

Informed Consent for Extractions

An extraction involves complete removal of one or more teeth. Some extractions may require cutting into the gums and removing supporting bone and/or cutting the tooth into sections prior removal.

It has been recommended that I have the following tooth extracted:

This recommendation is based on visual examinations, x rays, models, photos, diagnostic tests and my dentist's knowledge of my medical and dental history. My needs and desires have also been taken into consideration.

The proposed treatment will help to relieve your symptoms. If no treatment were performed you would continue to experience symptoms, which could include pain and/or infections, deterioration of surrounding bone and periodontal tissues, changes to your bite, discomfort of your jaw joints and possibly premature loss of these and other teeth.

I have been informed and fully understand that there are certain inherent and potential risks associated with any type of surgical procedure including extractions.

Risks:

- 1) Bleeding, pain, swelling, infection, bruising and discomfort, which may last from few days to few weeks. Treatable using pain medications, antibiotics and proper home care.
- 2) Stiff or sore jaws due to holding your mouth open for long appointments. Takes few weeks to heal completely.
- 3) Dry sockets happen when blood clots are dislodged from tooth sockets as a result of sucking or spitting action. Treated by placing medicated dressing in the tooth sockets to aid in healing process.
- 4) Sinus complications in maxillary teeth due to proximity of roots of posterior teeth close to the sinus or even extending into the sinus. After an extraction, an opening may be present between sinus and mouth. Should this happen, antibiotics and other medications along with possible referral to an oral surgeon is needed to help in closing of this opening.
- 5) Bone fractures occur due to the location of tooth/teeth to be extracted or when teeth are fused to bone. The latter rarely occurs but in both instances further treatment may be required.
- 6) Small root fragments may break off from the tooth being extracted due to complicated anatomy. Depending on their size and position, they may either be left in the jaws or may require additional surgery for removal possibly at an oral surgeon office.
- 7) During the surgery it is impossible to avoid touching, moving, stretching or injuring the nerves in jaws that control sensations and functions of lips, tongue, chin, teeth and mouth. This may result in nerve disturbances such as temporary or permanent numbness, itching, burning, or tingling of the lip, tongue, chin, teeth, and/or mouth tissues for few weeks to few months. In extremely rare cases lack of sensation could be permanent.
- 8) Other less common complications include loss or loosening of dental restorations, loss or injury to adjacent teeth and soft tissues, jaw fractures, swallowing or aspiration of teeth and restorations.
- 9) With local anesthetic injections, rarely some patients get allergic reactions. Also injections could lead to temporary or permanent injury to nerves or blood vessels causing discomfort, swelling hematomas, tingling, burning or temporary or permanent numbness. Site of needle also could be sore for few days.

I understand that should any of the above complications occur, further treatment might be required possibly at a specialists' office.

I have had an opportunity to ask questions about these risks and any other risks I have heard about.

Tooth#: _____

Date: _____

Patient: _____

Patient Signature: _____

Dentist Name: _____

Dentist Signature: _____