TOOTH LENGTHENING PROCEDURES

You have been scheduled for a tooth lengthening procedure. This procedure is generally accomplished in about an hour and is done with local anesthesia (Novocain).

The gum tissues are gently lifted. We can then determine how much solid tooth is present and how much additional tooth needs to be obtained for the dental work that has been planned. Our goal is to obtain 3-4 mm of sound tooth structure. Once the correct amount of tooth has been obtained, the gum is replaced and held with several sutures. A protective dressing will be placed over the gum to keep your tongue away from the area during the healing process. One week later you will return and have the sutured removed. One or two additional visits will be necessary to follow the healing and make sure that the tissues are maturing properly. Approximately 4-6 weeks after the procedure your dentist will be able to complete the restorative treatment that has been planned.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Can I eat before the procedure?
A. Yes, follow your normal diet.

Q. Can I eat after the procedure?
Yes, but please wait until the numbness goes away (usually within 1-3 hours after the procedure) to prevent biting or burning of the tongue.

Q. Do I need a driver?
A. No, unless you have a form of sedation along with the local anesthetic.

Q. Will I be able to go back to work?
A. In most cases, yes. We recommend that you fill your prescriptions and begin taking them as we have recommended prior to the appointment. We also recommend that you have some means of applying a cold pack intermittently to the outside of the face to prevent swelling.

Q. Will there be much pain afterwards?
A. Patients' experiences vary and if you carefully follow our recommendations before and after your procedure, you should experience minimal discomfort.

If you have any additional questions prior to the procedure, please do not hesitate to call. (610) 664-9510 OR EMAIL US: BORGUET@GMAIL.COM

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