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DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DRY SOCKET

Dry socket is when the scab or clot is dissolved from the wound and the bone is exposed to air and saliva, thus causing pain.

If being treated for a dry socket, dressings will be placed directly in the wound, releasing pain medication directly to the surgical site.

Please follow these instructions:

- You must return to the office to have your dressings changed
- You must have dressings removed once treatment is complete
- If the dressing is sticking out of the wound, you may use a Q-tip to gently push it back in place

Your dressing may need to be changed several times until healing is underway and pain has subsided.

Continue following these directions until directed otherwise. If you have any questions, please call our office. If calling after business hours, you will be directed to an after-hours answering service at 703-476-3708 and a doctor will promptly return your call.