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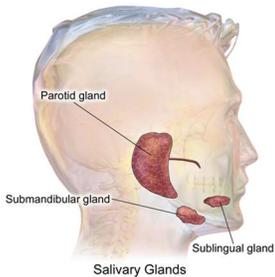
Date of Procedure _____

Sialendoscopy

You have been scheduled for an operation on one of your salivary glands. There are six large salivary glands, made up of three pairs of parotid, submandibular, and sublingual glands. Saliva drains through each gland through channels called ducts.

Sialendoscopy is a procedure involving a small flexible tube with a camera on the end used to visualize the duct of the salivary gland. This device can also be used to insert a small instrument into the duct to remove salivary stones, or debris from the gland. It can also be used to inject medication or flush the glands, as well as stretch the ducts to make them bigger.

The most common reason for this procedure is to look for a cause of pain and swelling in the gland. An attempt will be made to treat some causes of blockages including stones and debris.



What should I expect after surgery:

Discomfort after surgery should be mild to moderate and be controlled by Tylenol or a mild narcotic.

You should contact the office immediately if you develop signs of infection.

All strenuous activities should be completely avoided for one week after surgery. Bending, stooping, heavy lifting, should be avoided until your post-operative visit.

Some mild swelling to the gland area may occur and is usually worse 2 days after surgery. It should resolve in a few weeks.

See reverse for more information

Possible complications:

As with any surgery procedure, complications can occur:

- **BLEEDING:** Bleeding is very rare, but the face has a very good blood supply and bleeding could develop either during surgery or after wards. If it does occur, it should be only small amounts in the mouth.
- **INFECTION:** Infection is uncommon but can result in significant problems. Signs of infection, including progressive pain, fever, chills, redness, swelling and drainage, usually occur three to four days after surgery.
- **NUMBNESS:** Numbness of the tongue is rare and likely to resolve.
- **RETURN OF SYMPTOMS:** The endoscopy may need to be repeated or the gland may require removal.

Thank you for allowing us to care for you at the Cortland Surgical Center

if you have any questions please contact us at (607) 662 - 4521