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Effect of pre-procedural sedation on patient satisfaction and outcomes in interventional radiology

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Patient satisfaction, with regards to the procedural experiences in Interventional Radiology, can be defined in a number of ways. Among the metrics used in hospital settings are the subjective pain level and patient satisfaction scores. Hospitals across the nation utilize this data in decision-making platforms affecting clinical practice, employee raises, advertising and funding. Research demonstrates that higher satisfaction scores correlate directly to the patient receiving some form of anxiolytic medication prior to arrival to the patient room. Personal experience has shown that most patients who receive midazolam or valium before entering the procedure room have little to no memory of the experience after initial dosing. Patients report that procedural amnesia was one of the best remedies to experiences that were painful and/or uncomfortable. With the presence of an anxiolytic before departure, ample time for therapeutic effect can occur. Anxiety levels will thus decrease, ensuring a smooth intra-procedural experience. This allows for health trust building between physician and patient, enhancing future cooperation and compliance between the patient and their medical team.

Biography

Sameer Rehman is an Interventional Radiology Physician at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. He is interested in improving healthcare delivery by developing an efficient healthcare model via research and innovation. Dr Rehman has contributed extensively to the research literature in disciplines of Radiology, Surgery, Health Economics and Policy. He also serves on multiple health policy and legislative committees in the country. His clinical interest lies in Interventional Radiology/ Oncology and improving healthcare patient-related outcomes.

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