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CARE OF THE MOUTH FOLLOWING EXTRACTIONS

Your child has had a tooth extracted. Please follow these instructions to promote healing and prevent infection.

1. Have your child bite on the piece of gauze in his mouth for 20-30 minutes.
2. Do not allow your child to rinse the mouth today. However, tomorrow, have your child rinse the mouth several times with warm salt water. Also, tomorrow, he should resume brushing ALL of his teeth with a toothbrush.
3. Make sure your child gets plenty of nourishment. Today he should have soft foods and liquids, such as soups, ice cream, cooked cereal, etc. Tomorrow he may eat regular foods as usual.
4. In the event that your child develops any severe pain, fever, or prolonged bleeding, please contact the office.
5. No carbonated beverages and do not use a straw for drinking.