

POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PATIENT AFTER AUGMENTATION SURGERY

1. MEDICATION

Aside from some discomfort when the anesthesia wears off, you may expect some or no appreciable pain from the operation that was just performed.

If any adverse reaction to medication is noted, discontinue use and call the office as soon as possible

2. SURGICAL STENT (if used)

- ❖ Do not remove the stent for 2 days, including the day of surgery.
- ❖ On the third day, you may remove the stent to clean the stent as well as brushing your teeth
- ❖ Resume wearing the surgical stent until your post-operative visit where you will be further instructed

3. TOOTHBRUSHING AND RINSING

- ❖ In surgical area(s): Avoid gumline for first 3 days, only brushing the teeth (3x per day) with soft toothbrush given at appointment. After the 3rd day, use soft toothbrush given at appointment to brush teeth and along gumline 3x per day
- ❖ Non-Surgical area: Brush, floss, and use Water-Pik as normal
- ❖ Rinse with hydrogen peroxide 2x a day for first 3 days following surgery. After the third day, switch to rinsing with a cap full of IO rinse 2x a day until the bottle is empty

4. SWELLING

- ❖ Expect some swelling and bruising three to four days following the procedure
- ❖ With light pressure, apply an ice pack on the face 20 minutes on and 20 minutes off for up to two days following the surgical procedure

5. BLEEDING

- ❖ Expect a small amount of blood in your saliva
- ❖ If heavy bleeding occurs, rinse with hydrogen peroxide for 30 seconds and place a moistened teabag over area applying pressure on either side of the teeth for at least 15 minutes
- ❖ If bleeding continues, please call the office or Dr. Mugford/Dr. Bruce at the numbers listed below if it is after normal office hours

6. EATING

- ❖ Favor soft foods (Soup, yogurt, applesauce, pasta, ground beef, fish, etc. – Anything that can be cut up with the side of a fork) until your follow-up appointment
- ❖ Do not eat hard, chewy, or spicy foods (Nuts, popcorn, chips, etc.)

7. SMOKING

- ❖ Tobacco smoke is an irritant to healing tissue and you should refrain from smoking

8. ACTIVITY

- ❖ Avoid heavy lifting, aerobic exercising, sudden movements, bending, and strenuous activity for the first 3 days
- ❖ When returning to normal activity, if any pressure, throbbing, or discomfort occurs in the surgical area(s), please refrain from activity

9. REMOVABLE DENTURES

- ❖ Unless otherwise instructed, denture(s) should be worn as little as possible for the first week