

ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS FOR TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENT PATIENTS

Antibiotic Prophylaxis is not indicated for dental patients with pins, plates, and screws. After joint replacement surgery, most patients do not need oral antibiotics for dental procedures. We do not recommend probing or invasive dental procedures for 3 months following joint replacement. No procedures should be performed during the 3 weeks before joint replacement surgery, and in most cases, joint replacement is elective, so it can be delayed for dental care. Active oral infections should always be treated as soon as possible.

Patients who are considered immunocompromised may need antibiotic prophylaxis. See QR code/link for full list.

https://www.aaos.org/globalassets/quality-and-practice-resources/dental/dental-prophylaxis-auc-decision-tree-v2_condensed_1.29.20-003.pdf

*For the full AAOS Guidelines please visit: <https://www.aaos.org/globalassets/quality-and-practice-resources/dental/dental-2024/prevention-of-total-hip-and-knee-arthroplasty-pji-in-patients-undergoing-dental-procedures-cpg.pdf>

SUGGESTED ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS REGIMIN

Patients **not** allergic to Penicillin:

- Cephalexin, Cephadrine or Amoxicillin: 2 grams orally 1 hour prior to dental procedure.
Written as: 500mg 1 hour prior to dental procedure. Disp #4

Patients allergic to Penicillin:

- Patient must wait 6 weeks after joint replacement for cleanings.
- Antibiotic to be given: Clindamycin

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****We follow the latest recommendations from the ADA, AAOS, AAHKS, MSIS and IDSA****