

IMPLANT MEDICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Take as directed all the medications given to you or prescribed for you. They have been given to you for very important reasons. *The only type of medicine that you do not have to take all of is the pain medicine.* Some medications state to take with food, we ask that you take these medications following surgery, not prior to. A very small amount of water is fine. Have your prescriptions filled before surgery and take the medications as directed. **Bring the bottles with you to your surgical appointment.**

Antibiotics (Pen V K, Amoxicillin, E-mycin, Keflex, Cleocin)

You will be prescribed an antibiotic to help prevent infection. To be most effective, please take the medication as prescribed. You will start taking the antibiotic two hours after surgery, and will proceed with the prescribed regiment later that day. It is important to take all of the antibiotic to completion. **Failure to take this medication as directed will increase your risk of infection.** If you develop a fever, drainage, and/or increased swelling after the surgery, please contact our office. If an allergy occurs (hives, itching, rash), discontinue the medication and contact our office.

Anti-Inflammatory (Decadron)

You may be prescribed an anti-inflammatory medication to help minimize swelling after surgery. Unless you are told otherwise, for the .75 mg tablets you should take this medication for three (3) days (twelve (12) tablets after surgery, six (6) tablets the following morning, and two (2) tablets the next morning). Should your pharmacy substitute 1.5 mg tablets, you should take 6 tablets after surgery, 3 tablets the following morning, and 1 tablet the next morning.

Pain Medications (Tylenol #3, Vicodin, Advil, Nuprin, Motrin, Tylenol)

Please take the prescribed medication (Tylenol #3, Vicodin) every 4-6 hours the day of and the day after surgery, even if you have no pain. It is easier to keep you pain free than to get out of pain once it occurs. If you still have the pain 45 minutes after taking one tablet, take an additional tablet. Do not drive or operate machinery if you are taking the prescribed pain medication. If you develop a rash or have difficulty in breathing, call our office. If you are having only minimal discomfort, you may switch to over the counter pain relievers (Tylenol, Advil, Nuprin, Motrin). **Avoid aspirin, as it may slow healing.**

Peridex Mouth Rinse

Please start using the mouth rinse the day after surgery. You will use the rinse twice a day, in the morning and at bedtime.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.
A DOCTOR IS ON CALL TO HELP YOU AT ANY TIME.**

THE AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY

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