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TOOTH EXTRACTION POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

While your child's mouth is numb, you'll want to make sure he or she does not bite cheek, lip or tongue. The numbness should subside within a few hours.

BLEEDING

Dr. Strickler will place gauze on extraction site to limit bleeding while clotting takes place. This should be left in place for 20 minutes. If bleeding continues, dampen new gauze and apply moderate pressure for 30 minutes.

A blood clot forms in the tooth socket. This is an important part of the normal healing process.

HERE'S HOW TO PROTECT IT

- Do not rinse vigorously or suck from a straw for 24 hours.
- Do not clean teeth next to the healing tooth socket for the rest of the day.
- Brush and floss other teeth.
- Rinse gently.
- Try to keep little fingers from the extraction site.
- You may give child ibuprofen if he or she complains of discomfort.

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