

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT EXTRACTIONS/MINOR ORAL SURGERY**

### **1. I have a shaky tooth; do I need to extract it?**

A shaky tooth can cause problems while eating and in some cases can be painful. Brushing the tooth might be a problem too. The dentist will be able to decide the best treatment after examining the condition of the tooth. More importantly the visit will allow you to know why the tooth is shaky and prevent other teeth from the same problem.

### **2. Do extractions hurt? Will the doctor give me anaesthesia?**

Yes, the dentist will give local anaesthesia to numb that area of the mouth. During the procedure no pain will be felt, perhaps a little pressure. However, after the anaesthesia subsides, there might be some pain or discomfort felt. The pain is usually worse the first day and gets better over the following few days.

For this we will provide pain killers to you which you can take if you are in pain. If the symptoms worsen you may come back to see the dentist.

### **3. Can I eat right after I extract my tooth?**

It is advisable to take cold food/drinks after extraction. Hot food/soup should be avoided. Cold drinks/food like ice cream is better for the clot to form. This increases the healing time as well. Be careful not to bite your lips/cheeks which is numb from the anaesthesia.

### **4. Can I extract multiple teeth in the same visit?**

Yes, this is possible, depending on the situation. The dentist will be able to plan the treatment duration accordingly once he/she has examined the situation.

### **5. Is it normal to have a hole at the extraction spot?**

This situation is normal. The surrounding bone and tissues will heal after a period following the extraction. The hole will slowly disappear thereafter. It can take up to 6 months for the area to completely fill up.

### **6. I did extraction a week ago, and the wound is still swollen and painful. What do I do?**

We can make an appointment for you to see the dentist as soon as possible. Please do not worry, in the mean time you can place salt water in your mouth at the area of extraction and then spit it out.

### **7. Can I brush around the area where I extracted my tooth?**

Yes. It is important to keep the area clean after extraction to keep the area free from infection. Preferably try and brush the teeth on either side of the extraction site.

### **8. Can I rinse my mouth?**

Right after extraction you should not rinse, so the blood clot does not dislodge. It is important to apply pressure on that area to stop the bleeding by biting on a piece of clean gauze for at least the first hour after extraction.

**9. My wisdom tooth is growing and it's painful. Do I need to extract it? Is it going to be a surgery?**

The dentist will need to examine you and even take an OPG (x-ray) in some cases to decide whether a surgery is needed or non-surgical extraction can be done. The plan of treatment can vary depending on individual cases.

If a specialist is required for more complex extractions the cost may be RM 1500 onwards.

**10. How much does a surgical extraction cost?**

A surgical extraction starts from RM 700 and the cost can vary depending on the difficulty of extraction. The dentist will be able to tell you the exact cost after examination is done.

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**11. I'm still bleeding after extraction. Is this normal?**

bleeding right after extraction is normal. Pressure should be applied with a gauze piece or a clean handkerchief for the clot to form. Once the clot forms and is disturbed it can bleed again. Any reason bleeding doesn't stop, call us the next day. However substantial bleeding may require you to go to the hospital.