

Extractions

An extraction is often indicated for a tooth with decay too large to restore, if the tooth has an abscess or trauma. Typically when a dental extraction is indicated for your child, we will recommend using nitrous oxide (laughing gas) to ease your child's anxiety. It will be necessary to numb the area to keep your child comfortable during the procedure. Our team has been trained to use 'kid-friendly' terms and special techniques during treatment.

Post-Operative Instructions

- A folded piece of gauze will be placed over the extraction site. This will put pressure over the area to help control any bleeding. Please have your child bite directly on the gauze until the bleeding is controlled, which may take up to 30 minutes.
- Avoid sippy cups, pacifiers, bottles or straws for the first 24 hours after the extraction. The sucking action may cause prolonged bleeding.
- Avoid salty, spicy, acidic or crunchy foods for the first 24 hours after the extraction as this may irritate the extraction site. Cold and/or soft foods are a great choice (i.e. ice cream, applesauce, mac and cheese, etc...).
- For any discomfort, Tylenol or Ibuprofen is recommended.
- Please note that when your child becomes more active, oozing from the extraction site may occur. Simply have your child bite on a piece of gauze for 5-10 minutes to stop the oozing.

