



Instructions following Implant Surgery

1. You may experience swelling. This can be minimized by immediately applying ice packs to your face, 10 minutes on and 10 minutes off, until bedtime or approximately 6 hours on the day of surgery only.
2. You may experience pain. Take the pain medication as prescribed. Start taking the medication BEFORE the anesthesia wears off. **DO NOT** operate automobiles or any machinery while taking the medication.

YOU MAY EXPERIENCE SOME, ALL OR NONE OF THE ABOVE. IN ANY EVENT, THERE ARE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS WHICH, IF FOLLOWED, WILL MAKE YOU MORE COMFORTABLE.

1. **DO NOT SMOKE OR DRINK ALCOHOL** for at least 24 hours following the surgery, as this may increase the chance for serious bleeding.
2. Do not eat on the side of the implant for two weeks.
3. If an antibiotic has been prescribed, take as directed until all medication has been taken. Take this medication before meals. Discontinue only if you react unfavorably.
4. Brush your teeth normally but **DO NOT BRUSH THE IMPLANT FOR TWO WEEKS.**
5. If you wear a partial or complete denture, please leave it out for two weeks. You definitely cannot eat with it for two weeks.

You have had a surgical procedure; any discomfort can be considerably minimized if you remember to:

Apply ice as soon as possible
Take medication as prescribed
Eat an adequate diet

Feel free to call us at any time for advice or help. It is our desire to have you as comfortable as possible during the healing period.

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