



POST-OP INSTRUCTION FOR SCALING & ROOT PLANING

To minimize discomfort and encourage proper healing following your scaling and root planning, follow these instructions:

- A saltwater solution (1/2 tsp salt +8 ounces of warm water) swished in your mouth for 2 to 3 minutes every hour may make your mouth more comfortable.
- Use a soft toothbrush at least 2 times a day. Be gently and clean thoroughly. Slight bleeding may occur while brushing as the tissue begins to heal.
- Avoid strong spicy seasonings and hard crunch for the next few days.
- Smoking should be stopped. Success of the treatment will be substantially reduced by cigarette smoke chemicals in your body.
- As the tissues heal, some temporary sensitivity to cold may occur. Use a desensitizing toothpaste (such as Sensodyne), or fluoride gel (such as Prevident) frequently (at least 4 times a day) for 1 to 2 weeks Also , the cleaner the teeth are kept, the less sensitive they will be.
- Use any other oral hygiene aids that have been recommended (floss, Perio-Aid, rubber tip, Sonicare, Proxabrush, Gel-Kam, Peridex etc.)
- **Pain:** You should begin taking pain medication as soon as you feel the local anesthetic wearing off. The recommended regimen for pain is:

1 Extra Strength Tylenol (500mg) with 2-3 Ibuprofen (400-600mg) every 6-8 hours, as needed.

DO NOT TAKE ANY OF THE MENTIONED MEDICATION IF YOU ARE ALLERGIC OR HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY YOUR DOCTOR NOT TO TAKE IT.

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