

Patient: _____

MR#: _____

My goal is for you to remain well after your total hip or knee replacement. To that end, I will need you to take antibiotics one(1) hour prior to any dental procedure as this is crucial in preventing bacteria from infecting the implant.

- If you are healthy, you should take antibiotics 1 hour prior to having a dental procedure for the first 2 years after your total hip or knee replacement.
- If you are at risk for infection, you should follow these antibiotic guidelines for life.
- You are considered to be at risk for infection if you suffer from: immunosuppression, inflammatory disease such as Lupus or Rheumatoid Arthritis, Diabetes, HIV, smoking, obesity, or have had a prior joint infection.

Your primary care physician should be able to answer any questions regarding your immune status. However, if you do not have a primary care physician please contact me so we can work together to avoid serious infections.

It is important that you notify your dentist of your total joint replacement, prior to having any dental work done, so he/she can take the proper steps to avoid serious infection.

My office will provide you with your first prescription for antibiotics, subsequent prescriptions should be provided by your dentist.

For your convenience, my recommendations to your dentist for prophylaxis antibiotics are listed below:

Standard General Prophylaxis:

- Amoxicillin: Adult 2 grams orally, 1 hour prior to procedure

If Tony is –

Unable to take oral medications, please prescribe:

- Ampicillin: Adults 2 grams IV or IM, within 30 minutes of procedure

Allergic to Penicillin, please prescribe:

- Clindamycin: Adults 600 mg orally, 1 hour prior to procedure – or –
- Cephalexin or Cefadroxil: Adults 2 grams orally, 1 hour prior to procedure – or –
- Azithromycin or Clarithromycin: Adults 500 mg orally, 1 hour prior to procedure

Allergic to Penicillin and unable to take medications, please prescribe:

- Clindamycin: Adults 600 mg IV, within 30 minutes prior to procedure – or –
- Cephazolin: Adults 1 gram IV or IM, within 30 minutes prior to procedure

Please contact me prior to dental work if you have any questions regarding your need for antibiotics.