

## DRS' TRYLOVICH, GIFFORD, MANTOR, IRVING

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### **AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY:**

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## **POST SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**Avoid strenuous activity, exercising, heavy lifting, bending for 5 to 7 days!**

- 1. Sutures:** Your sutures will be removed at your first post op appointment. If they fall out after 4 or 5 days, this is ok! They do not need to be replaced. You will still need to be seen at your post op appointment!
- 2. Bleeding:** Expect oozing and blood tinted saliva up to 24 hours after surgery. Keep your head elevated on pillows especially when lying down. (Elevation can also help with swelling). Your mouth should not fill up with blood or blood clots. **If active bleeding does occur, return to our office!** If it is after office hours, see the information under **'Emergency'**.
- 3. Swelling:** **Use ice pack for the first 24 hours ONLY.** Apply the ice pack 20 minutes on, 10 minutes off. **Don't be alarmed** if you see swelling 2 to 3 days after surgery! **You may apply warm, moist heat at this point, 20 minutes on, 10 minutes off.** The swelling should gradually decrease over the next few days. If you notice the swelling is unchanged or increasing after several days, call us during business hours. If it's after hours, see **'Emergency'**.
- 4. Pain Meds:** Take your pain meds according to your prescription. Eat something first, being careful if you are still numb! If you are taking ibuprofen, you can alternate it with Tylenol or Extra Strength Tylenol 3-4 hours later. DO NOT TAKE MORE THAN THE PRESCRIBED AMOUNT FOR EACH. If your pain is not decreasing with the prescribed pain meds, call our office or see **'Emergency'**. **NOTE: If you were given an opioid for pain, YOU MUST safeguard it from abuse and misuse of others! DO NOT drive nor operate machinery. No refills without the doctor's consent.**

5. **Eating:** Eat soft foods for the first week after surgery; mashed/baked potatoes, pasta, ramen noodles, pancakes, scrambled eggs, vegetable soup, soft cooked vegetables and beans, yogurt, mac and cheese, smoothies (don't use a straw for your smoothie!), etc. Any food you can cut with the side of a fork is acceptable. Stay away from hard, tough, chewy, crunchy, sticky, sharp-edged, spicy foods. Stay hydrated on **non-alcoholic** liquids.
6. **Brushing:** Maintain good oral hygiene. **Do not brush, floss, or waterpik the surgical site!** Carefully brush and floss all other areas thoroughly.
7. **Rinsing:** **DON'T** rinse your mouth, spit, or use a straw for 24 hours! Doing this can dislodge the clot that needs to form to stop active bleeding. **Start the Chlorhexadine rinse 24 hours after your surgery.**  
**Please Note:** This rinse can stain veneers and porcelain crowns. If you have these, we recommend using Listerine with the alcohol ingredient instead.
8. **IV Sedation/Sedative:** For IV and/or pill sedation, expect to feel sleepy the rest of the day. **DO NOT drive for 24 hours, nor operate machinery.**
9. **Emergency:** **Dr. Gifford** 702-686-3605    **Dr. Mantor** 1-801-372-2501  
   **Dr. Irving** 850-381-2660
10. **Appointments:** **PLEASE SHOW UP FOR ALL POST OP APPOINTMENTS!**

This ensures you are healing and to help prevent complications.

**Smokers:** Please remember to **stop or minimize smoking for 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after surgery.** This will help the healing process!

**Additional Notes:**

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