Medications -Pain relief: ☐ **Ibuprofen 200 mg**: take 3 tablets every six hours for at least 3-5 days to reduce pain & swelling. ☐ Tylenol Extra Strength (Acetaminophen) 500 mg: take 2 tablets every six hours to reduce pain. ☐ Tylenol #3 with codeine 300/30 mg: take 1-2 tablets every six hours to reduce pain. Tip: if it is safe for you to take Ibuprofen, take Ibuprofen and Tylenol together for the best pain relief. Anti-Oxidant Gel: ☐ AO ProVantage Gel: 5 times per day, apply two pumps to the tip of your tongue and gently spread gel along the surgical areas to help prevent infection. Antibiotic to prevent infection:

Questions?

☐ Amoxicillin 875 mg: take 2 tablets night before your

☐ Azithromycin 250 mg: take 2 tablets the night

□ Other:

surgery, then take 1 tablet every 12 hours until gone.

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Post-Surgical Instructions for Bone Grafting and Regeneration

Bleeding



- After surgery, your saliva may turn pink or red temporarily. This is not unusual or a major concern.
- If bleeding occurs, it may be stopped by applying gauze, or a tea bag, with firm finger or biting pressure for 30 minutes on the gums.
- Excessive bleeding that cannot be stopped with pressure needs to be addressed in the dental office or emergency room.

Pain & Swelling

- To reduce pain, use your prescribed pain medications.
- <u>Slight</u> pain and swelling are not unusual and will peak three to four days after your surgery. In addition, you may experience bruising on your face or neck.
- For swelling, an ice pack may be used. Gently place the ice pack on the area for 15 minutes 3-5 times daily.
- <u>Large</u> facial swelling should be reported to Dr. Soult or the emergency room.

Sutures

- Stitches may fall out on their own or become loose.
- Do not disturb or remove sutures, this may impair healing and lead to an unsuccessful outcome. They will be removed at your follow up appointment.

Physical Activity

 Avoid vigorous physical activity during the first five days of recovery, to prevent bleeding.

Diet



- Begin with a soft diet soup, ice cream, mashed potatoes, Ensure, yogurt, etc.
- For 2 weeks, avoid chewing foods in the surgical area,
 & food with small seeds/particles- berries or broccoli.
- Drink plenty of liquids to stay hydrated.
- Eat as normal of a diet as your comfort allows you.
- Do not eat hot food, as this will increase swelling.

Oral Hygiene



- Do NOT brush or floss in the surgical area until instructed to do so at your follow up appointment.
- Continue to brush and floss the teeth NOT involved in the surgical sites.
- 5 times per day, apply two pumps of the ProVantage gel to the tip of your tongue and gently spread gel along the surgical areas to help prevent infection.

Smoking



 Refraining from smoking for at least 3 weeks will greatly increase successful outcomes.



- Do <u>NOT</u> take more than the recommended number of tablets or reduce the time between doses, it will <u>NOT</u> give more pain relief and is harmful to your body.
- Set and label timers on your phone for each medication.
- ✓ Getting quality, uninterrupted rest has many health benefits, including improved healing!