

Our Mission Statement:

“Our aim is to deliver the highest standard of care in a comfortable and friendly environment”



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we'll take care of you

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Monday 9am - 5.00 pm
Tuesday 10am - 5.00pm
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Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm
Friday 8.30am - 3.45 pm

Wheelchair access is available



Tell me about

Having a tooth extraction





Why do I need my tooth pulled out?

A common reason for an extraction is due to a tooth that is too badly damaged, from trauma or decay to be repaired. Other reasons include crowded teeth, infection and gum disease.

What should I expect during the treatment?

Your dentist will give you some local anaesthetic to numb up the tooth. The dentist will firstly loosen the tooth and then use forceps to grasp the tooth and gently rock it back and forth as shown in the pictures. During the procedure, you will only feel pushing and pressure, not pain. Once the tooth is out, your dentist will place some gauze for you to bite on to ensure any bleeding stops.



What are the risks of having teeth removed?

- Bleeding, pain, swelling, bruising
- The top part of the tooth also known as the crown can fracture which may require raising the gum, removal of bone and then stitches in order to remove the whole tooth.
- Roots can fracture and very small fragments can sometimes be left.
- Temporary or permanent risk of nerve damage with removal of some lower wisdom teeth. The lower wisdom teeth may be very close to nerves in the lower jaw. If affected, it can result in numbness or tingling to the tongue, lip and chin area and sometimes taste can be disturbed.
- With some upper teeth, the roots may be close to the sinuses and once these teeth are removed, there could be an opening between the sinus and the mouth.
- Difficulty opening the jaw.
- Occasionally adjacent teeth, if heavily filled or crowned may break.
- If complications arise, it may be necessary to refer to the dental hospital.

Your dentist will advise you specifically of the risks associated with the tooth you are due to have removed.



What after care do I require after the tooth has been taken out?

Your dentist will go through instructions verbally as well as provide you with information to take away on what to do next after you have had your tooth taken out..

This will include:

- No alcohol or smoking for at least 24 hours.
- The anaesthetic will wear off after approximately 3 hours. You will be advised to take painkillers accordingly to the manufacturers instructions. Aspirin should be avoided as it can bleed more.
- Do not rinse or spit for 24 hours after an extraction or else the blood clot may dislodge.
- After 24 hours, start hot salt mouth water rinses 3-4 x daily to prevent an infection developing.
- Avoid vigorous exercise and rest.
- You will be given a gauze pack to take away which you should bite down on firmly if excessive bleeding occurs.

