

Post Op Instructions for Non-Surgical Extractions

- 1. No smoking or alcoholic beverages for one week.
- 2. Do not rinse mouth today. Tomorrow rinse gently every 3-4 hours (especially after meals) using one quarter teaspoon of salt to a glass of warm water. Continue rinses for several days.
- 3. Bleeding. Following extractions some bleeding is to be expected. If persistent bleeding occurs, place gauze pads over bleeding area and bite down firmly for one-half hour. Repeat if necessary.
- 4. Swelling. Ice bag or chopped ice wrapped in a towel should be applied to operated area one-half hour on and one –half-hour off for 4-5 hours. After 24 hours do not use ice, use warm moist heat.
- 5. Pain. For mild to average pain use any over-the-counter medication you like or medication that the Doctor prescribes for you.
- 6. Food. Light diet is advisable during the first 24 hours.
- 7. Bony Edges. Small sharp bone fragments may work up through the gums during healing. These are not roots; if annoying, return to this office for their simple removal.
- 8. If any unusual symptoms occur, call the office at once.
- 9. The proper care following oral surgical procedures will hasten recovery and prevent complications.