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Extraction of Teeth Consent Form

Modern dentistry offers patients great benefits, but all dental procedures carry with them some degree of risk. We want you to understand the risks associated with treatment, as well as the benefits. By knowing what to expect, you become more involved in providing information we need to provide the best, safest, and most comfortable care to you.

After a complete examination, we have recommended that one or more of your teeth be removed based upon your symptoms, treatment options you were given, and your choice. This procedure is known as extraction/surgical extraction. A surgical extraction is when an incision must be made in the gum tissue, or bone will be removed to gain access to the tooth.

There are sometimes risks and/or side effects such as:

- You may experience pain, swelling, or bleeding for a time after extractions. You will be given instructions on how to manage these problems, which should only last for a short time.
- You may experience an infection. You will be advised what signs to look for should this occur. If any of these signs occur, you should call our office as soon as possible. Infections can become serious quickly.
- Teeth adjacent to the tooth to be extracted may chip or be damaged during the extraction process.
- Nerves which supply sensation to your mouth, chin, lips, tongue, and gum tissue may run near the area of the extraction. After an extraction, you may experience some alteration in the normal nerve sensation such as itching, burning, or tingling for a short period of time. In rare cases you may experience a total lack of sensation for a period of time which could be indefinite.
- 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 may be caused by failing to closely follow the post-operative instructions you were given. Although the condition is temporary and not harmful, it can be painful. It can be easily treated and you should seek treatment by calling our office. Your dentist will place medication in the tooth socket that will soothe and protect it during the healing process.
- For teeth in the upper arch, there is a risk following the extraction where 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 end just below the floor of the sinus and sometimes actually go through the sinus floor. If this occurs during your procedure, we may need to make a small surgical repair of the hole and may place you on antibiotics and/or 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 very wide for a few days. This is a temporary side effect. Moist heat and analgesics will usually provide symptomatic relief. You may also experience some cracking and redness in the corner of your mouth which is also temporary.

I have read and understand this consent form.

(Patient Signature)

(Date)

If you have any questions concerning the risks discussed in this document, please feel free to ask.