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Subject: Re: I need some pity please :P

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I forget exactly how long I kept bleeding. I do remember that I didn't change out the gauze as often as I was supposed to, but it didn't make a huge difference in the end. As long as I was careful to put only slight biting pressure on the gauze pads, but not an excessive amount, the wounds wouldn't bleed or reopen too often, though it did happen at least twice. You don't have too much control while you're sleeping, though, so just carefully position the gauze so you won't involuntarily cause it to rub the area the wrong way. I think I had the gauze at least through the second day, and possibly the third, and the amount of blood decreased near the end. The structure of the pulp in the holes will change and start to build itself up slightly by then, so you can use that as an indicator of progress.

What's weird is that I wasn't given that tool (plastic pipette or something?) to rinse the holes, so I had to carefully swish stuff out. My mom remembered having a tool back when she had her wisdom teeth removed. Go figure. Also, instead of laughing gas or a knockout drug, I just got a whole bunch of novocaine shots. Fortunately, this guy really knew what he was doing, and only the few necessary injections in my palate hurt (quite severely, but it was unavoidable).

Anyway, as long as you keep taking your hydrocodone on schedule, you shouldn't have any aches or other pains strong enough to be debilitating. If the dentist did a good enough job, you might not even need the entire first bottle. Since you won't need those extras, you can just mail them to Dr. House

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