

CONSENT FOR ORAL SURGERY AND ANESTHESIA

Extraction of teeth is an irreversible process and whether routine or difficult is a surgical procedure. As in any surgery, there are some risks. They include, but are not limited to:

1. Swelling and/or bruising and discomfort in the surgery area. Stretching of the corners of the mouth resulting in cracking and bruising.
2. Possible infection requiring further treatment. Dry socket-jaw pain beginning a few days after the surgery, usually requiring additional care, it is more common with lower extractions, especially wisdom teeth.
3. Possible damage to adjacent teeth, especially those with large fillings or caps.
4. Numbness or altered sensation in the teeth, lip, tongue and chin, due to closeness of tooth roots (especially wisdom teeth) to the nerves which can be bruised or injured. Sensation most often returns to normal, but in rare case, the loss may be permanent.
5. Trismus-limited jaw opening due to inflammation or swelling, most common after wisdom tooth removal. Sometimes it is the result of jaw joint discomfort (TMJ), especially when TMJ disease and symptoms already exist.
6. Bleeding-significant bleeding not common, but persistent oozing can be expected for several hours.
7. Sharp ridges or bone splinters may form later at the edge of the socket. These may require another surgery to smooth or remove them.
8. Incomplete removal of tooth fragments-to avoid injury to vital structures such as nervous or sinuses, sometimes small root tips may be left in place.
9. Sinus involvement-the roots of upper back teeth are often close to the sinus and sometimes a piece of root can be displaced into the sinus, or an opening may occur into the mouth which may require additional care.
10. Jaw fracture-while quite rare, it is possible in difficult or deeply impacted teeth.
11. Discomfort, swelling, numbness and irritation of the vein (thrombophlebitis) that may result from intravenous and/or intramuscular injections.

I understand I will routinely be given local anesthesia (unless allergic) but may also choose supplements such as nitrous oxide, oral pre-medication, intramuscular and/or intravenous anesthesia (conscious sedation that may deepened according to a patient's needs). My decision is based on my discussion with the judgment of the dentist involved in my case. Medication, drugs, anesthesia and prescriptions cause drowsiness and lack of awareness/coordination, which is increased with alcohol or other drugs. I have, therefore, been advised not to drink or take drugs other than my prescription medications, not to operate any vehicles or hazardous devices, not to work or make important decisions while taking medications and/or until fully recovered from the anesthesia medication given to me for surgery. I agree to have a responsible adult drive me home after surgery and stay with me until fully recovered from anesthesia effects.

Most procedures are routine and serious complications are not expected. Those, which do occur, are most often minor and can be treated.

Teeth to be removed: _____

I have read and understood the above, and have had my questions answered. I recognize there can be no warranty as to the outcomes of treatment and I give my consent to surgery.

Witness

Patient or Legal Guardian

Date

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