



NEVINS DENTAL CENTER

Implant & Esthetic Dentistry

Post Operative Instructions - Periodontal Surgery

- Periodontal Dressing- If a dressing is applied to the surgical area. - avoid hot foods and beverages for approximately one hour until the dressing hardens. Small particles of the dressing may chip off. If a dressing is loose or if you have pain because of the dressing breaking away, please call the office.
- **Do not rinse, swish, or drink from a straw for the first 24 hours after surgery.**
- At the surgical site, brush the tops of the teeth with a soft toothbrush. Brush and floss the other areas of your mouth.
- If you would like to rinse 24 hours after surgery, you may rinse with **OraCare**. OraCare is Activated Chlorine Dioxide and there is no burning, no staining, and it is sulfate free. This is a professional strength rinse and is Available at Nevins Dental Center (it is only sold through dental offices).
- Nourishment is important for the healing process. Eat foods that are easy to chew, and supplements such as protein shakes. You may chew on the opposite side of your mouth from your surgical site, avoid foods that require heavy pressure for chewing.
- Avoid excessive exertion of any type including cardiovascular exercise for 24 hours after the surgery.
- In some cases, you may experience edema or swelling. Swelling is often delayed until 24 to 48 hours after surgery. You can expect that 48 hours after the surgery your swelling will peak and then begin to dissipate. Any swelling may be kept to a minimum by holding an icepack on the outside of your face, adjacent to the treatment area, for the first four to six hours after your surgical visit – 20 minutes on, 20 minutes off. Ice should not be used after the first 24 hours as it may extend the duration of swelling.
- Occasional bloodstains in the saliva may be expected. Your saliva may look light pink in color, this is normal for the first 24 hours after the surgery. If some bleeding continues, take a piece of gauze or a tea bag (damp with cold water) and cover the area then apply pressure for approximately 10 minutes. If bleeding does not stop, please contact Dr. Nevins.
- Please take your prescribed antibiotic until it is finished.
- Alcohol should be avoided until the regimen of antibiotics is completed and your body receives adequate rest and nutrition.
- If you are currently taking oral contraceptive medication, please beware that any antibiotics taken can interfere with the birth control for one full cycle.

If you have questions, please call the office at: 617-720-0285

In case of emergency after hours please call Dr. Nevins' cell phone: (617) 901-0647