

General Dentistry Informed Consent

1. EXAMINATIONS AND X-RAYS

I understand that the initial visit may require radiographs in order to complete the examination, diagnosis and treatment plan. I understand I am to have work done as detailed in the attached treatment plan. Initials _____

2. DRUGS, MEDICATION AND SEDATION

I have been informed and understand that antibiotics and analgesics and other medications can cause allergic reactions causing redness and swelling of tissues, pain, itching, vomiting, and/or anaphylactic shock (severe allergic reaction). I have informed the Dentist of any known allergies. They may cause drowsiness, lack of awareness and coordination which can be increased by the use of alcohol or other drugs. I understand and fully agree not to operate any vehicle or hazardous device for at least 12 hours or until fully recovered from the effects of the anesthetic, medication and drugs that may have been given me in the office for my care. I understand that failure to take medications prescribed for me in the manner prescribed may offer risks of continued or aggravated infection and pain.. I understand that antibiotics can reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives. Initials _____

3. CHANGES IN TREATMENT PLAN

I understand that during treatment it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions found while working on the teeth that were not discovered during examination, the most common being root canal therapy following routine restorative procedures. I give my permission to the Dentist to make any/all changes and additions as necessary. Initials _____

4. FILLINGS

I understand that care must be exercised in chewing on fillings during the first 24 hours to avoid breakage. I understand that sensitivity is a common after effect of a newly placed filling. Initials _____

5. CROWNS, BRIDGES, VENEERS AND BONDING

I understand that sometimes it is not possible to match the color of natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. I further understand that I may be wearing temporary crowns, which may come off easily and that I must be careful to ensure that they are kept on until the permanent crowns are delivered. I realize that the final opportunity to make changes in my new crown, bridge, or veneer (including shape, fit, size and color) will be before cementation. It has been explained to me that, in a very few cases, cosmetic procedures may result in the need for future root canal treatment, which cannot always be predicted or anticipated. I understand that cosmetic procedures may affect tooth surfaces and may require modification of daily cleaning procedures. Initials _____

6. DENTURES - COMPLETE OR PARTIAL

I realize that full or partial dentures are artificial, constructed of plastic, metal, and/or porcelain. The problems of wearing those appliances have been explained to me including looseness, soreness, and possible breakage. I realize the final opportunity to make changes in my new denture (including shape, fit, size, placement, and color) will be the "teeth in wax" try-in visit. Immediate dentures (placement of dentures immediately after extractions) may be uncomfortable at first. Immediate dentures may require several adjustments and relines. A permanent reline or a second set of dentures will be necessary later. This is not included in the initial denture fee. Initials _____

7. ENDODONTIC TREATMENT (ROOT CANAL)

I realize there is no guarantee that root canal treatment will save my tooth, that complications can occur from the treatment, and that occasionally, canal material may extend through the root tip which does not necessarily affect the success of the treatment. The tooth may be sensitive during treatment and even remain tender for a time after treatment. Hard to detect root fracture is one of the main reasons root canals fail. Since teeth with root canals are more brittle than other teeth, a crown is necessary to strengthen and preserve the tooth. I understand that endodontic files and reamers are very fine instruments and stresses can cause them to separate during use. I understand that occasionally additional surgical procedures may be necessary following root canal treatment (Apicoectomy). Initials _____

8. PERIODONTAL TREATMENT

I understand that I have a serious condition causing gum inflammation and/or bone loss, and that it can lead to the loss of my teeth and/or negative systemic conditions (including uncontrolled diabetes, heart disease, and pre-term labor, etc.). Alternative treatment plans have been explained to me, including non-surgical therapy, antibiotic/antimicrobial treatment, gum surgery, and/or extractions. I understand the success of any treatment depends in part on my efforts to brush and floss daily, receive regular therapeutic cleanings as directed, follow a healthy diet, avoid tobacco products and follow other recommendations. Initials _____

9. REMOVAL OF TEETH

Alternatives to removal have been explained to me (root canal therapy, crown, and periodontal surgery, etc.) and I authorize the Dentist to remove the following teeth _____ and any others necessary for reasons in paragraph #3. I understand removing teeth does not always remove all the infection, if present, and it may be necessary to have further treatment. I understand the risks involved in having teeth removed, some of which are pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry socket, exposed sinuses, loss of feeling in my teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissue (Parasthesia) that can last for an indefinite period of time or fractured jaw. I understand bleeding could last for several hours. Should it persist, particularly if it is severe in nature, it should receive attention and this office must be contacted. I understand that I may need further treatment by a specialist or even hospitalization if complications arise during or following treatment, the cost of which is my responsibility Initials _____

I understand that dentistry is not an exact science and that therefore reputable practitioners cannot guarantee results. I acknowledge that no guarantee or assurance has been made by anyone regarding the dental treatment I have requested and authorized. I acknowledge the receipt of and understand post-operative instructions and have been given an appointment date to return.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Doctor: _____ Witness: _____