

POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
SINUS PRECAUTIONS

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1. Do **not** blow your nose for at least four weeks, even though your sinus may feel “stuffy”.
2. Take prescriptions as directed. May use over-the-counter Claritin and Flonase to help reduce congestion. (DO NOT GET A PRODUCT THAT CONTAINS A DECONGESTANT).
3. Do not forcefully spit for 14 days.
4. Do not smoke for 14 days.
5. Do not use a straw for 14 days.
6. There may be some nasal drainage.
7. Try not to sneeze; it will cause undesired sinus pressure. If you must sneeze, keep your mouth open.
8. Eat only soft foods for 14 days, always trying to chew on the opposite side of your mouth.
9. Do **not** rinse vigorously for 14 days. Gentle rinses may be used after 24 hrs.
10. “Even though your extraction post-operative instructions say to begin more vigorous rinsing, **DO NOT**”

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