

Total Joint Replacement Patients

Antibiotic Prophylaxis

While it is no longer required by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons or the American Dental Association, Dr. Bjerke's protocol for his total joint replacement patients recommends that you take antibiotics prior to dental procedures for at least the first 3 years following a total joint replacement. **Dr. Bjerke also requires that the first dental cleaning you schedule after your total joint replacement is at least 3 months after your date of surgery.**

Prophylactic Medication Regimens for Dental Procedures:

Amoxicillin: 2.0 gram (four 500mg tablets) given one hour before procedure.

If allergic to Amoxicillin:

Clindamycin: 600mg (two 300mg tablets) given one hour before procedure.

For immunocompromised or patients with the following comorbidities, Dr. Bjerke also recommends prophylactic antibiotics prior to oral, GU or GI procedures.

Immunocompromised/Immunosuppressed Patients:

- Inflammatory conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus
- Drug-or radiation- induced immunosuppression

Patient's with Comorbidities:

- Previous prosthetic joint infections
- Malnourishment
- Hemophilia
- HIV infection
- Insulin-dependent (Type I) diabetes
- Malignancy

These antibiotics can be prescribed by either Dr. Bjerke, your family physician or dentist. Please contact Dr. Bjerke's care coordinator, **Andria Larson at 952-456-7095** with any questions or concerns.