

## DENTAL WORK AFTER JOINT REPLACEMENT SURGERY

### When do I need to take preventative antibiotics?

- Once you have an artificial joint in place, your risk of contracting a blood-borne infection is higher than normal. Therefore, we feel antibiotics are indicated for all dental procedures as a life-long precaution.

**Dentist:** If you are experiencing any tooth pain or have not had a dental check-up within the past 6 months, you should have a dental checkup prior to your joint replacement surgery. If you need to have dental work performed (such as cleanings, filling, root canals, extractions), ***please have this work completed at least 3 weeks prior to surgery. Do not plan on having elective dental work done until 3 months after surgery.***

### What dental procedures require preventative antibiotics?

- Regular teeth cleanings
- Dental extractions
- Periodontal (gum disease) procedures
- Dental implant placement and re-implantation
- Endodontic (root canal) instrumentation or surgery
- Initial placement of orthodontic bands
- Injection of local anesthetic into the gums

### What antibiotics are recommended?

- Patients not allergic to Penicillin:
  - Amoxicillin 2g orally 1 hour before appointment
- Patients allergic to Penicillin:
  - Clindamycin 600mg orally 1 hour before appointment
- Your dentist can prescribe this for you or please contact Dr. Gerlinger's office at (312) 432-2429 for a prescription.