



Post-Extraction and Oral Surgery Care Instructions

EATING

- Wait until numbness has completely subsided before eating.
- Avoid chewing on the extraction site.
- Refrain from eating hot or spicy foods the first 3 days.
- Take care to prevent food particles from entering the extraction site.
- If sutures (stitches) are present, avoid biting or chewing in that area to prevent disrupting the stitches.

DRINKING

- Do not use a straw; suction can cause bleeding.
- Avoid vigorously swishing liquids in your mouth, which may dislodge the clot and cause bleeding.
- Refrain from hot beverages; cold liquids can help reduce or prevent bleeding.

SMOKING

- Avoid smoking for at least 24-48 hours after surgery, as it can interfere with healing.

SPITTING

- Do not spit for the first 24 hours, as it may cause bleeding.
- Instead, let saliva and blood passively drain from your mouth into a sink.

BLEEDING

- Light bleeding is normal for the first 24-36 hours.
- If bleeding persists beyond this or you notice a large blood clot (bulging like a small mound) at the extraction site, contact our office immediately.

PAIN MANAGEMENT

- Mild to moderate pain is normal and can be managed with medications prescribed by your dentist.
- Only take medications as directed by your dentist or medical doctor.

ORAL HYGIENE

- Do not brush or floss the surgical site, but clean the adjacent teeth and the rest of your mouth as usual to prevent infection.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- Avoid heavy activities, such as lifting, jogging, or exercising, for the first few days.

STITCHES

- Your dentist should remove stitches within 5-7 days.
- Avoid pulling your lip or cheek to examine the area, as this may displace the sutures.

MEDICATIONS

- Complete the full course of any prescribed medications, especially antibiotics, to ensure effectiveness.
- Consult your dentist before stopping or adjusting any medications.

ALLERGIES AND SENSITIVITIES

- If you experience unusual symptoms such as itching, redness, swelling, pain, or nausea after taking medication, contact our office or your medical doctor immediately, as these could indicate an allergic reaction.

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