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HEALING AFTER SINUS LIFT SURGERY

Do NOT eat anything until the anesthesia wears off, as you might bite your lips, cheek or tongue and can cause damage. You will probably have some discomfort when the anesthesia wears off: take your non-aspirin pain medications(s) as directed, whether it is prescribed or over the counter.

- **Nose bleeds may occur after surgery. These will stop in a few days.**
- **Please do NOT blow your nose. You can use tissue to wipe your nose.**
- **Please try NOT to sneeze. If you need to sneeze, do NOT squeeze your nose and keep your mouth open!**
- **For sinus decongestants, you may use an over the counter medicine and follow the instruction on the box.**

Medications:

Please take **Ibuprofen or Advil 600 mg** (equal to 3 tabs of over the counter Ibuprofen or Advil) every 4-6 hours for the next 3-5 days.

- Please take it as instructed, whether the area hurts or does not hurt.
- Do NOT exceed 2400 mg (12 tabs) in a 24 hour period.

Please take **Extra Strength Tylenol 1000 mg** (equal to 2 tabs of over the counter Extra strength Tylenol) every 4-6 hours for the next 3-5 days.

- Please take it as instructed, whether the area hurts or does not hurt.
- Do NOT exceed 4000 mg (8 tabs) in a 24 hour period.
- **If and when you are taking Vicodin/Tylenol #3/Darvocet, please only take 1 tab of Extra Strength Tylenol.**

You may have been given a prescription for a stronger pain reliever. This may be filled at any pharmacy if the over the counter pain medication does not relieve your discomfort. If

Vicodin/Tylenol#3/Darvocet is too strong, you can cut the pill in half. Please do NOT drive or operate heavy machinery while you are taking Vicodin/Tylenol #3/Darvocet.

An antibiotic may have been prescribed to prevent or minimize infection. Please take the antibiotics as instructed until all tablets/pills are finished.

Discomfort:

Slight swelling of the operated area is not unusual. Even bruising and chapped lips may occur.

A reusable ice bag or a frozen vegetable bag, wrapped in a soft towel, may be applied to the area of surgery to help minimize the swelling of your face. **Alternating 20 minutes on and 20 minutes off** will usually be adequate during the first 24-48 hours after surgery.

Keeping you head elevated above you heart will also help. On to two days after surgery, moist heat will help resolve minor swelling. Major swelling should be reported to the doctor at once.

You may experience some tooth sensitivity after surgery, especially to cold. Sensitivity usually decreases within several seeks after surgery and can be minimized by keeping the area as free of plaque as possible. If the sensitivity is extreme, contact our office for further recommendations or medications to relieve discomfort at (773) 955-5000.

Bleeding:

Minor bleeding, such as a pinkish tinge to your saliva, may occur during the first 48 hours following surgery. Avoid extremely hot foods for the rest of the day and do NOT rinse out your mouth, as these will often prolong the bleeding. If bleeding continues, apply light pressure to the area with a moistened gauze or moistened tea bag. Keep in place for 20-30 minutes without looking to see if bleeding has stopped. **(NO PEEKING)!** If further bleeding occurs or increases, please call our office as soon as possible to notify the doctor and receive further instructions. Avoid any strenuous physical activity for the next 2-3 days to prevent or minimize severe bleeding.

Eating/Diet:

Please follow a soft food diet, taking care to avoid the surgical area(s) when chewing. Chew on the opposite side and do NOT bite into food if the procedure was done in the front of the mouth. Avoid sticky, hard (such as ice cubes, nuts, popcorn, chips, brittle, spicy, highly seasoned, or acidic) foods in your diet. Foods such as soups, pasta, scrambled eggs, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese etc. are best. Be sure to maintain adequate nutrition and drink plenty of fluids.

Avoid alcohol (even beer and wine) and smoking until after your post-operative appointment. Smoking is not advised during the 7-14 days following the surgery.

Homecare:

Maintain normal oral hygiene measures in the areas of your mouth not affected by the surgery. In areas where there is dressing, lightly brush only the biting surfaces of the teeth. After you have eaten or you have snaked, please use lukewarm salt water rinse 4-6 times a day: 30 seconds of swooshing with each use. **Vigorous rinsing should be avoided! Starting tomorrow:**

- Please use Periogard, Peridex, or Chlorhexidine mouth rinse 2 times a day (morning and night); 30 seconds of swooshing with each use.

If you are instructed to wear a clear stent or an upper denture that covers up the roof of the mouth, do NOT remove it for 24 hours NO MATTER WHAT! It may pool with blood, but leave it in there and just swoosh with Chlorhexidine rinse or lukewarm salt water.

- After 24 hours you are to wear it as much as you please, especially while you eat for you comfort.
- Please do not play with the surgery area with your fingers or tongue.
- Do not pull down the lip or cheek to look at the area and do not have someone else look at the area. Just leave it alone.
- Do not use a drinking straw, as the suction may dislodge the blood clot.
- Avoid extremely hot foods or liquids. Cold foods such as ice cream and shakes are OK as long as you use a spoon.

Please try and relax and practice the best oral hygiene possible and your healing should progress well. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at (773) 955- 5000.