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About The Medications

If you know you have a problem with any medication prescribed, please inform Dr. Wiland or one of his knowledgeable staff members. Medications are usually called into the pharmacy the day before the procedure so you may go directly home after treatment.

SEDATIVE

This is used to relax you before the procedure. It should be taken on an empty stomach, unless you are diabetic. If you are diabetic, then eat as you normally would. You should NEVER drive or operate dangerous equipment for 24 hours after taking this medication. The medication you have for this is:

ANTIBIOTIC

An antibiotic is usually prescribed. Its function is to reduce the chance of infection. The mouth has many bacteria. These bacteria can cause a problem in some cases. The use of an antibiotic will reduce the chance of infection as much as possible. The antibiotic is started the day before the procedure. It should be taken as directed on the bottle. If you also take another antibiotic for another condition, continue to take it as you normally would. It is not unusual to take more than one antibiotic at a time. The antibiotic you have is:

STEROID

A steroid is sometimes used to help reduce swelling after the procedure. With less swelling, there is usually less pain. The steroid usually used is called Medrol Dosepak or [Methylprednisolone](#). 6 tablets are taken the day of the procedure. They can be taken 2 in the morning, 2 in the afternoon and 2 in the evening or all 6 together. The day after the procedure 5 tablets are taken in a similar manner. The next day, 4 are taken; then 3 are taken the following day. The next day 2 are taken and the final day one is taken.

PAIN MEDICATION:

An analgesic or pain medication is usually prescribed. It should be taken WITH FOOD. It should be taken before the numbness is gone. The numbness usually lasts 2 hours from the end of the procedure. The most common side effect is an upset stomach or nausea. If you know you have a problem with this, then take the phenergan medication.

Vicodin (hydrocodone) also called Loratab Darvocet (propoxyphene napsylate) Percocet (oxycodone)

PHENERGAN (PROMETHAZINE)

This medication will eliminate the nausea that the pain medication can sometimes cause. If you are prone to having nausea from pain medications, then take the phenergan (as prescribed on the bottle) 45 minutes before taking the pain medication. Be sure you eat before taking the pain medication. If you are experiencing nausea for the first time with the pain medication, then take the phenergan (promethazine) as soon as possible, then repeat 45 minutes before your next dose of pain medication is needed.