**PRACTICE HEADER**

**DATE**

**RE – Request to prescribe sedation**

**PATIENT DETAILS**

Dear Colleague

You recently asked that I prescribe a medicine to help alleviate anxiety for a patient undergoing a procedure/investigation that you have requested.

I have not prescribed this medicine.

It is best practice for the clinician who has requested that procedure/investigation to prescribe for the patient if they think that it is indicated. This is because the requestor should be best placed to assess the safety implications of being sedated during the procedure/investigation.

Further, this request has resulted in extra work and inefficiency that could have been avoided.

Yours Sincerely

Dr **INSERT YOUR NAME HERE**