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Post-Operative Care Following Arestin

Atridox is an antibiotic gel containing Doxycyline and is a Tetracycline antibiotic that has been placed in one or more of your deeper periodontal pockets. Arestin is gently deposited into infected periodontal pockets. This local delivery allows extended release of the antibiotic to kill the bacteria that cause periodontal disease.

It is important to maintain the following guidelines after the placement of Arestin:

Avoid touching the treated area.

Do not brush the treated site for 12 hours following the procedure.

Do not use the floss, toothpicks, interdental brushes, or any other device designed to clean between the teeth. It is critical the Arestin is maintained in the site, and cleaning between the treated areas will remove the gel prematurely.

Avoid eating hard, sticky, chewy, or crunchy foods for a minimum of 7 days following the placement of Arestin.

Do not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages for a minimum of 48 hours.

Make sure you attend any scheduled post-op and follow-up appointments to help attain success.

You may experience the following side effects:

Nausea, vomiting, upset stomach, diarrhea, and/or loss of appetite, fever/chills, runny nose, sore throat, cough, and tension headaches.

Be sure to inform your doctor immediately should you notice any of the following:

Allergic reaction including itching/hives, swelling in your face or hands, swelling or tingling in your mouth or throat, chest tightness, or trouble breathing. These are signs of a more severe allergic reaction and may require immediate emergency care.

Severe discomfort or extreme swelling in your mouth.

Extreme toothache or fractured tooth.