

Dear Patient,

The staff here at Irvine Dental Group applauds your decision to proceed with surgical dental procedures recommended by your dentist to help you achieve optimal dental health and we appreciate the trust you have placed in our office to take care of you.

**Before we schedule your appointment** for one of the following surgical procedures (implants, third molar extractions, bone or gingival grafts, or other periodontal/ oral surgeries), Irvine Dental Group would like you to **come in** to discuss treatment with your providing dentist AND discuss financial arrangements with our front office staff to help maximize success rate and **create a stress free experience**.

There are also some medical aspects we need to address before your surgery and in some cases, we will need to obtain medical clearance from your physician before proceeding:

1. We need to know if you have ever taken any medications for **osteoporosis** such as Fosamax. This is important for us to know as it may have some reflection on the success of dental implants.
2. We need to know if you are currently taking any **blood thinners** such as Coumadin. You may need to coordinate with your physician to see how many days you need to stop such medication before the planned surgical procedure.
3. If you are taking baby aspirin (85mg) daily, you will need to stop the medication on the day of the procedure.
4. If you have any history of the following conditions, it may be necessary for you ask your physician about the need for premedication with antibiotics (usually 2000mg of Amoxicillin or 600mg of Clindamycin an hour before your procedure) :
  - a. Congenital Heart Disease
  - b. Heart Valve repair or replacement
  - c. Joint replacement within the past 24 months
5. If you have high blood pressure, it is important you take your prescribed medication on the morning of your scheduled surgery. If you do not know your blood pressure status and have not visited your physician in over 6 months, please schedule a visit to our office so that we may check your blood pressure for you.
6. If you are diabetic, please take your medication or injection as usual and do not skip any meals before the scheduled surgery.
7. If you require sedation (may incur additional charge) during your procedure, you will need to make arrangements for someone to accompany you to the office and drive you home. You will also need to report to your appointment one hour before the scheduled surgery time. We can only release you to the care of an able bodied adult driver after you have been sedated. In addition, you are advised not to operate any heavy machinery or automobiles until 24 hours after surgery.
8. If you request nitrous oxide sedation (will incur additional charge), you will need to fast for 6 hours prior to the scheduled surgery. This means no food or drink ingested orally for 6 hours prior to your appointment.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please feel free to give the office a call or email us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Irvine Dental Group