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The following instructions outline your day-by-day recovery following implant placement.

FIRST DAY:

- On the car ride home, keep the gauze in your mouth that we placed following surgery.

THIRD & FOURTH DAY:

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and 2-3 glasses of water. Take your first dose of pain medication and antibiotics (if given by your doctor) at this time.

- Each meal should consist of bland, soft foods that do not require chewing. Your lips and tongue will be numb and can be traumatized by hot foods and vigorous chewing.
- Following your first meal, place a new damp piece of gauze over the extraction sites only if there is continue bleeding.

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- Place ice over your cheeks and leave in place for 30 minutes, then remove for 30 minutes, and then replace again. Continue for the entire day.

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- Place Vaseline on your lips if they are dry.
 - Gently brush with warm water (avoid toothpaste) and rinse with warm salt water. Do not SPIT-allow the rinse to drip out of your mouth and then wipe off your lips.