



## PRE-EXTRACTION ADVICE

1. Have something to eat or drink before attending the surgery.
2. Ensure that your dentist knows if you are taking any new or altered medication, or if your medical history has changed since your last appointment.
3. The procedure will be carried out under local anaesthesia numbing/freezing the area) and so an escort is not mandatory, although you may feel comfortable having someone with you.
4. During lower wisdom tooth extraction there is a small risk of causing damage to the nerves, which may result in temporary numbness to the lips, cheeks and tongue. In a smaller number of cases this may be permanent.
5. During upper extractions there is a small risk of causing damage to the sinus in the cheek, which will subsequently require further treatment.
6. The dentist will discuss with you any risks relevant in your case.
7. After your extraction you may feel soreness, experience swelling and have difficulty in opening mouth for up to 48 hours after the procedure. You will also possibly feel tired; so do not arrange anything significant for the rest of the day.
8. Your dentist will explain after – care procedures to you.

**If you are concerned or do not understand any of the above and would like further advice, do not hesitate to discuss it with your dentist.**