



## Laser Post Operative Instructions

During your visit today we had the opportunity to use a dental laser. I'd like to take a few moments of your time to tell you what was done and what you can expect over the next several days.

Before I begin, I want you to know that lasers are a very exciting new technology in dentistry. They have been used by our medical colleagues since the early 1960's. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the dental laser for use on both hard and soft tissue. When used appropriately, the laser has been proven to allow the dentist to provide a variety of procedures with significantly less bleeding and minimal, if any, postoperative discomfort. The dental laser, due to its physical properties, seals blood vessels and nerve endings as it cuts. It has also been shown to be very effective in controlling swelling and sterilizing the wound.

After today's laser procedure you may notice that there is a dark around the lased area. **This is totally normal.** A 'natural' bandage wound with the laser after the final surgery is completed. This laser protective covering during the initial healing phase.

Although it is important to keep the area clean, brushing should be for the **first 24 hours**. After that period, normal hygiene procedures

Approximately one week after surgery, a yellowish coating may be site. This is a normal part of healing process for a laser wound and concern.

Minimal if any postoperative discomfort should be felt during the healing phase. Should there be any pain associated with the surgery; a mild analgesic (Tylenol™, Ibuprofen™) can be taken. **Please let us know if you find it necessary to take any medication.**

Should any additional problems or concerns arise, please feel free to call upon us at any time. The dental laser has become an integral part of our practice and has provided exceptional treatment benefits to our patients. Your thoughts are extremely important to us. As always, we will continue to provide you, our family of patients; with the finest that dentistry has to offer. With your help, dentistry can be a rewarding and valuable experience.

Sincerely,

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kept to a minimum should be followed.

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