

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AFTER OR & IV

1. The throat (from the breathing tube), the hand or arm (from the I.V.), and the teeth and gums will be sore for 1 to 2 days. Give children's Advil or Motrin and children's Tylenol as needed per package directions for discomfort. Alternate every three hours. (Give Advil or Motrin, 3 hours later give Tylenol, 3 hours later give Advil or Motrin, etc.).
2. The gums around the crowns will bleed for 1 to 2 weeks. Brush the gums even if they bleed. This will prevent infection and will actually speed up the healing. **IF YOU DON'T BRUSH, INFECTION, SWELLING AND INCREASED BLEEDING WILL OCCUR.** Start brushing tonight! Use Hydrogen Peroxide (Peroxyl) on the toothbrush three or four times daily (only around the crowns). Use toothpaste twice daily.
3. The crowns have been cemented on your child's teeth. However, sticky candy will pull the crowns loose. Substitute non-sticky candy for your child. If the crown does come off, call the office within 48 hours to have it re-cemented.
4. Call our office tomorrow to make an appointment for a follow-up visit to be scheduled in about 2 weeks.
5. Your child may not want to eat today. This is not a concern; however, your child must be given plenty of liquids. If your child wants to eat, start off with ice chips or popsicles. If they do not experience any vomiting or nausea, then you can give them soft foods. (Ex. chicken soup, jello, ice cream, mashed potatoes). Regular diet may resume the following day.
6. If there have been teeth extracted, **DO NOT** give any carbonated drinks and do not let your child drink through a straw today.