



COASTAL ORTHOPEDICS

## Dental Work After Joint Replacement

It is possible for bacteria from the mouth, teeth, or gums to travel through the bloodstream and settle in an artificial joint. In an attempt to prevent this occurrence, Dr. Greenspoon recommends taking antibiotics prior to any dental procedure after having a total joint replacement.

Dr. Greenspoon recommends scheduling elective dental procedures at least 3 months after having a total joint replacement

We will be happy to prescribe the antibiotics for you.

### What Antibiotics Are Suggested?

2 grams of Amoxicillin or Cephalexin should be taken 1 hour before this procedure.

If you are allergic to Penicillin, 600mg of clindamycin should be taken orally 1 hour before the procedure.

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