

## DENTAL CARE REQUIREMENTS FOR TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENTS

- All routine dental cleaning/work should be completed at least two weeks prior to surgery.
- No cleanings for **three months** post-surgery.
- Prophylactic antibiotics are recommended for **one year** post surgery for all patients.
- Prophylactic antibiotics are recommended for **life in high-risk patients only**. This will be determined by surgeons with understanding of risk stratification. Previous PJI (Periprosthetic Joint Infection), immunocompromised, multiple co-morbidities, etc.

**If you have a dental emergency within 72 hours of your scheduled total joint replacement, please notify your physician's surgery scheduler.**

Due to the potential for allergic reactions, liver toxicity, and the development of resistant microorganisms, the current recommended regimen is to administer one dose of antibiotics one hour prior to dental procedures.

Antibiotics can be prescribed by your dental office or by the surgeon who performed your total joint replacement. Please allow sufficient time for either office to send your prescription to your preferred pharmacy.

### SUGGESTED ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS REGIMENS

Patients not allergic to Penicillin:	<b>Cephalexin or Amoxicillin</b> 2 grams PO 1 hour prior to dental procedure
Patients not allergic to Penicillin and unable to take oral medications:	<b>Cefazolin or Ampicillin</b> Cefazolin 1 gram or Ampicillin 2 grams intramuscularly intravenously 1 hour prior to dental procedure.
Patients allergic to Penicillin:	<b>Clindamycin</b> 600mg PO 1 hour prior to dental procedure
Patients allergic to Penicillin and unable to take oral medications:	<b>Clindamycin</b> 600mg IV 1 hour prior to dental procedure.

\* Please note, no second doses are recommended for any of these dosing regimens. \*

Reference: [Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Dental Patients with Total Joint Replacements](#)