

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MAY OCCUR

1. The area on which the procedure occurred may swell and the swelling may become quite large. Swelling typically increases for the first three (3) days following a procedure.
2. Trismus (tightness) of the muscles may cause difficulty in opening the mouth.
3. You may have a slight earache or sore throat.
4. Discoloration or bruising may develop over the side of the face and neck.
5. Numbness of the lip or the tongue may occur on the side from which the tooth was removed. This is called “Paresthesia” and is usually a temporary condition that will typically correct itself over time. It may remain for a few days up to a few months. Please let us know if you still feel numbness of the lip, chin, or tongue the day after your procedure.
6. Your other teeth may possibly ache. We refer to this as sympathetic pain and it is a temporary condition.
7. If the corners of your mouth are stretched they may dry out and crack. Keep your lips moisturized with lip balm, cream or ointment.
8. ***There will be a cavity in the jaw where the tooth was removed. This area should be rinsed following meals with warm salt water beginning the day after surgery. This cavity will gradually fill in with new tissue.***
9. There may be a slight elevation of temperature (fever) for 24 to 48 hours. If the fever continues, please notify us.
10. You will be given a prescription(s) to relieve pain, muscle soreness and swelling depending on your particular procedure; you may also be given an antibiotic. Please follow directions on your prescription box or bottle carefully. Do not let anyone else use your prescriptions.
11. If unusual problems arise and the office is closed, please contact us through our service by calling the office at 404-378-2331.

Thank you for allowing us to care for you.