



## **POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS DRY SOCKET**

Occasionally, 3-5 days after oral surgery, the naturally occurring blood clot that forms in the remaining socket breaks down or is dislodged. This can leave the sensitive bone exposed, producing significant pain called a Dry Socket . If you have been given a Dry Socket Kit, follow the instructions below.

1. Using a full syringe of Peridex, rinse with a gentle force directly into the socket.
2. Using tweezers or fingers, take one strip of the medicated gauze or gauze strip and carefully place it around the socket.
3. Leave the medicated gauze around the socket until the pain returns and then repeat the process.
4. As long as pain is present, continue this procedure for 2-3 days. When the pain ceases, discontinue these procedures.
5. If you have any prolonged or severe pain, bleeding, swelling, fever, or concerns, please call our office at (214)321-9191 or Dr. Lutz (972)989-6839.