Dental Surgery – Care After Surgery

Your child had dental surgery today.

Your child’s dentist was Dr. __________________________________________.

Day of Surgery:

- Your child had general anesthesia to help him sleep through the surgery. He may have an upset stomach for a few hours. Try to get your child to take water, apple juice or clear soda pop every half hour.
- After your child is taking liquids easily, you may try soft foods, like soup, Jell-O®, pudding, applesauce or yogurt. Do not force him to chew anything today.
- Your child may have a hoarse or barky cough. His voice may also be hoarse. The cough will go away and his voice will be back to normal in a few days.
- You may give your child medicine to help with any discomfort/pain. If the dentist has not given your child a prescription for pain medicine, you may give your child acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or ibuprofen (Advil®, Motrin®). Be sure to follow the package instructions for the amount to give your child based on his weight and age. Do not give more than 5 doses of acetaminophen or 4 doses of ibuprofen in 24 hours.
- Have your child rest or play quietly today.
- Be sure to call the Children’s Mercy Dental Clinic at (816) 234-3257 to make your child’s follow-up appointment.

After Surgery:

- Your child may return to normal activities and diet the day after surgery.
- Be sure your child continues to keep his mouth clean and healthy by brushing and flossing his teeth twice each day.
- Keep your child’s regular dental checkups.

Call your child’s dentist, doctor, or the Children’s Mercy Hospital Information Line at (816) 234-3188 if:

- Your child has a lot of bleeding from the mouth.
- Your child refuses to drink.
- Your child has temperature greater than 101° F (38.3° C).
- Your child has severe pain not relieved by acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- You have questions or concerns regarding your child’s dental surgery.

Special Instructions:

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