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**Post-Op Instructions: Biopsy**

- Be careful about not biting the area of the biopsy site or areas that may be numb for several hours.
- An ice pack or an unopened bag of frozen peas or corn applied to the area will keep swelling to a minimum.
- You may experience some mild bleeding from the biopsy site and your saliva may be blood-tinged. If you notice bleeding from the biopsy site, dampen 2- 3 pieces of gauze, fold and apply with pressure against the site for 30-45 minutes.
- Our surgeons usually use the dissolvable type of sutures/stitches that fall out between 5-7 days after surgery. Sutures are placed in the area of surgery to minimize post-operative bleeding and to help to heal. Sometimes they become dislodged. This is no cause for alarm—just remove the suture from your mouth and discard it. If we used a type that needs to be removed, we will schedule you an appointment.
- Mouth cleanliness is essential to good healing. Clean your mouth thoroughly after each meal beginning the day after surgery. Brush your teeth as best as you can while being careful around the area of surgery.
- Vigorous mouth rinsing or chewing in the areas of the biopsy should be avoided. A liquid or soft diet is recommended for the first 24 hours. Avoid eating hard, crunchy, or spicy foods.
- Do not smoke or use tobacco products during the first week of healing.

After the biopsy, the tissue is sent to a pathology laboratory the same day for microscopic examination and diagnosis. Your surgeon will call you with the results about one week after surgery. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to call.

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