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POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SINUS GRAFTING

- 1. Do **not** blow your nose.
- 2. Do **not** smoke or use smokeless tobacco.
- 3. Do **not** take in liquids through a straw.
- 4. Do **not** lift or pull on lip to look at stitches.
- 5. If you must sneeze, then do so with your mouth open to avoid any unnecessary pressure on the sinus area.
- 6. Take your medication as directed.
- 7. You may be aware of small granules in your mouth for the next few days. This is not unusual. Notify the office if the following occur:
 - a. You feel granules in your nose.
 - b. Your medications do not relieve your discomfort.
- 8. Be certain to apply ice packs to the outside of the face for the first 24-48 hours.

HYGIENE

1. Be certain to use the prescribed mouth rinse at least 2 times a day. Apply to a cotton swab and cleanse all teeth in the surgical site (front and back) to remove any plaque or food debris which may have accumulated.

MEDICATIONS

- 1. Be certain to take any and all medications prescribed.
- 2. If prescribed pain medication, remember they must be taken in a consistent manner to avoid low blood levels of pain reliever. Do **NOT** drink alcoholic beverages while on pain relief medication.