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INCISION AND DRAINAGE POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

It is important that these instructions are followed to allow uncomplicated and rapid healing.

Day 1

1. **Apply an ice pack** to face over the operated area 20 minutes on and 20 minutes off until bedtime in order to keep the swelling to a minimum. A bag of frozen peas placed in Ziploc bags works well.
2. **Do not raise your lip with your fingers** to inspect the treated area. The operated area should be treated with special care.
3. **Rest** for the entire day. Do not exercise for one to two days.
4. **Stay on a soft diet and avoid hot, spicy, or granular foods** for the first 48 hours.
5. Rinse with Peridex prescription mouth rinse **TWICE** per day for **NO LONGER** than 2 weeks.
7. Refrain from smoking for 12-18 hours.
8. **Elevate your head** on a few pillows while sleeping. This will help keep the swelling to a minimum.
9. Take medications as prescribed.

Day 2-7

1. **Discontinue** the applications of ice to the face.
2. Begin to rinse the treated area with warm salt water 5-8 times daily. Use about ¼ to ½ teaspoon of salt to 8 oz. of warm water. Make sure you soak the area each time for about 5 minutes.
3. **Brushing** your teeth is allowed **except for the area that was treated surgically**. You may also rinse your mouth after brushing and after meals to keep the surgical area clean.
4. Get plenty of **rest** and insure **normal intake of food**, especially liquids such as fruit juices, soups and milk.
5. If a periodontal pack was placed over the surgical area **Do not disturb it**. However, if it becomes loose and uncomfortable, call the office immediately.
6. Take medications as prescribed.

Should any difficulties or questions arise, do not hesitate to call this office at any time day/night or weekends.