# **Guidelines for Managing Discomfort After Dental Visits**

Dear [Patient's Name],

Thank you for visiting our dental practice. We understand that after your appointment, you may experience some discomfort. Below are guidelines to help you manage any discomfort you may feel:

#### 1. Pain Management

- Take over-the-counter pain relief medication as recommended by your dentist.
- Apply a cold compress to the outside of your mouth for 15-20 minutes to reduce swelling.

### 2. Diet Recommendations

- Avoid hard, crunchy, or sticky foods for the first 24 hours.
- Opt for soft foods like yogurt, mashed potatoes, or smoothies.

### 3. Oral Hygiene

- Continue to brush and floss gently; avoid the treated area if it's painful.
- Use a saltwater rinse to help keep the area clean.

## 4. When to Call Us

If your discomfort persists beyond 48 hours, or if you experience excessive swelling, fever, or bleeding, please contact our office immediately at [Office Phone Number].

We appreciate your trust in us and hope for a speedy recovery! If you have further questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely, [Your Name] [Your Title] [Dental Practice Name] [Contact Information]