

**Please show this letter to your dentist**

**Cardiothoracic Surgery**

Your cardiac surgery cannot take place until you are dentally fit.

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**Information for your dentist:**

Your patient is scheduled to have heart surgery.

The following guidance is not exhaustive but you may find it useful when carrying out your examination of this patient:

- A panoramic radiograph (OPG/DPT) is taken and viewed, and when necessary, supplemented with intra-oral x-rays.
- Partially erupted teeth with a recurrent pericoronitis (gum infection around a partially erupted tooth) are removed
- There is no periapical infection/ disease
- Acute periodontal disease should be treated, such as acute infection, mobility, and extensive bone loss around teeth
- A strategy should be in place for the management of chronic periodontal disease, with a continuing oral health care program and long term maintenance plan

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**Please can you:**

- Complete all dental work before this patient's cardiac surgery
- **Please fax a letter confirming that your patient's teeth and gums are healthy**
- Give a copy of the letter to the patient

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Thank you.