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REMOVAL OF IMPACTED WISDOM TEETH

The surgical extraction of teeth is quite different from the extraction of erupted teeth. The following conditions may occur-all of which are considered normal:

1. The surgical area will swell.
2. Swelling peaks on the 2nd or 3rd post-operative day.
3. Trismus (stiffness) of the muscles may cause difficulty in opening your mouth for a period of days.
4. You may have a slight earache.
5. A sore throat may develop.
6. Your other teeth may ache temporarily. This is referred pain and is a temporary condition.
7. If the corners of the mouth are stretched out they may dry and crack. Your lips should be kept moist with cream or ointment.
8. There will be a space where the tooth was removed. After 24 hours this area should be rinsed following meals with warm salt water until it is healed. This cavity will gradually fill in with new tissue.
9. There may be a slight elevation of temperature for 24 to 48 hours. If temperature continues, notify us.
10. It is not unusual to develop bruising in the area of an extraction.
11. Numbness of the lower lip can occur after a difficult tooth removal from the lower jaw. If this is present for two to three days after surgery, please call our office and notify us.
12. Women, please note that some antibiotics may interfere with the effectiveness of your birth control pills. Please check with your physician or your pharmacist regarding this.