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Care of Mouth After Extraction

1. **DO NOT RINSE MOUTH TODAY.** Tomorrow rinse mouth gently every 3 to 4 hours (especially after meals) using one quarter teaspoon of salt to a glass of warm water. Continue rinses for several days.
2. **BLEEDING.** Following extraction some bleeding is to be expected. If persistent bleeding occurs, place gauze pads over bleeding area and bite down firmly for one-half hour. Repeat if necessary.
3. **SWELLING.** Ice bag or chopped ice wrapped in a towel should be applied to operated area one-half hour on and one-half hour off for 4 to 5 hours.
4. **PAIN.** For mild to average pain use any non-aspirin type of medication you prefer. (example: ibuprofen)
5. **FOOD.** Light diet is advised during the first 24 hours.
6. **BONY EDGES.** Small sharp bone fragments may work up through the gums during healing. These are not roots; if annoying return to the office for their simple removal.
7. If any unusual symptoms occur, call the office immediately.
8. The proper care following oral surgical procedures will hasten recovery and prevent complications.