

Postoperative Care Policy



Purpose

Postoperative care is the care a patient receives after a surgical procedure and assists patients in taking responsibility for regaining optimum health. The type and number of postoperative visits you will need depends on the type of treatment you have completed, your health history, and individual differences in healing.

The goal of postoperative appointments is to ensure that patients have a successful outcome after surgical procedures. Therefore, it is important that you come into our office for a follow up appointment after your surgery. Depending on how you are healing and the questions you have, a typical visit could take 10-30 minutes. It is our goal to be on time, efficient and deliver value to you at each of your visits.

Our Philosophy

Our Surgical Assistants or Dental Hygienist will see you for most of your postoperative visits. They are continually and thoroughly trained to know what to look for and what questions to ask. In all cases, the Surgical Assistants or Dental Hygienist will report their findings and review your photos and x-rays with Dr. Moulton. If you have any concerns or questions for the doctor, they will relay these to him and get back to you or have Dr. Moulton contact you directly.

Please let us know before your visit if you feel a need to see the doctor, and we will schedule your appointment at a time where the doctor will be available to see you personally.

Fees

- *The first postoperative appointment is a professional courtesy, and is included with your fees for treatment. For your convenience, we can bundle the additional recommended visits with your treatment fees.*
 1. *Tissue Grafts: 2 post op visits may be needed depending on the number of grafts done*
 2. *Implants: 2 post op visits may be needed depending on the number of implants placed*
 3. *Uncovering of the implant: If needed, 1 post op visit*
 4. *LANAP: If needed, 1 post op visit. (Periodontal Maintenances are not considered post op visits, but are just as important to the success of your treatment's outcome.)*
 5. *All other procedures: If needed, 1 post op visit. (Less complicated procedures may not require a postoperative visit, and patients will be seen on an "as needed" basis.)*
- *It's a \$45 fee per visit, excluding the first visit. If there are complications, more visits may be needed.*
- *If a postoperative visit requires any additional procedures be done or any ointments/medications dispensed, there could be fees associated with this. We will inform you of any fees that you will be responsible for prior to doing the treatment or dispensing the ointment or medications at a postoperative visit.*



Re-Evaluation appointments

If a re-evaluation is needed after one year from the date of your surgery, there will be an exam fee for a re-evaluation. At this point, enough time has passed and there could be changes that will involve more time and will require an exam, versus just a follow up, to reassess the condition of your oral health and/or area of concern.

Questions-

- Our office number is 208-522-6683
- You may contact Dr. Moulton at drmoulton@rcperio.com or on his mobile at 208-569-1150
- You may also contact our surgical assistants at any time by email at assistants@rcperio.com.

Patient Name _____

Patient or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____