

8 a Risks you should know

1. Routine risks after surgical tooth extraction

Information sheet for dentoalveolar surgery

What to expect after tooth removal

Pain or soreness for up to 48 hours

Swelling worst for the first 2 days

Sore throat

Difficulty opening your mouth and jaw joint pain or stiffness

Muscle pains

Bad breath from clot

Sensitivity of teeth adjacent to socket

Socket may still be a hole in the gum for up to 3 months

Complications

Dry socket

Intense persistent pain 3-5 days after surgery in 5-10% of patients. You need to have your socket washed as soon as possible, please telephone for an appointment.

Inferior alveolar and lingual nerve injury

(pain, altered sensation [pins and needles] or numbness of your tongue or lower lip and teeth)

Temporary 2%
Permanent 0.2% (1 in 200)

If your tooth is high risk (crossing the nerve canal on xray) the nerve injury risk increases to 20% temporary and 2% permanent. You may be offered extra scanning and alternative surgery

Damage to adjacent teeth may occur if they are heavily restored