

Adult Pre Treatment Guidelines *for patients scheduled for periodontal or dental implant treatment.*

The following guidelines are intended to facilitate the treatment process. Please follow these guidelines closely and call our office if you need additional help.

Medications:

1. Advise our office of any changes in medical and medication history.
2. **If not scheduled for an IV sedation, start all prescribed medications** 1 hour before your scheduled dental appointment at our office.
3. **If you are scheduled for an IV Sedation, do not start any prescribed medication** prior to the appointment.
4. If you take a daily aspirin, or any anti-coagulative medications, these must be stopped 5 days prior to the appointment.

Prior to arrival:

5. **Clothing:** Wear a short-sleeve shirt to enable us to monitor your blood pressure as needed.
6. **Make-up:** Do not apply any makeup, including facial or eye makeup, as this will contaminate the surgical site and result in potential infections.
7. **Hair:** If you wear your hair long, please tie it into a ponytail in order to avoid contamination of the sterile working area.
8. **Shaving:** Men shave to skin - NO stubble. Stubble may contaminate the surgical field and result in potential infections.
9. **Smoking:** If you are a smoker, try to cut back on the amount of smoking (if possible). This would include taking a lesser number of puffs on each cigarette.
10. **Music:** We will be providing you with a wide range of musical choices and a headset during your procedure.
11. **Cell phones:** Please turn off your cell phones when you enter our office. ***PLEASE!!!***
12. **Driver and Companionship:** You **CANNOT** drive a motor vehicle either to and from the office if taking an oral sedative (Halcion). You must have a driver who is known to you and not a public transportation service (e.g. Taxi/Lyft/Uber). It is necessary to have someone with you for the next 12 hours after your surgical procedure.
13. **Appliances:** Bring all appliances (e.g. bite guard, sleep appliance, orthodontic retainer, etc.) to every visit, especially treatment visits.

Following your procedure:

14. **Bruising/swelling:** Anticipate bruising and swelling. This is normal and routine following oral surgery. It will be controlled both by your medications, as well as ice packs on the outside of your face following treatment, and sucking on ice cubes, all at the same time.
15. Consume one or two natural, non-flavored yogurts with a live culture every day while completing antibiotic therapy. Examples include: Chobani or Activia.

Miscellaneous:

16. **Rescheduling:** This time has been specifically reserved for you. We need a minimum of 48 working hours notification, if you cannot make the appointment. A fee, for the full amount of the procedure, is charged for broken appointments, or appointments cancelled without adequate notification.

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Read daily for the next 5 days

Adult Post treatment guidelines

- DO NOT deviate from prescription guidelines. Please take all your prescribed medications.
- If prescribed, Motrin/Ibuprofen 600mg is a prescription item because it is time released. 3 x200mg OTC Motrin/Ibuprofen/Advil/NSAIDs are **NOT** equivalent to 1 x600mg time released Motrin/Ibuprofen - The prescription version **IS ESSENTIAL**.
- DO NOT Explore or rub the surgical area with your tongue and/or fingers.
- DO NOT pull the lip or cheeks back to view the procedure which was done. This will cause the stitches to detach...please don't do it!
- DO NOT be concerned if the surgical area appears gray, red, swollen or abnormal - surgical areas will only start to take on an anatomical shape 4-6 weeks after the procedure.
- Some patients are anxious and worry prematurely about surgical success. Virtually all procedures are highly successful and predictable but do not resemble normal tissue, as indicated above.
- CALL Dr. Richman if additional medications are needed or if you have any questions or concerns, DO NOT TEXT. Please call.
- Swelling and bruising are NOT a problem. Please do not be alarmed if this should happen.
- ABSTAIN from exercise that may raise your blood pressure for at least four full days, starting the day of the surgery.
- READ THESE GUIDELINES DAILY!!

Immediately on arriving home:

1. Start all your medications as soon as you get home.
2. **Finish ALL medications – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. The guidelines on each medication container override any verbal or written instructions from our office.
4. Always take all medications with a full glass of room temperature water or any liquid.
5. Always have some food just prior to taking the medications.
6. Apply a cold compress over the surgical site and start all prescribed medications.

Arnica Montana

- Some patients describe value to the use of **topical** Arnica Montana. Dr. Richman has no positive or negative thoughts regarding topical use. However, do not use oral Arnica Montana tablets as these may interfere with the conventional medications you are taking.

Pharmacies with Extended Hours Include:

- CVS - Alpharetta Hwy, 770-754-0141 - 800am - 1200am
- CVS - North Cobb Pkwy, 770-420-1092 - 24 Hours
- CVS - West Pike St., 770-339-1801 - 24 Hours

Precautions: Observing the surgical area

- Please **DO NOT pull your lips or cheek** back to look at the treated area.
- This will pull the gum flap away from the teeth and result in a surgical failure.
- Do not allow your tongue to play with the edges of the gum or the sutures.
- If provided, wear the palatal shield 23.5 hours per day until suture removal appointment

Brushing, Flossing, Rinsing and Eating

- Do not brush directly on the treated gum tissue, until the stitches are removed. This may include areas covered with a dressing, if we placed a dressing.
- Do not use a water pick or electric toothbrush until suture removal 2-3 weeks hence.
- Do not floss or use a toothpick in the treated areas for one week.
- The rest of the mouth must be brushed and flossed thoroughly.
- Do not eat or drink anything hot until you get the feeling back in your lips and tongue.
- Do **NOT** use straws for the next 7 days.
- Drink orange juice for the Vitamin C content, and be sure to eat a normal well balanced diet.

Swelling, bleeding and bruising

- These are **normal** post surgical features and **will** occur. Please do not be concerned, even if the swelling and bruising is extensive.
- All swelling should begin to subside in 5 – 7 days.

- Place icepacks over the surgical site for 30 – 40 minutes, 4 times a day, for 4 days. Also, suck on ice cubes adjacent to the surgical area, at the same time as applying the icepacks.
- However, if the swelling and bruising is worsening substantially, please contact Dr. Richman.
- Expect some **bleeding or oozing** during the first 12 hours.
- Certain surgical procedures have a **dressing** over the area. If you have a dressing, it might be lost within the first 12 hours. This is normal.

Pain and discomfort.

- Expect some **pain and discomfort** during the first week. In most instances the medication prescribed should be adequate.
- **ALL** medications must be taken consistently and finished, even if you don't think you need it.
- The only exception is a narcotic (NORCO) if prescribed. This is taken only as needed and replaces Tylenol.
- Any pain medication requiring a prescription, such as Lorcet , Norco or Tylenol III will make you sleepy. Do not drive a motor car or operate machinery. This does not apply to Motrin/Ibuprofen.
- Certain medications especially antibiotics (e.g. Penicillin, Tetracycline, Doxycycline and others) are **birth control inhibitors**. Please take appropriate precautions if you are on birth control medication.
- Patients taking **Doxycycline (Tetracycline)** should not be exposed to the sun or tanning lamps.
- If you experience severe **nausea, diarrhea, vomiting or dehydration**, contact Dr. Richman

Essix Retainer, if provided.

- An Essix retainer is for cosmetic/esthetic purposes only. It is okay to keep it out of your mouth as needed..

Palatal Shield, if provided

- Keep the shield in your mouth 23.5 hours per day for 2-3 weeks, until we see you next.
- Remove it for eating and brushing/flossing and immediately place back into your mouth.

Pillows

- We suggest you sleep with your head elevated on a 2nd pillow.
- This tends to reduce the blood pressure to the mouth which should keep you more comfortable.