

Risk of Infection

Please avoid any surgical procedures or colonoscopy for 6 weeks before and 3 months after your joint replacement surgery.

Following a total joint replacement surgery, there can be an increased risk of bacterial infection involving the prosthesis used in the joint. Please see the dental guidelines below.

Dental examination without probing (ex: denture adjustment, Invisalign adjustment...)

- No wait time before or after surgery

Dental examination with possible probing (ex: standard dental cleaning...)

- No sooner than 1 day before surgery and 3 months after surgery

Noninvasive dental procedures (ex: suture removal, crown and bridge placement, impressions...)

- No sooner than 1 day before surgery and 3 months after surgery

Dental extractions, root canals, and other invasive procedures

- No sooner than 3 weeks before surgery and 3 months after surgery

Treatment of active dental infection

- Contact (435) 655-6574 to discuss

****we advise prophylactic antibiotic use for all dental procedures for 12 months after surgery****

If you have an active infection at the time of surgery, this can increase the risk of infection of your prosthetic joint or increase your risk of other post-operative complications. Scabs and open wounds often harbor bacteria that can cause an infection. It is important that at the time of surgery your body should be free of any wounds, ulcers, or scabs. We also need to know if you currently have any other infections such as urinary tract infection, sinus infection, influenza, pneumonia, COVID, etc. If you develop a scab, cut, cough, cold, fever, chills, other flu-like symptoms, we need to know immediately.

Contact our office ASAP with any concerns at (435) 655-6574