

MAXILLARY SINUS INSTRUCTIONS

You are given this information sheet because your surgery today involved entry into the sinus under your cheekbone. This was due to either:

- The roots of your upper back teeth extended into the sinus, and a temporary communication from the sinus into the mouth was created following the extraction in this region, or
- The surgical procedure performed today involved treating a problem within your sinus(es).

When you eat or drink following surgery near the sinus, liquid may pass into the sinus and may be discharged from the nose. This discharge may appear bloody. Do not become alarmed, this is normal.

TO SPEED HEALING AND PREVENT COMPLICATIONS, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS LISTED BELOW:

1. Do not create suction by smoking, sucking on straws, etc.
2. Try to suppress sneezing. To prevent pressure buildup if sneezing occurs, keep the mouth open.
3. Do not forcefully blow your nose to "clear" the sinus or nasal passages.
4. Return for suture removal and post-operative appointments as advised by the doctor.
5. You should purchase and use the following medications.
 - SUDAFED 30 mg tablets:** Take 2 tablets every 6 hours for ____ days.
 - AFRIN or NEO-SYNEPHRINE nasal spray:** Use as per package instructions for **no more than three (3) days.**
 - Antibiotics:** _____. Take as directed on prescription.
6. Take all above and prescribed medications as directed.

Finally, if you are concerned or do not understand the instructions, do not hesitate to call the office at any time.