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POST-OPERATIVE DIET INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. For the first three days try to keep on a liquid-only diet to allow the best healing. Anything that can be placed in a blender to drink is ideal. The purpose of this is to protect the blood clot that is acting as a "band-aid" between your gum and teeth. It will also help the sutures to stay in place if used. Do not drink your liquids through a straw, as this creates a vacuum in your mouth that can disturb the blood clot.
- 2. Take daily vitamins.
- 3. Try to stay on a higher protein diet even if supplemental protein powder needs to be added to any smoothie or shake that you prepare.
- 4. At the fourth day foods with a "mushy" consistency can be used (see list below).
- 5. At 7-10 days after treatment, soft foods are allowed. Soft foods have the consistency of pasta, fish, chicken, and steamed vegetables. You should gradually add back foods to your diet. Be cautious.
- 6. For 1 month, DO NOT chew gum, eat candy, popcorn, cookies, chips, nuts, bread with a hard crust, croutons, anything with seeds, apples, raw carrots, or anything that would be considered hard or crunchy. Try to avoid shredded meat that may lodge in between your teeth.
- 7. Diet Suggestions:
 - Daily vitamins.
 - Cream of wheat, oatmeal, malt-o-meal.
 - Mashed potatoes (ok with butter/sour cream).
 - Mashed bananas.
 - Mashed avocados (guacamole).
 - Applesauce or any mashed/blended fruit other than those with seeds.
 - Broth or creamed soups.
 - · Steamed vegetables.
 - Mashed yams, baked sweet potato or butternut squash.
 - Cottage cheese/soft cheese.
 - Creamy peanut butter.
 - Eggs any style with or without melted cheese.
 - Omelets with cheese and avocado.
 - Jell-O, pudding, ice cream.
 - Yogurt.
 - Milkshakes and smoothies.
 - Ensure, Slim-fast or other nutritional protein drinks.
 - Soups with very small pieces of meat and/or cooked vegetables (at a temperature at or below 105°F.
 - Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (no seeds in the jam or jelly).

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