



Wound Care Instructions for First 6 Weeks

Do these things to heal and keep mouth fresh

1. Ice on top of cheeks as much as possible for first 48 hours. 10 minutes on, then 10 minutes off & repeat as much as possible.
2. Brush the tongue gently.
3. Brush any teeth that did not have surgery on them.
4. May very slowly & gently brush the lingual (inside near tongue) of the teeth that had surgery on them.
5. May very slowly & gently brush the occlusal (chewing surface) of the teeth that had surgery on them.
6. May use provided rinse to “drool rinse” Turn head back and forth and let rinse come out. No gargling, no swooshing & no spitting of rinse.
7. Eat a healthy diet using softer, easily chewable foods. May blend any healthy foods for a smoothie.
8. Lower sugar intake to maximize healing.
9. Use an extra soft toothbrush for 6 months after surgery.
10. Return to this office for all post-operative /polishing visits.

Do not do these things during the first 6 weeks after surgery

1. Don't do anything that you think will disturb the surgical sites. Be your own best wound caretaker. Be as gentle as possible for 6 weeks.
2. No brushing, flossing or waterpik of the surgical sites.
3. No touching the surgical sites with fingers, tongue or any other object like cotton swabs. picks etc.
4. Do not look at the surgical sites. keep cheek movements to minimum.
5. Do not sleep with hands under the cheek.
6. No spitting, use of straws, blowing balloons, snorkeling or use of wind instruments.
7. No smoking, no sucking candies or mints (Consult doctor for medical use marijuana).
8. No heavy aerobics, vigorous dancing, heavy lifting or physical activity for 1 week.
9. No scalding hot liquids or alcohol for 1 week after surgery.
10. No crunchy or sticky foods.