

## Apicoectomy (Root Canal Surgery):

- 1. Swelling, minor pain and/or skin discoloration may be experienced following the surgical procedure. This will be temporary.
- 2. In order to keep the swelling to a minimum, use an ice pack for the first few hours after surgery (on for 10 minutes and off for 5 minutes).
- The day after the surgery, use lukewarm water rinses for the treated area following each meal. This should continue for the first 3 days following the surgical procedure.
- 4. Eat only soft foods. Avoid hard and chewy foods.
- 5. Get plenty of rest and insure normal intake of food, especially liquids such as fruit juices, soup, and milk. Use a vitamin supplement if desired. Try not to sleep on the operated area for 2-3 days.
- 6. DO NOT raise your lips with your fingers to inspect the treated area.
- 7. DO NOT touch the area with your fingers as you can introduce bacteria that cause post- operative infection to the surgical site.
- 8. DO NOT brush teeth near the surgical site. Brush teeth in the rest of your mouth.
- 9. There is often a temporary loss of feeling in the operated area and the tooth may feel loose.
- 10. Take all medication that was prescribed for you according to instructions.
- 11. Should any difficulties occur, do not hesitate to call our office anytime. In case of serious emergencies call 911.

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