

## PRE-SURGICAL CHECKLIST- To be completed one week prior to periodontal appointment

### In preparation for your periodontal appointment...

#### Do I need to see any other doctor before my appointment?

- If you are having a tooth removed that is in your smile zone, please make sure that you have had impressions done with your general dentist and the flipper is either with you or has been received by our office at least **two days** prior to your appointment.

#### What paperwork needs to be filled out prior to my appointment?

- **SURGICAL INFORMED CONSENT (s):** This is a document you sign after discussing benefits, risks, and alternatives to surgery with your surgeon. These must be received at least **two days** before your appointment.
- **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** All financial contracts payments/arrangements must be made **one week** before your appointment date to avoid automatic cancellation.

#### How do I manage my medications before surgery?

- If you are taking blood thinners such as Plavix (Clopidogrel), Coumadin (Warfarin), Pradaxa (Dabigatran), Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) or Apixaban (Eliquis), please contact your surgeon's and PCP's office as you may need to stop taking these medications
  - We will provide you with a clearance letter that must be signed and filled out by your PCP for any modifications in these medications. **PLEASE DO NOT STOP TAKING THEM WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF YOUR PCP**

○ **Pre-medications: Antibiotic prophylaxis- TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENT**

- If you have a total joint replacement, your orthopedic surgeon may want you take a large dose of antibiotics one hour prior to a periodontal appointment to protect your joint. Since this recommendation varies, please consult with your orthopedist.

○ All medications for your dental procedure will be sent to your pharmacy 3-5 days prior to your appointment. **Please make sure you have picked these up prior to your procedure and bring them with you to insure all medications are understood.**

- Antibiotics- If you are having a tooth removed, we often instruct your start your antibiotics 1-2 days prior to your appointment. **Please do not start this any sooner without consulting with our office first.**

**Do I need a driver?**

- You only need a driver if you have been prescribed an anti-anxiety medication in any dose. (i.e. Xanax, Halcion, Ativan, Valium, etc); They will be allowed to be In the operatory only until delivery of local anesthetic. During the procedure, we recommend that they either wait in the waiting area or in their car. Always have your family or friend leave a phone number so we may contact them 15 minutes prior to completion of procedure.
- You will not be allowed to leave our office on your own or on public transportation if you have taken the above mentioned anti-anxiety medications.
- **If you have any questions or concerns, please call Joplin Periodontics to speak with one of our staff members at 417-553-0856.**