

## Re: Is this Dry Socket?

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I'm going to just rinse it out everytime I eat/drink, which is not much. And try not to worry about it so much.

False teeth = must be amazing to never get toothache.... Eat, drink, whatever you want.....

rourke\_step...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Its came out the clover oil stuff, was dissolving then couple of minuites ago whilst having a drink it came out. But its not hurting.

Too bad the dentist hasnt asked me to go back,

Steven Bornfeld wrote:

rourke\_stephen@xxxxxxxxxx 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.

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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 any case, it is often not possible to close an  
upper molar extraction so that there is no hole. It will certainly heal  
in time. Meanwhile, it sounds as if your surgeon is doing what he has  
to to make you comfortable.

Steve

PLEASE REPLY!  
Stephen

rourke\_stephen@xxxxxxxxx wrote:

Need to get it seen to by somebody. Its not  
hurting constantly ONLY  
when I try drinking/eating.

Am going to try  
<http://www.rlbuht.nhs.uk/content/default.asp?web=234&sub=549>  
in the  
morning, hopefully they will take a look at it  
and tell me whether its  
anything to worry about or not.

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Everytime I try sucking on food or something too, the hole where the tooth was taken out hurts.

rourke\_stephen@xxxxxxxxx wrote:

"normal healing process.  
keep using salt water"

rourke\_stephen@xxxxxxxxx  
wrote:

I will try  
my best to  
describe  
how it looks  
–

tooth out,  
the gums  
next to  
where it  
was taken  
out, piece of  
bone very  
painful to  
touch.  
Where the  
tooth came  
out – a soft  
blob of  
something  
which tastes  
horrible. I  
cant just get  
rid of it  
cause it  
might make  
the pain go  
very bad.

Above that  
is the  
small–black  
spot. Only  
just came.

rourke\_step...@xxxxxxxxx  
wrote:

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Its  
not  
hurting  
-  
but  
where  
I  
got  
the  
tooth  
out,  
there  
is  
now  
a  
soft  
black  
spot.

What  
is  
that  
do  
you  
think?  
I  
would  
love  
to  
get  
an  
appointment  
just  
to  
get  
it  
all  
checked  
out,  
but  
"emergency-only"

Steven  
Bornfeld  
wrote:

rourke\_stephen@xxxxxxxxxx  
wrote:

But  
she

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did  
say  
if  
the  
pain  
gets  
very  
bad  
to  
give  
a  
ring  
back  
tomorrow..

rourke\_stephen@xxxxxxxxxx  
wrote:

Explained  
the  
bone/horrible  
taste,  
and  
she  
said  
to  
take  
painkillers  
and  
do  
the  
salt-mouthwash  
every  
4  
hours....

rourke\_stephen@xxxxxxxxxx  
wrote:

Or  
maybe  
I'm  
just  
worrying  
over  
nothing!

I'm  
waiting  
for  
the

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Dental  
Nurse  
to  
ring  
back.

Well,  
it  
certainly  
may  
be  
dry  
socket.  
Pain  
was  
what  
was  
missing  
from  
your  
initial  
description.  
Do  
call  
again.  
It  
is  
possible  
to  
pack  
the  
socket  
with  
a  
medicated  
dressing  
and  
get  
significant  
relief.  
Dry  
socket  
isn't  
dangerous,  
just  
a  
big  
PIA  
(or  
rather

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mouth).

Feel  
better,  
Steve