## **Modern Texas Dental Specialties**

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## **TEXAS ENDODONTICS**

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING ENDODONTIC SURGERY

- 1. Do not lift or pull on your lips. This may cause tearing out of the sutures.
- 2. To minimize swelling, use an ice pack on the face over the operated area. The pack should be used- on for 20 minutes off for 10 minutes- and should be continued for the first day only.
- 3. During the first day, eat foods that will be nourishing but will not require vigorous chewing, i.e.: eggs, soups, milk shakes, etc.
- 4. Starting tomorrow, rinse with warm salt water (one teaspoon to 8 oz. of warm water), as often as possible. Continue rinsing for one week.
- 5. You should brush your teeth carefully in the treated area excluding the gums. Do **not** use dental floss or a water irrigation device.
- 6. For pain, ibuprofen is recommended. Follow the instruction of the doctor concerning your medications.
- 7. Return to this office for suture removal as directed.

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- 1. Although severe pain seldom occurs, some discomfort will usually be present. Use the antiinflammatory medication as directed. Please inform us if you are experiencing significant discomfort or have a temperature.
- 2. There will be some swelling and discoloration for three to five days. This is a normal part of the healing process.
- 3. There is often temporary loss of feeling in the surgical site.
- 4. The treated tooth may feel loose for a brief time.

Should you experience discomfort that cannot be controlled with the above medications or prescribed medications, and should swelling develop <u>PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE</u> YOU WERE TREATED AT: Garland 972-496-0164 or Carrollton 214-483-3660.