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Update for Patients undergoing Bisphosphonate treatment

Increasing evidence indicates that patients with a history of bisphosphonate therapy, either taken intravenously or as a part of cancer treatment, have a higher risk of spontaneous osteonecrosis. These patients are also at a higher risk of osteonecrosis following dental procedures that involve the bone – dental extractions, implants or dental surgeries.

It is an agreement of a dental community that for patient planning to undergo bisphosphonate therapy due to any disease, prevention or as a part of cancer therapy, dental surgeries should be completed prior to initiated of bisphosphonate therapy. We recommend for patients, who are about to have bisphosphonate therapy initiated, have a dental consultation about their periodontal and preventive status.

Prevention of osteonecrosis should include identifying those at risk and prevent any dental complications by completing necessary dental treatments prior to bisphosphonate therapy. Our office focuses on dental treatments for medically compromised patients and Dr. Alan Litvinov will gladly answer any questions as they relate to patient's health in general and dental health in particular.