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State of California

DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS FOR TOTAL JOINTS

I. NECESSITY

The American Board of Orthopedic Surgery indicates that dental prophylaxis post total joints is not mandatory, but rather optional and can reflect the practice parameters of each individual surgeon.

Capital Orthopedics feels that dental prophylaxis is appropriate, necessary and should be performed for all patients with artificial joints. In our practice experience, there have been infections seeded from dental procedures and therefore, the practice feels that dental prophylaxis is a definite and appropriate procedure to undertake post total joint arthroplasty.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS


1. Patient categories.

NOT ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN - Cephalexin, cephadrine or amoxicillin 2 grams p.o. taken one hour before dental procedure.

NOT ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN - Unable to take oral medications, cephazolin, 1 gram, or ampicillin, 2 grams, IM or IV one hour before procedure.

ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN - Clindamycin 600mg p.o. taken 1 hour before procedure.

ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN - Unable to take oral medications, clindamycin 600mg IM or IV 1 hour before procedure.


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