Information about Oro-Antral Communication (OAC)

- When removing upper molars, it is possible for a small communication to form between the mouth and the nose.
- While these may heal without event, occasionally a minor surgical procedure is subsequently necessary to repair the defect.
- In the event that a portion of the tooth root is displaced in the sinus, further consultation/treatment may be required with the specialist department.

For the next 2 weeks

**DO**
- Blow your nose
- Sneeze/cough with your mouth open
- Use Drixine or Otrivine to clear your nasal passages, if your nose is blocked
- Rinse your mouth gently (starting tomorrow)

**NOT**
- Suck on lollies
- Drink through a straw
- Play the flute, clarinet, or any such instruments
- Go swimming or diving
- Smoke, exercise, lift heavy items
- Travel by plane without medical clearance

Please contact us should you notice:

- Severe pain
- Bad taste in your mouth from the socket
- Excessive fluid through the nose/socket
- Continuous nose-bleeds
- Severe swelling
- Changes in your vision

Should you have any concerns please call The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne on 9341 1000 between the hours of 8:30am to 9:15pm each week day and 8:30am to 9:15pm Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

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