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Post-Operative Care for Non-Surgical Procedures

GENERAL

- **Discomfort is normal and should improve within 7-10 days.** Discomfort can be managed successfully with an anti-inflammatory.
- ***A small percentage of patients may experience severe pain and/or swelling. If this occurs, please call our office immediately.***
- While a Root Canaled tooth should be able to perform natural functions, it may never feel the same as a natural tooth.
- Since there is a “healing period” after the root canal procedure, a transitional filling is placed in your tooth. This transitional filling will need to be removed by your general dentist.
- **You will need to return to your general dentist for permanent restoration or crown/bridge.** In some cases, a permanent restoration can be done in our office and you will not need this visit.

MEDS

- Naproxen (Aleve) 220-440mg every 8-12 hours** Naproxen is longer lasting than Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen, but should not be taken if you are allergic to Aspirin.
- Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) 400-800mg every 6 hours** for patients not aspirin sensitive.
- For people unable to take ibuprofen, **Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 500mg every 6 hours** is recommended. Consumption of alcohol is not recommended when taking acetaminophen.
- Discontinue antibiotics if diarrhea, skin rash, headaches, or any allergic reaction develops.
- RX:
 - As needed.....for travels.....start immediately.
 - Z-Pack requires more time to take effect
 - If you were given an antibiotic to start prior to treatment, please continue taking it.
 - If you have any adverse reactions (itchiness, extreme gas, diarrhea, etc.) to any medications, use common sense, discontinue taking it, and contact us.

PROBIOTICS

- Probiotics** are live bacteria and yeasts that are good for your digestive system. If you are given an antibiotic, we recommend taking probiotics. Probiotics are available at most stores.

HOT/COLD PACKS

- Do not use heat, heat is not recommended for use in areas of infections.
- Place ice pack on area 20 minutes out of the hour as needed.

ADDITIONAL VISITS

*Most root canals can be done in a single visit. More complicated cases such as teeth with multiple roots, curved roots, calcification of canals, or infections could require more than one visit. Teeth that are extremely infected may take several visits as the infection will need to be controlled for the root canal to be a success. Your tooth may never feel “normal” even once full healing has been established. Your tooth should be functional, meaning there should be no pain and no temperature sensitivity. *

NEXT VISIT:

Return to our office on:

Please call General Dentist to schedule for restorative.



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