

**USE OF YOUR MONOJECT SYRINGE IF A DRY SOCKET OCCURS:**

**SYMPTOMS OF A DRY SOCKET:**

- \*a dull ache (constant) radiating anywhere from your ear to your lower jaw
- \*a bad taste and smell, even after oral hygiene
- \*usually the fourth or fifth day after surgery, the above symptoms occur
- \*the surgical site is getting worse versus better

**WHAT TO DO:**

- \*continue any remaining prescriptions
- \*you will find a small opening just behind and to the cheek side of the last molar, gently irrigate this area with luke warm clean salty water
- \*you might notice food particles or minor bleeding coming from the socket site
- \*do not rinse too hard or you will delay healing
- \*after irrigating, inject a "pea" size amount of the paste into the site
- \*bite down on a 2x2 gauze for several seconds (as you may experience an unpleasant taste)
- \*repeat this procedure 2-3 times per day, continuing for 3 days or until symptoms subside
- \*bottom teeth tend to be much more of a problem than the upper teeth therefore it may not be necessary to rinse any upper sockets at all
- \*avoid smoking

**IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS PLEASE CALL YOUR SURGEON AT THE NUMBER BELOW:**

Office Hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm (250) 753-6671 or Toll Free: 1-866-753-6671

Evenings and Weekends: (250) 754-2141 (Hospital#) ask for the oral surgeon to be paged

**YOU MAY WISH TO CALL YOUR FAMILY DENTIST. BE AWARE THAT YOUR FAMILY DENTIST MAY CHARGE A FEE TO MANAGE YOUR CONDITION**