

Dental Implant

POST-OPERATIVE CARE


After leaving the office today, we suggest that you relax and limit your activity. You may resume normal activities, including work or school, tomorrow. Heavy lifting and extreme exercise should be avoided for a few days.

Take all medications as prescribed by your surgeon, and finish any antibiotic completely. If you should develop any reactions to the medications, discontinue use and contact our office immediately. Slight swelling and elevated body temperature are normal after oral surgery. If symptoms persist or become worrisome please contact your office.

Good oral hygiene practices are as essential after oral surgery as at any other time. After 24 hours you can resume tooth brushing. It may also help to gently rinse your mouth every so often with mild salt water (1/4 teaspoon of salt in a glass of water). **DO NOT use mouth wash or hydrogen peroxide rinses for 14 days.**

No smoking. Smoking of any kind after oral surgery interferes with the normal healing process and can increase your chances of developing an infection, failure of the implant and or bone grafts. Smokers have a higher risk of implant failure.

One of the doctors can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling **either our office number during regular office hours or our after-hours line when our facility is closed.** If you feel this is an emergency please go to your nearest hospital emergency room or call 911. Please note if you need medication or medication refills you will need to call during our regular office hours. Prescriptions will not be phoned in to your pharmacy after hours.

 For emergencies or questions after office hours, please call
314-566-9590