

CONSENT FORM

I wish to have the

- ☐ extractions or surgery
- ☐ fillings
- ☐ root canal therapy
- ☐ crown and/or bridge
- ☐ periodontal cleaning / scaling
- ☐ removable dentures / partials

Indicated on my examination and I consent to performing whatever procedure deemed necessary or advisable to both diagnose and treat the planned operation(s).

I agree to the use of local anesthesia, sedation and analgesia depending upon the judgment of the dentist involved in my case.

I am aware and have been advised of the probable complications of the diagnosed procedures, anesthesia and drugs.

I understand that occasionally there are complications following dental treatment, or the administration of anesthesia or the prescription of drugs which can result in a wide variety of complications specific to those procedures or medications being used or performed and cross reactions with other medications or physical conditions already present.

I believe the health history which I have reviewed and signed to be accurate and complete and all information provided which may be of importance to my health or dental condition.

EXTRACTIONS OR SURGERY

The most common complications to extraction or oral surgery are pain, swelling, nausea, vomiting, bruises, bleeding, tingling or numbness of the lip, gum, face or tongue due to nerve damage, post-operative infection, sinus complication, or damage to other teeth, bone, T.M.J., or neck and unfavorable reactions to drugs, anesthesia.

FILLINGS

The most common complications to fillings are pain, sensitivity to temperature changes or foods, fracture of tooth structure, nerve damage, damage to other teeth, occlusal (bite) discrepancies, T.M.J. complications, reactions to drugs or anesthesia.

CROWN AND BRIDGES

The most common complications are pain, sensitivity, to temperature changes or foods, tooth nerve damage, fracture of tooth structure, damage to other teeth, occlusal (bite) discrepancies, T.M.J. complications, periodontal complications, tooth loss, esthetic limitations, reactions to drugs or anesthesia.

ROOT CANAL THERAPY

The most common complications are pain, swelling, infection, tooth fracture, numbness of lips, face or tongue, damage to crowns, bridges or teeth, tooth loss, diagnostic inconsistency, reactions to drugs or anesthesia.

I understand teeth treated with root canal therapy even under the best circumstances can fall. Root canal teeth must be normally restored with crowns, posts or bridges.

PERIODONTAL CLEANING / SCALING

The most common complications are pain, bleeding, tissue (gum) laceration, sensitivity to temperature or foods, swelling, ulceration (infections), tooth fracture, crown fracture, breakage of fillings. Reactions to fluoride treatment can be allergic reaction, nausea, vomiting.

REMOVABLE DENTURE / PARTIALS

The most common complications to fabrication or relining of removable appliances are pain, ulcerations, swelling, temporary pronunciation adaptations, inadequate fit or appearance, occlusal (bite) discrepancies, T.M.J. syndrome, dry and cracked lips, gagging.

Patient or Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Doctor _____

BRIDGEWORK

BENEFITS:

- Improve appearance
- Replace missing teeth
- Replaced teeth are permanent (cemented)
- Some of same advantages as Crowns
- Can improve chewing efficiency

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Same as Crowns

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- Teeth will drift and lean over
- May lose back teeth due to shifting
- Periodontal problems (Gum disease)
- Can reduce chewing efficiency

ALTERNATIVES:

- Partials
- No teeth in the spaces

CLEANING / SCALING

BENEFITS:

- Look nicer
- Clean mouth
- Eliminate odors
- Prevent gum disease

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Sensitive teeth
- Feeling of spaces between teeth
- Filling may be loosened (normal if filling was ready to fall out)
- Sensitive gums

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- Stains on teeth
- Odors
- Gum disease
- May lose teeth sooner

ALTERNATIVES:

- None

CROWNS / CAPS

BENEFITS:

- To improve appearance
- To repair a tooth that is badly broken down
- To prevent a tooth from fracturing
- To restore a tooth which has broken
- To eliminate a space where food is being trapped
- To hold a false tooth in place as part of a bridge
- To make a solid structure to attach a partial denture
- To repair a tooth that can no longer be filled

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Porcelain portion of crown may fracture
- Crown may come off and require recementation
- Tooth may abscess and require further treatment (may not show up until later)
- Future decay may require a new crown

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- Tooth may fracture
- Tooth may need to be extracted
- Tooth may need a root canal in addition to the crown

ALTERNATIVES:

- Extraction

EXTRACTIONS

BENEFITS:

- Last resort for non-salvageable tooth
- Eliminate pain
- Remove teeth that are out of position
- Eliminate infection

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Fractured tooth particles may remain
- Irritation to nerves may cause temporary or permanent numbness
- Part or all of tooth may be lodged in sinus, requiring more surgery
- Serious infection may require extended healing period
- Jaw may be stiff and difficult to open for a time after treatment
- Fragile or thin jawbone may fracture

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- Spread of infection
- Swelling
- Pain

ALTERNATIVES:

- None

FILLINGS

BENEFITS:

- Eliminate decay
- Relieve pain
- Fill in hole or space in tooth
- Cover eroded area

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Tooth may abscess from the filling
- May fracture the tooth
- Tooth may be sensitive to temperature changes
- Toxicity from silver fillings is alleged by some
- Filling may fall out

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- May lose the tooth
- Tooth may fracture
- Decay can get larger
- Pain can occur
- May result in the need for a root canal

ALTERNATIVES:

- Extraction

GUM SURGERY (GINGIVECTOMY)

BENEFITS:

- Eliminate infection
- Reduce food pockets around teeth
- Eliminate foul odors
- Reduce overgrown tissue
- Can eliminate tartar effectively

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- May need to be repeated after a time
- Some discomfort after treatment
- May lose teeth if they don't respond to treatment

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- May lose teeth sooner
- May not get rid of infection

ALTERNATIVES:

- More frequent appointment for scaling

LOCAL ANESTHETICS

BENEFITS:

- Avoid pain during treatments and procedures

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Gum sores
- Prolonged numbness may extend beyond normal
- Nerve damage
- Bruising

- In rare instances, possible consequences may include all those applicable to General Anesthesia, including allergic reactions up to and including death

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- Mild to severe pain during and after treatment

ALTERNATIVES:

- Willingness to accept pain during treatment

PARTIALS

(REMOVABLE BRIDGEWORK)

BENEFITS:

- Cost

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Can rock or stress teeth – may loosen own natural teeth
- Metal clasps are sometimes visible
- Decay can occur under clasps
- Usually some amount of movement from the partials

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- Same as under bridgework

ALTERNATIVES:

- Bridgework
- Maintain spaces without teeth replacement

ROOT CANAL

BENEFITS:

- Eliminates infection
- Relieves pain
- Save the tooth

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Perforation of root or broken files complicating completion
- Undiagnosable root fracture means failure and extraction
- Undiagnosable auxiliary canal means failure and extraction

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- Extraction of tooth

ALTERNATIVES:

- Extraction
- Bridgework

X-RAYS

BENEFITS:

- More complete diagnosis
- Can find hidden problems
- Can make a determination of treatment
- X-Rays taken by qualified personnel

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Exposure to X-Ray radiation

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

- Can not perform dental service

ALTERNATIVES:

- None

Date _____

Parent Signature _____