

## **Pediatric Oral Surgery**

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## **POST OP INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Bleeding will be controlled prior to your child's dismissal from the office. Some additional 'oozing' from the extraction site should be expected. If an unusual amount occurs, place a tight pad of cotton gauze (or moist tea bag) firmly over the extraction site and instruct your child to bite down or hold in place with pressure for 10 minutes. Repeat if necessary.
- 2. **DO NOT** rinse for at least 4 hours.
- 3. **DO NOT** use a straw for 24-48 hrs after an extraction.
- 4. Keep fingers & tongue away from the socket or surgical area.
- 5. A soft diet may be best for 24 hours, but allow your child to resume a normal diet as soon as he/she would like. Most children tolerate foods again quite readily.
- 6. Please call the office if there is continued bleeding, swelling, or pain.

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