



Helping Hands

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EXTRACTION OF A PRIMARY TOOTH

Extraction of teeth is an irreversible process, and whether routine or difficult, is a surgical procedure. In most instances, an extraction is recommended because there are no other viable treatment options available for the tooth. In some cases, the extractions are recommended by an orthodontist or your dentist to help guide the eruption of the permanent teeth.

As in any surgery there are risks. These include but are not limited to: Pain, infection, swelling, bleeding from the extraction site, bruising, hematomas resulting in face and neck discoloration, nerve injury resulting in numbness, pain and tingling of the lip, tongue, chin, gums, cheeks and teeth which may be transient (temporary) but on infrequent occasions may be permanent, temporary or permanent taste alterations, malfunction of the adjacent facial muscles for an indefinite time, TMJ joint difficulty, or injury to adjacent teeth or restorations in other teeth or to adjacent soft tissues.

Change in occlusion can occur and if the primary tooth is lost before the permanent tooth is ready to come in a space maintainer may be needed. If it is recommended and not placed, extensive orthodontics may be needed.

It is likely that we will use local anesthesia for this procedure which will numb the tooth and surrounding tissues including the lips, cheeks and tongue. We recommend that a parent monitor the child while the numbness wears off to prevent any self inflicted trauma to the lips, cheeks and tongue. This trauma occurs from biting or sucking on the soft tissues of the mouth.