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Tooth Extraction

Questions and Answers

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Tooth Extraction: your questions answered

A tooth extraction is the removal of a tooth that cannot be saved or is causing problems. It can be a simple extraction or a surgical one where a small cut in the gum is needed.

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Will it hurt?

The area is numbed, so you should feel pressure but not sharp pain. Some soreness is normal afterwards and usually improves over a few days.

What is the difference between a simple and surgical extraction?

A simple extraction removes a tooth that is fully visible without a cut in the gum. A surgical extraction is needed for broken, buried or difficult teeth and may involve a small cut, removing some bone and stitches.

What is dry socket?

It happens when the blood clot is lost from the socket, leaving the bone exposed. It causes a deep ache a few days after the extraction. It affects about 1 in 20 extractions and is more common in smokers. We can dress the socket to ease the pain.

I take blood thinners. Should I stop them?

No, not unless your doctor advises it. Most extractions can be done safely while you continue your medicine. We follow national guidance and may ask for a blood test result or adjust the timing of your appointment.

I take bisphosphonates. Is extraction safe?

Usually yes, but there is a small risk the bone does not heal properly. We will assess your risk, explain it and take extra care. Please tell us about any bone or cancer medicines, even if you have stopped them.

How long does healing take?

The gum usually heals over in 2 to 4 weeks. The bone takes a few months to fully heal.

Can I have sedation?

Yes. IV sedation can help if you are anxious. You will need an adult escort and must not drive for 24 hours.

When can I replace the tooth?

It depends on the option. Some dentures can be fitted straight away. Implants are usually placed after the area has healed, often around 3 months. We can discuss this with you.

Can I go back to work?

Many people return the next day after a simple extraction. You may want a day or two off after a surgical extraction or sedation.

IMAGES, VIDEOS AND FURTHER READING

See it for yourself

Before and after photographs of Dr Kal's own work are in our smile gallery, and treatment videos are on our YouTube channel. These independent sources are also a good place to read more.

LUSSO general and family dentistry	Our page on everyday and restorative care. Written information.
BAOMS patient procedures	Written patient information on oral surgery procedures from the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.
NHS: Dental abscess	Written information on dental infection, its symptoms and treatment, including extraction.
LUSSO sedation dentistry	Our page explaining sedation options for anxious patients. Written information.

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