

PREMEDICATION

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Pre-Operative Instructions

Occasionally, during certain dental procedures, such as those listed below, bleeding may occur. This puts patients with heart conditions at risk since the bacteria from the mouth will work its way into the bloodstream and may cause inflammation of the heart valves called Bacterial Endocarditis.

The American Dental Association regularly publishes guidelines for dentists to help protect at-risk patients. Pre-medication is often recommended and can help lower the risk of a bacterial infection.

Dr. Frey may prescribe antibiotics prior to dental procedures depending on what is to be performed and the patient's medical condition. So be sure to provide your most current medical information along with any medication you may be taking.

If you have had the following conditions:

- Prosthetic cardiac valves
- Previous bacterial endocarditis
- Complex cyanotic congenital heart disease
- Surgically constructed systemic pulmonary shunts or conduits
- Congenital cardiac malformations
- Valvar dysfunction (e.g. rheumatic heart disease)
- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Mitral valve prolapse
- Joint replacement

You need to pre-medicate with antibiotics before the following dental procedures:

- Dental extractions
- Periodontal procedures including surgery, scaling and root planing, probing and recall maintenance.
- Endodontic (root canal) treatment
- Subgingival place of antibiotic fiber or strips
- Initial placement of orthodontic bands but not brackets
- Intraligamentary local anesthetic injections
- Prophylactic cleaning of teeth or implants

Dr. Frey may write you a prescription for the following pre-medication:

Amoxicillin or for those who are allergic to penicillin/amoxicillin/ampicillin the doctor could prescribe Clindamycin

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask Dr. Elliot Frey, DMD