

Wound Care Instructions - First 6 Weeks

DO these things to heal and keep mouth fresh

1. Gently ice on top of the cheeks as much as possible for first 48 hours – 10 minutes on, then 10 minutes off and 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 and gently brush the lingual (inside next to tongue) of the teeth that had surgery on them.
5. May use provided rinse to “drool rinse” turn head to side and let rinse come out. No gargling, no swooshing and no spitting.
6. Eat a healthy diet using softer, easily chewable foods. May blend any healthy foods for a smoothie.
7. Lower sugar intake to maximize healing.
8. Use an extra soft toothbrush for 6 months after surgery.
9. 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 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. Do not brush the biting surface of the teeth that had surgery.
4. No touching the surgical sites with fingers, tongue, or any other objects like cotton swabs, toothpicks, or other tools.
5. Do not look at the surgical sites. Keep cheek movements to a minimum.
6. Do not sleep with hands under cheek.
7. No spitting, use of straws, blowing balloons, snorkeling or use of wind instruments.
8. No smoking, no sucking candies or mints (consult doctor for medical marijuana).
9. No heavy aerobics, vigorous dancing, heavy lifting or physical activity for 1 week.
10. No scalding hot liquids or alcohol for 1 week after surgery.
11. No crunchy or sticky foods.