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Re: Need to speak with surgery team (additional details, request for appointment)

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Thu, Feb 3, 2022 at 12:27 AM

To: "Distancia, Ana" <distanciaa@head-neck.com>

Thinking back to when this tooth was extracted - this was actually a crowned tooth which had been giving me problems. The extraction seemed to go fine. The tooth came out whole. I photographed it - some of the white part of the crown had chipped off from the dental tools, but the roots, etc were left fully intact. However, there were two issues with the healing process. One had to do with the sutures, which for some reason were very tangled and looped, etc - really annoyed me for a few days, but then of course they finally dissolved. And the other issue was this very noticeable "chip" that was, at that time, present on the gum outside the extraction site. This I mentioned to Dr Patel at the follow up visit (and it's in his notes from 3/3/20) - and he said that it was probably a "bone chip" and that it would likely "dissolve" and that if it didn't dissolve, it could be removed.

After a few weeks, the object simply seemed to vanish. However, months later, I started to have problems around the site, and now I feel a chip or flake like object in the area I described - just behind the extraction site, and that object seems to be the source of (or directly related to) these problems. I now suspect this is the same object, and that it migrated to a different part of my mouth.

Wondering about this, I did internet research on post-extraction bone chips. (I realize doctors love to hear about internet research but ...) Two things stood out to me, based on the reading that I've done. First, it doesn't sound like a very normal occurrence for a bone chip to be left in a tooth cavity after this type of extraction. That it's more common in lower jaw impacted wisdom tooth extractions, and even then, it's a minority of cases. Second, based on the shape of the object, which seemed to be smooth and flake-like, it doesn't seem like it would have fit the description of a normal bone chip, but more like a tooth chip - but except for the very top of the crown that was damaged by pliers, the tooth was pulled out intact. Third, I've not seen anywhere, any mention of bone chips "dissolving." What appears to be the normal scenario is that they work themselves out of the tooth cavity. I think I would have noticed if this had happened.

This flake, chip, whatever it is - did not seem to show up on an x-ray last summer. But it is definitely there, and I can feel it, and it is causing me problems now every single day.

I think the best thing for me to do is to discuss this with Dr Patel. Can I please make an appointment to do so, as soon as possible. My schedule is very flexible.

Thank you

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While I'm running around trying to get an emergency dental appointment I still am really wondering where (as in what part of my body) Dr Patel thinks that "bone spur" came from.

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