



DUNGY ORTHOPEDIC CENTER

Important Information About Protecting Your Joint Replacement

If you have had joint replacement surgery, I recommend you take prophylactic antibiotics before any of the following procedures:

1. Invasive dental work including prophylactic cleaning where bleeding is anticipated, extractions, implant placement, or root canal work.
2. Urologic procedures such as cystoscopy or insertion of a Foley catheter.
3. Gynecological surgery.
4. Instrumentation of the esophagus and stomach especially for strictures.
5. Dermatologic cauterization of skin lesions.
6. Podiatric procedures such as the treatment of infected toenails.

As these areas are all basically considered contaminated by bacteria, antibiotics are recommended to prevent any transmission of bacteria to the joint replacement through the bloodstream.

If the doctor performing the procedure has no specific antibiotic preference, I would recommend the following regimens:

If you do not have an allergy to Penicillin: Amoxicillin 2 grams orally one hour prior to procedure.

OR

If you are allergic to Penicillin: Clindamycin 600mg orally one hour prior to procedure.