

August 22, 2005

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Re: ASAP Campaign (Anesthesiologists for the Safe Administration of Propofol)

Dear Dr. Daley,

On August 16th, our organization began an advocacy campaign designed to raise awareness around a recently filed FDA petition. The petition was filed by the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and is related to the administration of propofol (Diprivan) during endoscopic procedures. The petition is asking that the FDA remove the warning label specifications requiring individuals to be trained in the administration of general anesthesia.

Because of the possible risks to patient safety and quality of care, we launched a website (www.safepropofol.com) and mailing campaign to over 5,000 anesthesiologists, urging them to contact the FDA to express their opinions on the issue. As a result, we've received some inquiries from oral surgeons and thought I'd clarify that this campaign is purely designed to raise awareness on the risks associated with propofol administration by individuals who have not undergone formalized training in anesthesia. Oral Maxofacial surgeons do complete a formal training program during their residency and have been safely anesthetizing patients for years.

I am actually aware of some of the outcome studies that your organization has done in regard to anesthesia and am quite impressed with your specialty's commitment to patient safety.

Should you require any additional information on our efforts or wish to become involved, we would graciously welcome the opportunity.

Regards,

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