



POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Your child has received medications in order to successfully and comfortably complete the necessary dental treatment. You can expect:

Your child may be confused for a time after he or she awakens. Stay close to comfort, cuddle and reassure as necessary.

Your child may complain of a sore throat. 4-8 ounces of non-caffeinated fluids or popsicles should be given every hour until bedtime.

Your child may have some mouth discomfort. If she/he has no known allergies to Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen products, the following medications may be administered: Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) or acetaminophen (Tylenol). Ibuprofen may be given every 6 hours beginning at _____. Acetaminophen may be given every 4 hours beginning at _____. **MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS EATEN FOOD BEFORE STARTING PAIN MEDICATIONS** and continues to eat food with each dose of medication.

Your child may run a fever for the first twenty-four hours following surgery. If fever at any time goes above 101 degrees F or persists longer than twenty-four hours, please contact the office at 540-432-1300 during regular business hours. After regular business hours please contact our after hours answering service at 434-227-4526.

Your child will need plenty of rest for the remainder of the day. Make sure you keep a close watch on your child and do not allow any playing, shopping, daycare, school or vigorous physical activity for the remainder of the day.

Your child may benefit from a soft diet for the next day. Offer foods such as soup, yogurt, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, oatmeal, scrambled eggs, etc. Your child will tell you what they feel like eating.

Your child may resist brushing his/her teeth this evening. Oral hygiene should resume immediately and should be performed by an adult.

If extractions were performed, a straw, sippy cup or bottle should not be used for the first twenty-four hours. Pacifier use should also be discouraged.

IF YOU HAVE ANY EMERGENCY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AFTER HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR AFTER HOURS ANSWERING SERVICE AT 434-227-4526.

During regular business hours, questions can be answered by calling 540-432-1300.