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Re: Patient has had Bio-alcamid injections into cheeks

Dear Dentist,

This note is to inform you that this patient has Bio-alcamid cheek implants. This will require your attention when giving anasthetic injections to this patient; he/she should not receive injections into the upper gums leading into the cheek area as it can puncture the intact capsule and put the prosthetic at risk of infection.

Also, we are recommending antibiotic prophylaxis before dental work particularly more involved dental work. We recommend keflex 500 mg X 1 dose 1 hour before the procedure. If the patient is allergic to keflex, clindamycin 600 mg can be used.

Note, the patient should not have facial Xrays of cheek area as it can degrade the capsule. Xrays of the teeth are fine.

Kindest Regards,

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