

CONSENT FOR ANESTHESIA AND EXTRACTION OF TEETH

Patient's Name

Date

Please initial each paragraph after reading. If you have any questions, please ask your doctor before signing.

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, the following:

- ___ 1. Swelling and/or bruising and discomfort in the surgery area.
- ___ 2. Stretching of the corners of the mouth resulting in cracking or bruising.
- ___ 3. Possible infection requiring additional treatment.
- ___ 4. Dry socket – jaw pain beginning a few days after surgery, usually requiring additional care. It is more common from lower extractions, especially wisdom teeth.
- ___ 5. Possible damage to adjacent teeth, especially those with large fillings or caps.
- ___ 6. Numbness, pain, or altered sensations in the teeth, gums, lip, tongue, (including possible loss of taste sensation) and chin, due to the closeness of tooth roots (especially wisdom teeth) to the nerves which can be bruised or damaged. Almost always sensation returns, but in rare cases, the loss may be permanent.
- ___ 7. Trismus – limited jaw opening due to inflammation or swelling, most common after wisdom tooth removal. Sometimes it is a result of jaw joint discomfort (TMJ), especially when TMJ disease already exists.
- ___ 8. Bleeding – significant bleeding is not common, but persistent oozing can be expected for several hours.
- ___ 9. Sharp ridges or bone splinters may form later at the edge of the socket. These usually require another surgery to smooth or remove.
- ___ 10. Incomplete removal of tooth fragments – to avoid injury to vital structures such as nerves or sinus, sometimes small root tips may be left in place.
- ___ 11. 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 that may require additional care.
- ___ 12. Jaw fracture – while quite rare, it is possible in difficult or deeply impacted teeth.

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Teeth to be removed: _____

Alternative treatment: _____

ANESTHESIA:

LOCAL ANESTHESIA: (Novacaine, Lidocaine, etc.) is given to block pathways in a localized area.

The administration of any medication involves certain risks. These include:

1. An allergic or unexpected reaction. If severe, allergic reactions might cause more serious respiratory (lung) or cardiovascular (heart) problems which may require treatment.
2. Pain, swelling, inflammation, or infection of the area of the injection.
3. Injury to nerves or blood vessels in the area.
4. Cardiovascular or respiratory responses which may lead to heart attack, stroke, or death.

Fortunately, these complications and side effects are not common. Well monitored anesthesia is generally very safe, comfortable, and well tolerated. If you have any questions, please ask.

I have read and understand the above and give my consent for anesthesia and surgery.

Patient's (or legal guardian's) signature

Date

Doctor's signature

Date

Witness' signature

Date