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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING MULTIPLE DENTAL EXTRACTIONS

The extraction of teeth may be required for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Decayed or broken teeth which cannot be restored.
- (2) Periodontal disease (pyorrhea) which has caused the teeth to become loose.
- (3) Infection of the teeth or bone which cannot be treated by other methods.
- (4) Poor positioning or crowding of teeth.

In order to make you more comfortable during surgery, we have several techniques, local anaesthesia/I.V. sedation/general anaesthesia. The choice of anaesthesia will be decided during your consultation.

The extraction of teeth is usually uncomplicated; however, if the crown of a tooth is badly broken down, an incision may be required to assist in the complete removal of the root. It may not always be possible to remove the entire root and the tip may be left in place; however, this usually does not cause any problems. On occasion, the extraction of upper teeth results in seepage of blood into the sinuses, which may be right over the roots of these teeth. If this occurs, your surgeon will advise you and prescribe therapy to clear up this condition promptly.

After the extractions, the sockets are cleansed and, if necessary, the ridge is smoothed to assist in the fitting of a denture. Sutures (stitches) may be placed at the extraction sites to control bleeding. You will be told if you must return to have these removed.

After the surgery, you should go directly home and rest quietly for the remainder of the day. You may experience the following effects in the next few days:

- (1) Mild oozing from the gums may occur for the first day.
- (2) Swelling of the gums usually occurs soon after surgery and may persist several days.
- (3) Discomfort is usually mild. You will be given a prescription if necessary.
- (4) Your mouth may feel stiff for a few days. Soft foods and liquids will be easier to eat during this time.
- (5) If dentures were put in place right after surgery you should NOT remove them until your referring dentist has seen you. the dentist will usually wish to see you within 48 hours following surgery. It will be your responsibility to make these arrangements with your dentist.
- (6) There may be a slight swelling or discolouration (bruising) of the lips or face around the mouth. This should subside within a few days.
- (7) Unless told otherwise, you should stay at home and limit your activities for 24 hours. If surgery is extensive, you may require additional recuperation time.
- (8) It may take 6 to 8 weeks for the gums to heal completely. During this time, the ridge will be undergoing changes, therefore, if dentures are to be made after surgery, you will usually have to wait approximately 6 to 8 weeks before final impressions can be made. Occasionally, during this time, small particles of bone may be rejected by the healing ridge. These are usually shed without difficulty but, on occasion, a minor procedure may be required to remove them or to further smooth the ridge.

We are dedicated to providing the finest surgical care in the most comfortable and efficient manner possible. Should you have any questions concerning the procedure, please feel free to contact us.