## Post-op Instructions for Tissue Grafting and/or Bone Grafting

Your graft site(s): This is the area where tissue and/or bone grafting was performed.

Your Lower Front Your Lower Right

- ➤ Ice or cold packs: place on the upper/lower anterior outside of your lip over the areas of treatment at 15 minute intervals to minimize swelling.
- ➤ Diet for the next 2 weeks: you should only have **LIQUIDS AND SOFT FOODS during the next** two weeks.
- 1. Starting the <u>DAY OF SURGERY</u> and until your 2 week post op appointment:
  - No smoking smoking is significantly associated with poor healing
  - No brushing do not brush your teeth in the graft or donor site(s)
  - No flossing do not floss in the graft or donor site(s)
  - Do not pull out your lip to look this could disrupt the graft and delay healing
  - No touching do not touch with your finger(s) or any other device(s) or object(s)
  - **Do not explore area with your tongue** this pulls out the lip and will disrupt the graft
  - No chewing or biting into food in this area do not bite into a soft sandwich if your grafting is in the front; cut food into small bites; chew food in the non-surgical area
  - Do not eat crunchy or sticky food
  - Do not drink through a straw
  - Rinse very gently no vigorous rinsing with lips tightly together (No "chipmunk cheeks")
- 2. Where to Chew (circle one): RIGHT SIDE | FRONT TEETH | LEFT SIDE | NO CHEWING
- 3. NIGHT GUARD / INVISALIGN (applies only if you wear): WEAR / DO NOT wear until follow-up