SOAP Note

\*\*S:\*\* Patient reports 1‑week history of discomfort on lower left side; mild swelling noted when chewing. No reported bleeding.  
  
\*\*O:\*\* Clinical exam reveals early gingival infection/gingivitis localized to tooth #19 (lower left second molar). No suppuration or significant periodontal pocket noted.  
  
\*\*A:\*\* Early localized gingival infection (gingivitis) around tooth #19.  
  
\*\*P:\*\*   
- Prescribe antibiotic (e.g., Amoxicillin 500 mg PO TID × 7 days) – patient educated on course and possible side effects.   
- Schedule prophylactic dental cleaning in 2 weeks to reduce plaque accumulation.   
- Advise patient to monitor pain/swelling; call office if pain intensifies or swelling spreads.   
- Return visit for re‑evaluation post‑antibiotic and cleaning.

Patient Summary

I’m sorry you’ve been feeling uncomfortable in your mouth. Here’s a simple recap of what we talked about at your visit.  
  
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### What we did  
- \*\*Checked your teeth and gums\*\* – I saw early signs of a gum infection around the lower left back tooth (tooth #19).   
- \*\*Prescribed an antibiotic\*\* – this medicine will help fight the infection.   
- \*\*Set up a cleaning appointment\*\* – we’ll see you again in two weeks for a professional cleaning to remove plaque and keep the area healthy.  
  
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### What to expect  
- The antibiotic should start making the infection better in a few days.   
- Swelling and pain should lessen as the medicine works.   
- The cleaning in two weeks will help prevent the infection from coming back.  
  
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### Do’s and Don’ts  
\*\*Do\*\*  
- Take the antibiotic exactly as the label says (usually every 8–12 hours).   
- Keep up good oral hygiene: brush twice a day and floss gently around the sore area.   
- Eat soft foods (soups, yogurt, mashed potatoes) while the area is tender.  
  
\*\*Don’t\*\*  
- Skip any doses of the antibiotic.   
- Use a hard‑bristled brush or scrub the infected gum too hard.   
- Smoke or use tobacco products, as they can slow healing.  
  
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### When to call  
- The pain gets worse instead of better.   
- Swelling spreads to other parts of your face or jaw.   
- You notice any new bleeding, pus, or fever.   
- You have trouble taking the antibiotic (allergic reaction, stomach upset, etc.).  
  
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### Next steps  
1. \*\*Start the antibiotic\*\* today as prescribed.   
2. \*\*Follow the home‑care tips\*\* above for the next few days.   
3. \*\*Come back for the cleaning\*\* in two weeks (we’ll call you to confirm the date).   
4. \*\*Contact us\*\* right away if any of the warning signs above appear.   
  
Feel free to call the office with any questions. We’re here to help you get back to feeling comfortable!