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Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Total Joint Replacement Patients

Although controversial, we recommend that all total joint replacement patients receive antibiotic prophylaxis for **lifetime** for any dental procedures, including cleanings, dental extractions, periodontal procedures, dental implant placement and root canals.

In patients who are not allergic to penicillin, we recommend:

1. Amoxicillin: 2 grams taken 30 minutes before each dental procedure.

In patients who are allergic to penicillin, we recommend one of the following:

1. Clindamycin: 600 mg taken 30 minutes before each dental procedure.
2. Erythromycin: 750 mg taken 30 minutes before each dental procedure.
3. Keflex: 1000 mg taken 30 minutes before each dental procedure.

Please inform all of your health care providers that you have undergone joint replacement surgery.

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