

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING PULPOTOMY TREATMENT**

1. Your child may experience pain or sensitivity after undergoing a pulpotomy of a diseased tooth.
2. Please call immediately if your child has facial swelling.
3. Please administer pain medication as prescribed. If the medication does not relieve your child's discomfort, please notify the office.
4. If antibiotics have been prescribed, please administer all of the prescription as directed, even if your child's symptoms (swelling) are eliminated before you have given all of the medication. Antibiotics are only taken with acute abscesses, as in cases with facial swelling. Otherwise, they are unnecessary as well as ineffective and inappropriate.
5. Your child may experience a slight medicinal taste in his/her mouth from the bacterial agent that is placed inside the tooth.
6. Please prevent your child from eating or drinking until the numbness wears off to avoid biting the lip, tongue, or cheek. Approximately 2 to 3 hours.
7. There may be some sensitivity to temperature, especially cold. This could last anywhere from a few days to weeks or in rare cases even months depending on the amount of decay that was present in the tooth.
8. There may be some sensitivity around the gum or at the injection site. Rinse with warm salt water (1/2 teaspoon salt to a glass of warm water) several times daily to relieve this discomfort.
9. Since the nerve of your child's tooth was unhealthy before treatment, it may become symptomatic at this time. If the tooth does not settle down after the initial tenderness, please contact us. Extraction may be necessary.
10. Our patient's health & happiness are very important to us. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. We are here to serve you.

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