



PARENT'S CORNER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long do I keep the gauze in?

For 20 minutes. Replace with moist gauze while you are actively bleeding. The gauze needs to be placed on the extraction site so that pressure can be applied (not to absorb the blood). **DO NOT** insert gauze between the teeth.

The sooner the better. Don't wait for your local anesthetic to wear off. We want you to be proactive in your pain management.

When do I start medication?

How long will the discomfort last?

You won't feel normal for 2.5 weeks. Your discomfort will escalate within 48 hours and start to decrease over the course of 2.5 weeks.

No, let them rest. You may restart your pain management in the morning. Be aware that your child may feel worse in the morning if their medication has worn off.

Should I wake my child up in the middle of the night to administer medications?

When can I eat or drink?

After your local anesthetic wears off. This is usually about an hour and a half.

For the first 24 hours. Use for 20 minutes on and 20 minutes off.

How long should I use the ice pack?

When will the swelling go away?

After 48 hours it will start to decrease. It will take about one week for it to fully go away. To limit swelling, ice and elevate head for first 48 hours.

No heavy lifting for 48 hours and no playing any wind instrument for five days.

When can I go back to normal activity?