



**EDISON LAKES**  
ORAL SURGERY

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**PRE-SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS**  
PLEASE READ BOTH SIDES THOROUGHLY

Thank you for choosing Edison Lakes Oral Surgery for your oral surgery needs. We understand that most people do not look forward to any surgery so our goal is to make your experience with us as pleasant as possible. We want this to be a safe, comfortable experience for you. If you are not sure of any part of your pre-operative preparation, please feel free to **CALL OUR OFFICE at (574) 272-8823** as far ahead of surgery as possible.

**Required Information:**

1. Please complete **both sides** of our “Health History” form and **bring it to your appointment**.
2. Please bring a picture ID and all of your insurance cards (medical and dental) to your appointment.
3. Bring a **complete list of all prescription and non-prescription medications** you are currently taking or have taken in the past two weeks. You may bring the bottles with you. If you have been prescribed an inhaler, bring it with you no matter when you used it last.

**Understanding terms of the Procedures:**

1. **Consultation:** We do not require a consultation unless the patient or referring dentist feels it is necessary to discuss the procedure or the cost (95% of our patients do not feel they need a consult).
2. **X-rays:** An X-ray is needed for most appointments. The patient must request their dentist to send a current X-ray (if they have one) or bring it with them on the day of surgery. If we have to take one, there will be a charge for the X-ray. The doctors will not remove a tooth without a diagnostic X-ray that shows the current condition of the tooth.
3. **Referral:** A referral is required for every appointment with the referring dentist’s instructions. This can be brought to the appointment or it can be faxed or emailed ahead of time.
4. **Anesthesia:** The doctors provide four types of anesthesia. **If you are unsure of which you are scheduled for, please call our office** and we will clarify the details.
  - a. **Local:** “Novocaine” is injected to numb the area being worked on. This will “freeze” the area and make it free of pain (but not pressure) during the procedure in most cases.
  - b. **Nitrous Oxide:** A mask is placed over the nose and the patient breathes the gas. This gas will help relax the patient and decrease anxiety. Local anesthetic is still required to numb the area. The patient can drive himself or herself home afterwards. **The patient must not eat or drink anything, including water, for 3 hours before the appointment.**
  - c. **Sedation/General Anesthesia:** Medications are given through an IV to allow you to sleep, rest comfortably, and reduce your awareness of the procedure. The patient must bring a responsible adult to stay with them and drive him/her home. We do not allow these patients to go home with taxis, buses, or by walking. **The patient must not eat or drink anything, including water, for 6 hours before surgery** (except for medication with doctor approval). You will not be able to drive for 24 hours after being asleep. If you will be sedated or asleep for your surgery, do not wear nail polish, acrylic nails, or facial make up. Please **remove your contact lenses** before surgery.
5. **Medical Conditions:** If you have or have had any of the following medical conditions, please call us: Diabetes, recent heart surgery, serious heart disease, liver or kidney disease, joint replacements, stents, radiation treatment to the head or neck, or take “herbal remedies” or diet pills. If you have any questions regard these instructions, please contact our office.
  - a. If you take insulin for diabetes, please call the office to get advice on how to adjust your dosage. You may not be eating normally after your surgery.
  - b. Do NOT take any diet pills or “herbal” medicines for 2 weeks prior to surgery. If you have taken them, please alert the doctor as to which you have taken.
  - c. If you will be **AWAKE** for your surgery, take all your prescription medications as usual on the day of surgery. If you will be **SEDATED** or **ASLEEP**, please take them at least 6 hours prior to surgery with a very small sip of water.
6. **Missed Appointments:** We require at least a **24-hour** notice if you unable to make your appointment. We are a very busy practice and many people have to wait extended periods of time to get in. Missed appointments means unused appointment times for other patients. If you miss your appointment, you will most likely NOT be given another one.
7. **Underage Patients:** If the patient is less than 18 years of age, their parent or legal guardian **MUST** come to the appointment with them. If the legal guardian is not their parent, please bring proof of legal guardianship. If the patient’s parents are divorced, please alert our front desk staff as to how this affects guardianship and insurance coverage. ...over



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## BILLING INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Thank you for choosing Edison Lakes Oral Surgery for your oral surgery needs. We understand that any kind of surgery can create a financial hardship especially when the surgery is unexpected or unplanned. While we do not offer an in-house financing option, we have included the various billing circumstances that can be applicable. Should your personal situation fall outside of what we have listed, please call our office to discuss your financial obligation day of surgery.

### Billing

- 1. No Insurance:** The cost of the procedure must be paid on the day of the surgery. If the patient is “going to sleep”, the bill must be paid before they go to sleep. We accept cash, credit card (**Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover**), checks, and **CareCredit\***. **\*You must acquire financing approval through CareCredit prior to your appointment. The cardholder must be present with two forms of ID the day of surgery.**
- 2. Insurance:** If the patient has dental insurance, the patient is required to pay **the day of surgery** the amount that insurance does not pay in full. If the insurance pays less than expected, the patient is responsible for the balance. NOTE: The patient should find out what their insurance benefits are **before** the day of surgery by calling their insurance company.

If you are unsure if your insurance policy covers the service you are having or whether Edison Lakes Oral Surgery is in your network, please contact your insurance company to verify these details. All non-covered services are the patient’s responsibility at the time of service.

#### When you call your insurance company:

- a. Tell them you are calling about your benefits for “Oral Surgery”.
- b. Ask them what your deductible is and ask if you have met it yet.
- c. Ask what percentage your insurance pays for all extractions and X-rays.
- d. Ask if general anesthesia is covered for the number teeth you are having out.
- e. Ask what the maximum coverage for the year is and how much you have left.

**Once you have this information, please call our office. We can give you a closer estimate of what is to be paid by the patient the date of surgery.**

- 3. Medicare:** Medicare does not cover any dental surgery.
- 4. Medicaid:** We accept **Indiana Medicaid** only. Eligibility is required and will be checked the day of surgery.