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### **Prophylactic Antibiotic Protocol**

All patients who have received a total joint replacement, who need to undergo cleanings, any dental work on gums, and/ or root canal should adhere to the following antibiotic regimen. This regimen is to be followed for life time.

**Patients NOT allergic to Penicillin:** Cephalexin, Cephadrine, or Amoxicillin 2 grams (4 tablets) orally one hour prior to the dental procedure.

**Patients ALLERGIC to Penicillin:** Clindamycin 600mg orally 1 hour prior to the dental procedure.

**Patients ALLERGIC to Penicillin and Clindamycin :** Erythromycin 1 gram 1 hour prior to dental procedure.

Patients that have a heart condition are immunocompromised, including inflammatory arthropathies, rheumatoid arthritis, drug or radiation induced immunosuppression, insulin dependent diabetes or any other major medical problems should ALWAYS follow this regimen.

The risk of infection is hereby reduced but cannot be completely eliminated.