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Patient's Name _____ Birthdate _____
Last First Initial

INFORMED CONSENT

I Have Agreed To:

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| _____ Extraction or Surgery | _____ Fillings |
| _____ Crown and/or Bridge | _____ Root Canal Therapy |
| _____ Periodontal Cleaning/Scaling | _____ Removable Partial/Denture |

During my examination, this/these procedure(s) was/were indicated,, I consent to performing whatever procedure deemed necessary or advisable to both diagnose and treat the planned procedure(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, 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, numbness of the lip, gum, face or tongue due to nerve damage, post-operative infection, sinus complication or damage to other teeth, bone, TMJ, or neck and unfavorable reactions to drugs or anesthesia. I am aware that I may fill the space with an implant, providing I am a candidate.

_____ **FILLINGS/SEALANTS**

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

_____ **CROWNS AND BRIDGES**

The most common complications are pain, sensitivity to temperature changes with foods, tooth nerve damage, fracture of tooth structure, damage to other teeth, occlusal (bite) discrepancies TMJ complications, periodontal complications, tooth loss, aesthetic limitations, reactions to drugs or anesthesia. I am aware that I may fill the space with an implant, providing I am a candidate.

_____ **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 fail. 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, and vomiting.

_____ **REMOVABLE PATRIAL/DENTURES**

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, TMJ syndrome, dry and cracked lips, gagging. I am aware that I may fill the spaces with implants; providing I am a candidate.

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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
Implants
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 no longer can be filled

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

Porcelain portion of crown may fracture
Crown may come off and require recementing
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
Implants

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

ALTERNATIVES:

Implants

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 appointments for scaling

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LOCAL ANESTHETICS

BENEFITS:

Avoid pain during treatment 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

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 of tooth

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK

DONE OR POSTPONING:

Can not perform dental service

ALTERNATIVES:

None

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

Implants

Maintain spaces without teeth replacement

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