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## PERIOGARD ORAL RINSES CHLORHEXIDINE GLUCONATE 0.12%

Periogard Oral Rinse will reduce the number of bacteria in the mouth prior to your surgical procedure. This will ensure optimal healing with the least amount of swelling, redness, and discomfort.

Periogard may cause some tooth discoloration in areas where plaque is more difficult to remove with normal brushing. It is important to see your general dentist for removal of any stain, should it occur.

Periogard may cause permanent discoloration of some front tooth fillings. If you have this type of filling, we recommend that you **do not** rinse your entire mouth with Periogard, but rather apply it locally with a cotton swab to the area to be treated.

To minimize discoloration, please brush and floss daily emphasizing areas, which begin to discolor.

Rare hypersensitive reactions have been reported. Periogard should not be used by people who have sensitivity to its components.

Periogard may taste bitter to some patients and can affect how food and beverages taste. This will become less noticeable in most cases with continued use of Periogard. After treatment with Periogard has ended, taste perception will be normal.

To avoid taste interference, rinse with Periogard <u>after</u> meals. Do not rinse with water immediately after rinsing with Periogard, as this will increase the bitter aftertaste.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Start the rinses (or applications) the day before the surgery and 1 hour before surgery.
- 2. Pour 2 capfuls of Periogard into an empty glass.
- 3. Rinse for 30 seconds, twice daily (after breakfast and before bedtime)
- 4. Expel remainder DO NOT SWALLOW!! Do not eat or drink for one hour.
- 5. The rinses should be done two times a day. (once in the morning and once at night before going to bed) for 5 days.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.