

Tooth Extraction Post Operative Instructions

While your child's mouth is numb, you'll want to make sure he or she does not bite their cheek, lip, or tongue. The numbness should subside within a few hours.

Bleeding

The dentist will place gauze on the extraction site to limit bleeding while clotting takes place. This should be left in place for 20 minutes. If bleeding continues, dampen new gauze and apply moderate pressure for 30 minutes.

Blood Clot

A blood clot forms in the tooth socket. This is an important part of the normal healing process. Often, instead of sutures, the doctor will place a clotting agent (gel foam) in the extraction site. Roughly 16-24 hours later this will dissolve on its own. However, if the gel foam dislodges there is no need to be concerned.

Here's How To Protect It:

- **Do not rinse or spit vigorously**
- **Do not drink from a straw for 24 hours**
- **Do not clean teeth next to healing socket for the rest of the day**
- **Brush and floss other teeth**
- **Rinse gently**
- **Try to keep little fingers from extraction site**

Medication

You may give child Ibuprofen if he/she complains of discomfort. Dosage according to age.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF BLEEDING OR PAIN PERSIST FOR 24 HOURS

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