



## Anesthesia Post-operative Instructions

*It is common for the patient to exhibit minor swelling of the face following treatment. If there are some concerning symptoms such as a rash or unexpected swelling, please contact us so that we may address these issues with you. **If the patient is experiencing DIFFICULTY BREATHING, please CALL 911.***

### **DIET**

First Hour (1) – Patient may slowly begin with CLEAR liquids (water, Gatorade, apple juice, etc).

Second Hour (2) – Patient may proceed to soft foods.

Third Hour (3) – If patient is doing well with liquids and softs, may slowly progress to regular diet.

**Avoid** meat, **dairy, and greasy** foods. In addition, the dentist may prescribe certain dietary restrictions.

### **PAIN & DISCOMFORT**

It is not uncommon for the patient to experience pain after his/her dental procedure. The anesthesiologist may have administered IV pain medications, and the dentist may have administered local anesthesia (numbing) to help the patient deal with potential pain. These medications typically wear off after a couple of hours. The following medications may be recommended for post-operative pain control. **If the patient is experiencing persistent pain after taking recommended medications, please contact the DENTIST.**

✓  Tylenol/Acetaminophen (dose per package instructions)  
     Immediately

- OR -

Ibuprofen/Advil/Motrin (dose per package instructions)  
     Immediately       Begin at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

### **NAUSEA & VOMITING**

Occasionally nausea and vomiting may occur following anesthesia. Anti-nausea medication was administered through the patient IV during the procedure. If the patient experiences nausea or vomiting after discharge, restrict diet to clear liquids (see above), until symptoms subside. **If patient is experiencing persistent nausea or vomiting, please contact the ANESTHESIOLOGIST.**

### **EXPECTED ACTIVITY**

Patient may be tired and sleepy for the next several hours, and may take several naps. The patient should NOT drive, bike, swim, sign contracts, or engage in any other activity that requires full physical and mental coordination for the rest of the day. Patient may resume normal activities on the day following his/her surgery.

### **FEVER**

Patient may experience a low-grade fever following anesthesia. Patient should stay indoors, and remain in a cool temperature controlled area.

### **MEDICATIONS**

Please resume medications as prescribed unless otherwise indicated by the Anesthesiologist or Dentist.

### **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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