

EXTRACTION POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Numbness should last for 2-3 hours. If your child has to eat during this time, please watch him/her carefully, as it is very easy to bite the lip, cheek or tongue while being numb. Soft foods such as ice cream or yogurts are preferred. If possible, chew in the area that is not numb.
2. Give your child whatever they normally take for pain before the numbing wears off. This will help with any discomfort at the site of the injection.
3. You will leave here with extra gauze. Please have your child bite on the gauze as this will help with the bleeding and also act as a reminder that your child is numb.
4. Avoid spitting or drinking through a straw for the next 24 hours. Doing this may interfere with the healing process and cause the area to start bleeding again.
5. There may be a little blood on your child's pillow. This is to be expected. As blood mixes with saliva it appears to be more blood than it actually is.
6. If there is facial swelling or any other signs of an infection or complication, please call 770-926-3400 for further instructions.