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## WHO NEEDS PREMEDICATIONS FOR DENTAL TREATMENT

When you fill out your medical history form at our office, you'll notice it asks if you've had any of these procedures: hip, knee replacement, or any surgery involving artificial joints.

If you answer yes, you may need to take an antibiotic prior to certain types of dental treatment.

Whenever a patient has an artificial heart valve or an artificial joint, there's a higher risk of infection. When you perform any dental procedure there is more potential for bacteria from the mouth to enter the bloodstream and travel to the valve or joint, triggering an infection. That's why an antibiotic is prescribed. This is required by your medical physician prior to any treatment.

Your medical doctor will recommend the proper antibiotic for your needs.

Thanks much for your cooperation.