



## **Dry Socket Indicators**

Dry sockets occur when the blood clot that has formed in a post extraction socket dissolves or becomes dislodged from the site. This then exposes the bone to food debris, liquids, and air that enters the mouth. They usually occur a few days following surgery. Dry sockets can cause infection and create severe pain for up to a week. There are certain people who may be more susceptible to dry socket; these include people who smoke, have poor oral hygiene, use birth control pills, have their wisdom teeth pulled, or have significant trauma. If after a few days of your surgery, you feel significant pain in your extraction site that does not go away, continues to worsen, and/or spreads along your jaw-line, you may have a dry socket.

If you believe that you may have a dry socket, PLEASE CALL our office so that we may treat you as soon as possible! Dry sockets are very painful and can cause infection; therefore, waiting is certainly not recommended. Dr. Mabry can easily treat dry socket symptoms with a simple medicated dressing that is placed into the site. This dressing will require changing for the duration of your dry socket treatment. Please feel free to contact us if you believe that you require attention for dry socket treatment!