

What to do following an extraction

- 1. Bite down on the gauze which was placed by the dentist. Place fresh gauze or a clean cloth every 20 minutes until the bleeding stops
- 2. Avoid hot liquids, food, alcohol and smoking. Once the bleeding ceases, maintain a soft diet and lukewarm fluids only.
- 3. If bleeding reoccurs, apply pressure with a clean gauze. If bleeding persists, please contact the surgery
- 4. Do not rinse for 24 hours. After this time, rinse three times daily with warm salt water.
- 5. Avoid strenuous exercise.
- 6. Pain relief can be achieved with ibuprofen or paracetamol. Take tablets one hour upon leaving the surgery. Do not wait for numbness to subside. Pregnant/breast feeding women to use paracetamol only.
- 7. If pain persists after a couple of days, please contact the surgery.

PAIN RELIEF is personal and below are suggestions

- Ibuprofen/paracetamol combination 3 hourly while pain persists \mathbf{OR}
- Ibuprofen / Panadiene alternating every 2 hours OR
- Ibuprofen/Panadiene Forte alternating every 2 hours OR

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