

Implant Surgery ---The Following *MAY* Occur:

1. Taking medications on an empty stomach may cause nausea and vomiting. If non-productive vomiting persists, a prescribed suppository may be needed. We will prescribe as needed upon request.
2. The area in which the procedure occurred may swell and the swelling may become quite large. Icing is recommended for the first 24 hours and is very important. After that, if you still have swelling applying warm, moist heat is recommended. Swelling typically increases for the first three (3 days) then gradually begins to go down; if it does not please call our office.
3. **Trismus** (tightness) of the jaw muscles may cause difficulty in opening the mouth following surgery.
4. Discoloration (bruising) may develop over the side of the face and neck. This is normal, especially in more fair-skinned patients.
5. Numbness (**Paresthesia**) of the lower lip or tongue is not uncommon following surgery in the lower jaw region. This is usually temporary but it may be prolonged following more extensive surgical cases. The doctor will often administer a long-lasting local anesthetic and you will be numb for about 6-8 hours. Please remember that this numbness is normal. If numbness lasts or persists the morning after your surgery please call our office.
6. **If the corners of the mouth are stretched during surgery they may dry out and/or crack. Please keep your lips moisturized with lip balm, cream or ointment.**
7. If sutures were used for your procedure, they are dissolvable and will usually dissolve within 5-7 days. If they are still present at your next appointment with us, the doctor may (painlessly) remove them depending on your healing progress. If non-dissolvable sutures were used for your surgery we will let you know at the time of discharge.
8. Remember to continue to take any medications that were prescribed by this office for you to take before your surgery. These were prescribed for a reason and it is very important that you continue the regimen as prescribed until all medications are completed. These are an important part of the healing process.
9. If unusual problems arise, please do not hesitate to contact the office any time at 404-378-2331.
10. **PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FOLLOW-UP VISITS:** it is very important to return for all post-operative appointments, if scheduled, to make certain healing is progressing satisfactorily.
11. **Please remember that our interest in your progress does not end with the completion of the surgery. As you know, the implant process is ongoing and requires that you coordinate and keep appointments for all follow-up visits. We will ensure that you are kept informed and on-schedule throughout the process.**