

PREMEDICATION FOR TEETH CLEANING OR OTHER DENTAL PROCEDURES APPLIES TO:

- ALL JOINT REPLACEMENTS
- BACK IMPLANTS

There are instances when infection in one part of your body may cause bacteria to circulate in your blood, resulting in infections anywhere in your body. Good dental hygiene is important, and you should see your dentist for regular dental care, but not until 6 months after your surgery. Prompt treatment of infections, particularly in the skin or urinary tract, is important.

The avoidance of bacterial contamination and infection should help reduce the risk of infection at the site of the implant. Based on new recommendations from the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, providers have returned to asking all total joint patients to take an antibiotic PRIOR to any dental procedure for life; and patients with back implants for 2 years following surgery. Since prompt treatment is essential, please consult with your primary care or treating physician regarding the premedication protocol for your health & safety. (2022)

PHYSICIAN: _____

HOSPITAL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DATE OF PROCEDURE: _____

ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBED: _____

DOSE: _____

MUST BE TAKEN: (please circle one) FOR LIFE or UNTIL _____

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