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SURGERY INFORMATION

You have just had a consultation for endodontic surgery. Upon discussion of risks and alternatives, you elected to have an endodontic surgical procedure. If you have any questions between now and the treatment date, do not hesitate to call or e-mail us. Please read the following information and instructions before your appointment.

Important: Do not take any **aspirin, Advil, Motrin, or Aleve** products for at least five days prior to surgery. These products may thin your blood and interfere with the surgical treatment. **Tylenol** is an acceptable alternative if pain medication is necessary. **Please take your prescribed medications as you normally would unless you have been advised otherwise.**

Plan to take the rest of the day of surgery off. You will need to avoid any heavy lifting, exercise, or excessive talking following surgery. Plan on using an ice pack on and off the surgery area for six hours after leaving the office. Thorough post-treatment instructions will be given orally and in writing.

Eat a healthy meal prior to the surgery. You will not feel like eating after the surgery because you will be numb for several hours. Plan on eating soft foods for the rest of the day; however, do not suck through a straw or smoke. The suction created could loosen a suture and stimulate bleeding.

In preparation for the surgery, women should remove makeup from the face and lips to avoid contamination of the surgical site. Men should trim mustaches to the lip.

Two to seven days after the surgery, you will need to return to the office for removal of sutures and evaluation of healing. Periodic checkups will follow as directed by the doctor.

When possible, a sample of the irritated tissue surrounding the root is sent for examination. The laboratory will bill separately for this procedure. Please be aware that if you have dental insurance the University of Florida - School of Dentistry will be billing the insurance first, billing you for any difference. If you do not have insurance you will be billed directly by the university. Costs vary for this procedure, but the average is \$150-\$250. The results will be sent to this office and your general dentist. We will inform you of the results of the examination upon receipt from the laboratory.

