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PEDIATRIC ORAL SURGERY

POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bleeding will be controlled prior to your child's dismissal from the office. Some additional "oozing" from the extraction site should be expected, however, for several hours. If and unusual amount occurs, place a tight pad of cotton gauze firmly over the extraction area and instruct your child to bite down or hold in place with pressure for 10 minutes. Repeat if necessary.
2. Do not rinse for at least 4 hours.
3. Keep fingers and tongue away from the socket or surgical area.
4. A soft diet may be best for 24 hours, but allow your child to resume a normal diet as he/she would like. Most children tolerate foods again quickly.
5. Continued bleeding, swelling, or pain should be reported immediately to this office.

Caution - Please

Your child has received a local anesthetic, possibly for the first time. In addition to blocking sensation from the teeth, the anesthetic "numbs" the lips, cheeks, and tongue in the area of treatment. This may be a puzzling or curious sensation for a youngster, but care must be taken that your child does **not** bite, suck, or chew his lips or tongue as a laceration (rawness) of the tissues could occur. While this is not serious, it is most uncomfortable. Therefore, please watch your child closely for approximately one hour and avoid eating until the anesthetic has worn off.