

Re: Is this Dry Socket?

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rourke_stephen@xxxxxxxx wrote:

I just got back. First of all I explained it all. Then he took a look, used the syringe thing with water. worst pain in my mouth I'd ever had.

Then sent me for X-Ray to check for tooth/bone there. Came back, and he said must be bone and its normal for this to happen, and expect a few Weeks for it to heal.

He then put some stuff that looks like tobacco and tastes like clover oil(But a nice clover oil taste!) into the hole.

He said to wash my mouth out reguarly and it wont hurt, and it will take up to 3 weeks to heal.

It wasnt exactly hurting when I went, until he cleaned the hole out, he said "what did you put in that hole" I said nothing of course. So maybe that was stopping it from hurting and now all the pain will start? I hope not, it has been 7-days since I got it taken out.

Can you have a big hole and not a dry-socket? He never actually told me what I had.

Sounds like he's treating you for a dry socket, which generally is packed with a medicated dressing. It should bring you relief.

Anyway I've booked an appointment for tonight with my GP and will ask for anti-biotics and painkillers just to be safe.

Does everyone who gets a big-back tooth out have a big hole for a while? Is it normal to have that and never get dry-socket?

Most extractions do NOT lead to dry socket, whether closed or not. Your apparent situation—a dry socket on an upper molar is less common (lucky you!) but certainly not rare. I'm not aware of any studies demonstrating that tightly sutured extractions are less likely to develop a dry socket. In