

**THE USE OF « NUBAIN » AS A PREMEDICATION BEFORE  
LOCAL ANALGESIA IN MINOR ORAL SURGERY**

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Many patients are fearful of dental procedures, even if they were performed under local analgesia. This usually is due to apprehension, anxiety or previous unpleasant experience<sup>1</sup>.

As general anaesthesia is not always welcomed, and in order to help apprehensive patients accept oral surgical procedures, many intravenous sedatives and/or narcotic analgesics have been used pre-operatively. The most common complications of these premedicaments, which limit their use before local analgesics, are : their high addiction potential, cardiovascular, respiratory and psychomimetic side effects ; and the presence of a long period of post-operative sedation accompanied with nausea and vomiting<sup>1,2,3</sup>.