

# Stonebridge Ranch Smiles

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## American Dental Association Guidelines for Premedication for Dental Visits

For most people, dental treatments are routine and require no pretreatment planning. However, some people have certain medical conditions that require them to be medicated with antibiotics before dental treatment is performed. Certain dental procedures require taking an antibiotic to prevent an infection. Bacteria that are always present in the mouth may settle in another part of the body during or after a dental procedure. Those patients at risk are generally those that have had artificial joints, heart valve damage, or are otherwise medically compromised. For patients that meet this criteria, premed is required for any visit that requires us to do more than just visually look. If you have any questions regarding our premed policy or any other matter, please feel free to contact our office.

Preventive antibiotics prior to a dental procedure are advised for patients with:

- Recent heart surgery within past six months
- Cardiac transplant that develops a heart valve problem
- Pacemaker
- Within six months of vascular surgery (artery replacement)
- Artificial heart valve
- History of rheumatic fever
- History of infective endocarditis
- Systemic pulmonary shunt
- Congenital heart defect
- Acquired valvular dysfunction
- A total joint replacement (premedication not necessary if you have received only pins, rods, mesh appliances)\*

\*The ADA guidelines are inconclusive regarding total joint replacement. It is our office policy to have our patients premed unless they obtain written permission from their MD stating premedication is not necessary.

Have you ever had any of the above listed procedures/conditions? If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

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When was it diagnosed? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_