



## Frequently Asked Questions – Tooth Extractions

- Q. *Is there a consultation with the surgeon where I can ask them questions I may have about the procedure?*
- A. Yes, prior to your surgery, you will still have a consultation with your surgeon where you can ask any questions you may have regarding your surgery and your subsequent recovery. Also, please refer to the Pre-Operative and Post-Operative information that has been provided to you for answers to questions you may have about what you need to do to prepare for your surgery and/or what you should do following your surgery to aid in your recovery.
- Q. *Does my insurance cover the cost of the consultation and/or surgery?*
- A. Most private health insurance plans will cover a portion of the costs of your consultation and surgery, however the exact amount differs from plan to plan. It is strongly recommended that you contact your insurance plan provider to learn more about the details of your specific insurance plan.
- Q. *Does my insurance company pay CVOS Oral Surgery directly?*
- A. No. Patients are required to provide payment for their consultation and subsequent surgery upon receipt of services/completion of treatment. CVOS will submit payment information to your insurance provider who will, in turn, reimburse you an amount based on the specifics of your insurance plan.
- Q. *Is the cost of the consultation deducted from the cost of the surgery?*
- A. No. CVOS prides itself on the consultative approach our surgeons take to ensure patients are fully aware of their surgical and non-surgical treatment options. This includes taking the time to walk patients through what to expect from these options given their individual medical backgrounds and any conditions that may affect a treatment outcome. Patients also have an abundance of opportunities to ask their surgeon any questions they may have regarding the various treatment options provided. This consultation has been found by patients to be a highly valuable and information experience and is a service in itself that patients benefit from.
- Q. *How much will the consultation cost?*
- A. The cost of surgical consultations varies based on the reason for that consultation. However, a typical surgical consultation costs approximately \$160 and is conducted in-person with one of CVOS's highly skilled surgeons.
- Q. *How much does the surgery cost?*
- A. The cost of your surgery depends on a few treatment-specific factors that will be reviewed with you by your surgeon so that can make an informed treatment decision. However, for a "typical" extraction of all 4 wisdom teeth from a sedated patient, it is recommended that you budget for approximately \$3500.

Q. *How long is the surgery?*

A. From start to finish, patients and their drivers should schedule to be at our office for about 1.5 hours in total for the surgery. This time includes roughly 30 to 45 minutes for the actual extraction and 15 to 20 minutes in recovery. This is only an estimate, however. Individual patients may take longer depending on the nature of each individual surgery and how quickly a patient wakes following sedation.

Q. *Will I be put to sleep?*

A. Not necessarily. For tooth extractions, patients typically have 3 options: freezing only; freezing plus nitrous oxide ("laughing gas"); and sedation. Your surgeon will discuss all 3 options with you during your consultations so that you can choose the option that you feel is right for you.

Q. *Why do I have to have freezing if I am asleep through the surgery?*

A. In addition to being sedated (or asleep) for your wisdom teeth surgery, local anesthesia (or "freezing") is given to the areas of the wisdom teeth so that there is no pain as you wait up from your procedure. The freezing lasts for approximately 2 hours which will give you time to get home to settle in.

Q. *What drugs do you use for sedating patients?*

A. All CVOS surgeons are fully qualified and licenced to administer a variety of sedation drugs. The specific drugs used depend on a patient's age, medical history, and the individual surgeon's preference. Common drugs used include Versed and Fentanyl (delivered via IV), Propofol, and Ketamine. Dexamethasone is also used to reduce swelling.

Q. *Will there be an anesthetist or anesthesiologist?*

A. All CVOS surgeons are fully qualified and licenced to administer a variety of sedation drugs.

Q. *Will I feel anything during my surgery?*

A. Whether or not you feel anything depends on whether you choose to be sedated for your procedure. If you are sedated, you will not be aware of what is going on and therefore will not feel anything. If you choose a local anesthesia (i.e. "freezing"), you be aware of what your surgeon is doing but the freezing of the affected area will prevent you from feeling any pain resulting from the removal of your tooth/teeth.

Q. *Can I take my own medication to relax before my surgical appointment?*

A. No. All patients must be able to provide consent prior to their surgery. We are unable to consider consent provided by a patient who has take any form of medication for relaxation as valid. Patients who arrive for their surgical appointments having already taken such medication will have their surgical appointment rescheduled. Patients who expect to feel nervous or anxious prior to their surgery should discuss how to appropriately address this when speaking with the surgeon during the consultation.