

## Antibiotic Use Prior to Dental Procedures

There is incomplete information to determine the proper use of antibiotics with dental procedures after you have had a joint replacement surgery. The recommendations have changed repeatedly over the past several years. Because of the unknown best choice, it is our recommendation that patients with joint replacements should take one prophylactic dose of antibiotics one hour prior to dental procedures. At this time we suggest this be done indefinitely.

Our best suggestion is to use Keflex 2 grams. If you are allergic to Cephalosporin antibiotics or have a severe Penicillin allergy then the choice would be Clindamycin 600mg. Your dentist should prescribe this for you.