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POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING  
TOOTH EXTRACTION

- GAUZE:** Leave gauze in place for 15 minutes. Apply constant, firm pressure on gauze; do not chew. It is not unusual to replace this gauze, however each gauze should be left in place with firm pressure until bleeding is controlled.
- RINSING:** Begin a warm salt water rinse 8 hours following extraction. Use one teaspoon of salt with a glass of warm water. Do not rinse with anything else, (example: mouth wash).
- FOODS:** Only liquids until numbness has worn off. Take care not to bite lip or cheek while numb. Children should be monitored until numbness has worn off. No carbonated drinks, alcohol, or smoking for at least eight to ten hours after the extraction.
- SIMPLE**  
**EXTRACTIONS:** For moderate pain take any over the counter pain medication such as Tylenol, Advil, Motrin etc. as directed by manufacturer.
- COMPLEX**  
**EXTRACTIONS:** For severe pain take the medication prescribed by Dr. Colclasure. The prescription may cause you to be drowsy and slow down your reflexes. Do not drive an automobile or operate machinery.
- ANTIBIOTICS:** If an antibiotic is prescribed by Dr. Colclasure it should be taken until all of the prescription is gone.