includes supplementation by minimal sedation, meets the definition of OBS, requiring OBS accreditation.

• Local anesthesia with the use of Nitrous Oxide with a concentration of < 50% nitrous oxide in oxygen with no other sedatives or analgesic medications by any route is local anesthesia with minimal sedation and therefore would be supplemented local anesthesia requiring OBS accreditation if used for any liposuction procedure.

Sources:


