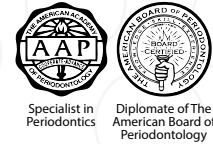




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What to Do Before Periodontal Surgery

Periodontal and dental implant surgery are comfortable procedures. Please dress comfortably for your appointment.

Transportation

You will be able to drive yourself home after surgery. Please do not bicycle ride or walk to and from the office as we want you not to over exert yourself after surgery.

Prescriptions

Unless it is prescribed by your physician, do not take medicine containing aspirin for 4-5 days before your surgery. Please take your prescribed medications like your blood pressure and diabetes medications as you normally do. If Dr. Altschuler has ordered medical lab tests, be sure to have the results faxed to our office. If you take a “blood thinner” (e.g. Coumadin), have one of the usual blood tests for your Prothrombin Time (Pro Time or PT) 1-3 days before your surgery.

Pain Medication

You will be prescribed medications for your comfort at your surgical appointment. These will be given to you or can be called into your local pharmacy for your convenience.

Forms

Along with your prescriptions you will be given a consent form(s). These will be presented to you at your appointment. If you have questions after reading the consent forms, Dr. Altschuler will address all of your concerns.

Anesthetic

You will be given a local anesthetic (“Novocaine”) and you will be able to drive home. It will be safe for you to have normal meals before your surgery. This is especially important if you are diabetic.

Other Medications

If prescribed, take your sedative medicines 1 hour before your surgery. Someone else must drive you to and from the office. You cannot drive yourself, take a taxi, the bus or walk home unescorted.