

Post-Emergency Treatment Instructions - Abscess

**Our Office Phone Number: (509) 928-8762**

If you were previously having abscess (pressure) pain:

After you have been treated on an emergency basis, we expect that your symptoms will be significantly improved. What ever discomfort persists, routine headache medication such as Aspirin, Tylenol, or Advil should be of benefit. If your level of discomfort is above this level then you are urged to contact our office.

You may continue to experience some remaining swelling as your abscess resolves. Warm water inside your mouth will be beneficial in helping to resolve the swelling that remains. Please do not apply heat to the outside of your face.

If your swelling is increasing or you feel like pressure is building either under your tooth or under your gums, then you are urged to contact our office.

The need for an antibiotic will be determined on a case-by-case basis and will partially be dependant on the outcome of the emergency treatment we provided for you. We anticipate that the antibiotic will be at a beneficial level within about 48 hours. If this is not the case or your swelling is continuing to progress, then you are urged to contact our office.

If you are experiencing a rash or itching while taking the antibiotic, then discontinue your antibiotic and contact our office.

If you need to contact our office after hours, you will be directed to Dr. McKinley's home phone number, if there is not an answer at this number then leave a message so that he can return your call.

If you are experiencing rapidly developing swelling, or have previously existing swelling that is involving your eye or is under the jaw or is involving the neck or swallowing or is difficult then call Dr. McKinley immediately. If there is not an answer then you are urged to visit the nearest hospital emergency room.

Your well-being is very important to all of us.

Sincerely,

Spokane Endodontics, P.S.