Minor Oral Surgery Advice for Children

Children’s Ward
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Minor oral surgery
Please read this carefully and ask about anything you do not understand.

Your child has had a surgical operation on their jaw and you can expect that:

- Your child may have swelling on their face near the operation site for about a week
- There may be slight oozing of blood from the operation site for about a week
- Your child may have some pain when the anaesthetic/injection wears off
- Your child may have a stiff jaw for several days.

To improve your child’s comfort and to help healing you should: Not rinse their mouth for at least 12 hours after the operation. Give your child pain relief before the local anaesthetic starts to wear off. They can have paracetamol and/or ibuprofen for any pain. Please follow the dosing recommendations on the bottles for your child’s age.

If advised, your child should use antiseptic mouthwash

Do not hold anything against the side of your face. Your child may clean their teeth the same day.

If free bleeding occurs, your child may get clots forming in their mouth. Clean these out gently and apply pressure to the bleeding point for a full fifteen minutes. Pressure should be applied by either:
(a) covering your thumb with a clean handkerchief and pressing it against the bleeding point,

or

(b) rolling a corner of a clean handkerchief into a small pad, placing this over the bleeding point and biting down onto it. Ensure that the pressure is applied to the bleeding point and not onto the teeth either side.

Pain, swelling and stiffness should start to settle within three to four days but may persist for up to ten days.
If you are unable to control bleeding with the above instructions, please contact your dentist, or Wythenshawe Hospital, phone 0161 998 7070 and ask for the Senior House Officer on call in Oral Surgery.

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