

## Motivational interviewing for dental clinicians

Motivational interviewing (MI) is a patient-centred, directive, therapeutic approach that supports patients' readiness to change by exploring their ambivalence about doing so. This increases the patients' motivation and helps them to commit to the process of change. In relation to dentistry, MI has been effectively used to: promote oral health behaviour; facilitate smoking cessation; and, alter health behaviours.

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## Midazolam and drug–drug interactions in dental conscious sedation

Careful prescribing is paramount in clinical practice. Potential drug–drug interactions need to be considered. Midazolam is the drug of choice for the purpose of IV sedation. To ensure safe clinical practice, the patient’s current medications need to be recorded.

**Clinical relevance:** An update on the drug interactions relating to midazolam are worthy of scrutiny as its use becomes more commonplace in clinical practice.

**Objective:** The dentist should understand the possible implications for drug interactions when sedating patients using midazolam.

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# Intracranial abscess secondary to dental infection

We report a case of *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* (*A. actinomycetemcomitans*) bacteraemia and secondary brain abscess in a patient where periodontal disease was implicated as the probable source.

## Keywords

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