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Risks and Complications

Numbness

On rare occasions numbness of the lower lip, chin or part of the tongue may occur.

This numbness is usually temporary and in very rare cases it may last longer than 2-4 weeks. The nerves involved are sensory and there is no change in appearance or function.

Damage to Other Teeth

Very seldom a tooth or a filling in a tooth next to an impacted wisdom tooth may be damaged or dislodged.

Sinuses

Occasionally the upper wisdom teeth may be close to the maxillary sinuses and the removal may create a communication with the sinus. If this does occur your surgeon will inform you and give you instruction for postoperative care. Most of these sinus communications heal without any problems.

Bleeding

Rarely following surgery does bleeding persist. You will be given instructions on how to handle this problem, should it occur.

Infections

Infection is rare; however sometimes following wisdom teeth removal a patient will experience a postoperative infection. These infections are usually treated with antibiotics.

Questions

If you have any questions please feel free to ask, and we will be happy to answer any concerns you may have.

Following your surgery a written list of postoperative instructions will be reviewed in detail and given to you.

Our office has an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon on call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Our main objective is to provide quality care in an environment that is compassionate and relaxed.