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**PRE-SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**YOU HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR DENTAL IMPLANT SURGERY. THIS IS A PROCEDURE DURING WHICH DENTAL IMPLANTS ARE PLACED TO HOLD A BRIDGE OR A CROWN. PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT TO MAKE YOUR PROCEDURE MORE COMFORTABLE AND SUCCESSFUL.**

- 1. A LIGHT MEAL ONE HOUR BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT IS SUGGESTED. DO NOT ARRIVE ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.**
- 2. PLAN ON DRIVING YOURSELF HOME UNLESS A PRE-SURGICAL SEDATIVE HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED. IN THAT CASE HAVE SOMEONE DRIVE YOU TO AND FROM YOUR APPOINTMENT.**
- 3. YOU SHOULD PLAN ON TAKING THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY OFF WORK. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK THE FOLLOWING DAY.**
- 4. IF YOU HAVE A BITESPLINT, PLEASE BRING IT TO YOUR APPOINTMENT. IT WILL BE CHECKED AND ADJUSTED. ALSO, AN OCCLUSAL ADJUSTMENT MAY BE NECESSARY. THIS IS A PROCEDURE WHICH INVOLVES SLIGHT SANDING OF THE BITING SURFACES OF THE TEETH. THIS WILL HELP YOUR BITE BECOME MORE EVEN AND THEREFORE HELP YOUR PERIODONTAL HEALTH.**
- 5. THE SURGERY APPOINTMENT LASTS 1 ½ HOURS; 2 ½ HOURS; OR 3 HOURS. YOU WILL BE GIVEN TIME TO SIT UP OR WALK IF NEEDED.**
- 6. IF YOU HAVE AN ORTHODONTIC RETAINER, REMOVEABLE PARTIAL OR FLIPPER PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT.**
- 7. A LOCAL ANESTHETIC WILL BE USED AND NON-DISSOLVABLE SILK SUTURES WILL BE PLACED. THE SUTURES WILL BE REMOVED ONE WEEK AFTER THE SURGERY.**
- 8. IF YOU TAKE ASPIRIN, COUMADIN OR ANOTHER BLOOD THINNER, PLEASE INFORM DR. MASON NOW. ALSO, IF YOU ARE NOT TAKING A MULTIPLE VITAMIN DAILY, PLEASE BEGIN TAKING THEM BEGINNING ONE WEEK BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT AND FOR SIX WEEKS FOLLOWING.**

**PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, 792-4431**

**THANK YOU**