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ANTIBIOTIC PROTECTION

The possibility of infection in your artificial joint may exist in the following situations:

<u>ANY</u> dental procedure	Kidney surgery
<u>ANY</u> infection (sinus, lung, urinary tract, skin etc.)	Cardiac catheterization
Colonoscopy/Sigmoidoscopy	Barium Enema
Cystoscopy/Genitourinary instrumentation	Endoscopy
Prostate and/or bladder surgery	

Antibiotic protection should be given by the treating physician, our office, or your dentist for any of these procedures. The following protocol is generally recommended for most dental procedures, but your physician or dentist should use whatever antibiotic protects you from the bacteria to which you are most likely to be exposed.

Recommended Prophylactic Antibiotic Protocol:

Amoxicillin 3 grams one hour BEFORE procedure, then 2 gram six hours AFTER the procedure.

If allergic to penicillin:

Erythromycin 1 gram one hour BEFORE procedure, then 1 gram six hours AFTER procedure.

OR

Clindamycin 900 mg one hour BEFORE procedure, then 600 mg six hours AFTER procedure.

* * No **ELECTIVE** dental work or cleaning for 3 months following surgery * *

*** * This is a Lifetime Precaution * ***

* * Once your dentist knows what antibiotic has been prescribed the first time by our office, your dentist can prescribe future doses * *