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CARE OF YOUR CHILD'S MOUTH AFTER EXTRACTION

1. Following extractions, some bleeding is to be expected. Have your child continue to bite firmly on gauze pads for at least twenty minutes after extraction. Your child must bite *firmly* to stop the bleeding. Repeat for 20 minutes more if necessary.
2. Make sure your child does not bite lip while it is anesthetized. Reassure your child that numbness wears off in about 2½ hours.
3. If your child has any pain after anesthesia has worn off, use Tylenol-type medication as necessary. Stronger pain medication is almost never needed.
4. Do *not* have your child rinse mouth today. Beginning tomorrow, have your child rinse mouth every 4 hours (especially *after* meals) using ¼ tsp. salt to a glass of warm water. Continue rinses for several days.
5. Give your child soft, mushy food today (such as frappes, omelets, tuna) going back to a normal diet tomorrow. Have your child avoid crunchy foods such as crackers, chips and pretzels for several days. All kinds of drinks are OK but no straws *today*.
6. Following these instructions will hasten recovery and prevent complications. If any unusual symptoms develop, call our office.