

INFORMATION AND CONSENT FOR EXTRACTIONS

The dentist has recommended that one or more of your teeth be extracted based upon your symptoms, oral examination, and your treatment plan. We want you to be aware of the commonly known risks and side effects of this procedure.

- **You may experience pain, swelling or bleeding for a time after the extraction.** We will give you instructions on how to manage the problems which, if they occur, should only last for a short while. Of course, should any of these problems be more severe or last longer than we anticipate, call our office immediately.
- **You may experience an infection following the extraction.** We will advise you what to look for as a sign of infection. If any of these signs should present you should call or be evaluated in our office as soon as possible. Infections can involve aggressive bacteria, and in extreme cases may require hospitalization to successfully treat.
- Nerves which supply sensation to your mouth, chin, lips, tongue, and gum tissue may run near the area of extraction. **After the extraction you may experience some alteration of normal nerve sensation** (itching, burning, tingling, etc.) for a short or longer period of time. In some rare instances, you may experience this lack of sensation permanently.
- **You may experience a painful but harmless condition known as a dry socket.** This occurs when the protective blood clot, in the socket where the tooth was removed, is dislodged, exposing and irritating nerve endings. This can be caused by failure to closely follow the post-operative instructions we have given to you. Although this condition is temporary and not harmful, it is painful. It can be readily treated and you should seek treatment from us. A medicine can be placed in the socket that will soothe and protect it while alleviating the pain.
- **For teeth in the upper arch, there is a risk that following the extraction a hole or pathway may be present between the sinus and the oral cavity.** This is because the roots of some of the upper teeth stop just below the floor of the sinus and sometimes actually go through the sinus floor. If this occurs during your procedure, we (or an oral surgeon) may need to make a small surgical repair of the hole and may place you on antibiotics and antihistamines to reduce the risk of a sinus infection.
- **Following the procedure, the muscles of your jaw may be stiff and sore and it may be difficult to open your mouth wide for several days.** This is a temporary condition and moist heat and analgesics will usually provide symptomatic relief. You may also experience some cracking and redness in the corners of your mouth. Jaw joint damage is rare but possible.
- **Teeth adjacent to the tooth being extracted may be chipped, damaged or lost during extractions.**
- **Root tips may be left if we feel it is in your best interest** to avoid damage to vital structures.

We invite your questions concerning the risks discussed and contained in this document. By signing below you acknowledge that you have read this document, understand the information presented and have had the opportunity to ask questions and have them answered satisfactorily.

Patient Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Tooth: _____

Witness: _____ Comments: _____