



WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR TREATMENT APPOINTMENT

TOOTH EXTRACTION

Taking the worry out of your dental treatment

We understand that coming in for dental treatment can sometimes feel daunting, particularly if you haven't had the procedure before.

At Cranfield Dental Care, we'll explain your treatment beforehand and make sure you know what to expect. Our aim is to keep you comfortable, informed and reassured throughout your appointment.

Tooth Extraction

What happens when a tooth needs to be removed?

A tooth may need to be removed for a number of reasons, including extensive decay, infection, gum disease, trauma or because there isn't enough space for the tooth.

Before an extraction, your dentist will assess the tooth and explain why removal is recommended. Where appropriate, we will discuss alternative treatment options with you.

During your appointment

1. We'll make sure you're comfortable
2. Your dentist will explain the procedure and answer any questions you have.
3. Local anaesthetic
4. The area around the tooth will be numbed using local anaesthetic. You should not feel pain during the extraction, although you may feel pressure or movement.
5. Removing the tooth
6. Once the area is completely numb, your dentist will carefully loosen and remove the tooth.
7. Some extractions are straightforward, while others may require a little more time or a surgical approach. Your dentist will explain this to you.
8. After the extraction
9. You may be asked to bite gently on gauze for a short period to help control any bleeding.
10. Your dentist will provide you with aftercare instructions before you leave, including advice about eating, drinking, brushing and what to do if you have any concerns.
11. After your extraction
12. It is normal to experience some soreness once the anaesthetic wears off. Swelling or bruising can also occur, particularly following a more complex extraction.
13. The area will gradually heal, but it's important to follow your aftercare instructions carefully to reduce the risk of complications.
14. If you experience severe or worsening pain, persistent bleeding, increasing swelling, fever or any other concerning symptoms, please contact the practice for advice.

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Cranfield Dental Care

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Contact our Reception team 01462 434323 for general enquiries, or speak to our **Treatment Coordinator (TCO)** 07714117790 for advice and information about your treatment options.

We're here to help you understand what's available and find the right next step for you.