

CAROLINA ORAL & FACIAL SURGERY P.A.

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Post-Surgery Pain Relief

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If the patient is not allergic to ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), they may take one of these prior to the local anesthetic wearing off. They may take ibuprofen 4 times a day as needed for the first few days following surgery. Also, consider adding over-the-counter acetaminophen (Tylenol) in between the ibuprofen doses as needed, in 3-hour increments (see diagram).

Sometimes, a narcotic medicine may be prescribed. Please take any narcotic medications as directed. **DO NOT LET THE PATIENT DRIVE, OPERATE MACHINERY, OR MAKE IMPORTANT LIFE DECISIONS WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF NARCOTIC PAIN MEDICATIONS OR SEDATION.** Do not take acetaminophen (Tylenol) at the same time as a narcotic (Noro, Lortab, Vicodin, Percocet, hydrocodone, oxycodone, codeine, etc.), as these medications already contain acetaminophen. There are no negative interactions between the prescribed narcotics and ibuprofen, so they can be taken at the same time.

Our preferred method for minimizing post-operative discomfort is to alternate ibuprofen and Tylenol every 3 hours, while awake. Pain or discomfort following surgery should progressively subside with each day. If, however, pain persists and especially more pain upon waking up, please call our office.

