

Re: Extraction & Sinus Perforation

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Dave King wrote:

On Tue, 23 May 2006 00:02:53 GMT, Mark & Steven Bornfeld <bornfeldmung@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Jennie wrote:

Hello, I looked for help on this topic before I wrote. I hope I am not bothering you with my question. I just got back from my local dentist and I have had the worst luck. I went in to have a tooth extracted. It was in very bad shape and I was told that pulling it would pretty much be the only option. The tooth is my last tooth on my right side top. The dentist took an xray and then pulled the tooth. Never said a word to me that there might be a problem. I thought everything was okay until I felt him stiching up my tooth socket. (I was thinking...I don't remember ever having stiches before when I had a tooth pulled) Well anyway, after he was finished stiching me up he proceeded to tell me that he saw on the xray that my tooth was into my sinus cavity and that when he pulled it it perforated my sinus cavity. Shouldn't he have told me that BEFORE he pulled it? I am now at home in major pain and my socket is bleeding

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badly. I am worried that I am going to get an infection. I was not given any antibiotics. Should I have been? I don't see him again until next week when I get my stitches out. Thanks for your help!!

You can't always tell beforehand which teeth will cause a communication with the sinus when extracted, but you should get a good guess which might from the x-ray. Yes, if he suspected the sinus could be entered telling you would have been the right thing to do, but honestly I doubt very much that this knowledge (other than in the legal sense) is very useful, as if the tooth really had to come out, it had to come out.

Stitching over the extraction socket is the right thing to do, and he was honest enough to tell you what happened—the occurrence itself was almost certainly not his fault.

I personally would have put you on antibiotics. Dave King, OMFS Extraordinaire—you out there? What is the current thinking on this?

Steve

I would have tried to get primary closure depending on the size as well as antibiotics. The vast majority heal uneventfully.

Thanks, Dave!

Best,
Steve

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