

**Informed Consent
General Dentistry**

Chart # _____

All patients complete 1 thru 4 below, and 5 thru 13 as needed.

1. EXAMINATIONS AND X-RAYS

I understand that the initial visit may require radiographs in order to complete the examination, diagnosis and treatment plan. I understand I am to have work done as detailed in the attached treatment plan.

(Initials _____)

2. DRUGS, MEDICATION AND SEDATION

I have been informed and understand that antibiotics and analgesics and other medications can cause allergic reactions causing redness and swelling of tissues, pain, itching, vomiting, and/or anaphylactic shock (severe allergic reaction). I have informed the Dentist of any known allergies. They may cause drowsiness, lack of awareness and coordination which can be increased by the use of alcohol or other drugs. I understand and fully agree not to operate any vehicle or hazardous device for at least 12 hours or until fully recovered from the effects of the anesthetic, medication and drugs that may have been given me in the office for my care. I understand that failure to take medications prescribed for me in the manner prescribed may offer risks of continued or aggravated infection and pain and potential resistance to effective treatment of my condition. I understand that antibiotics can reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives (birth control pills). I understand that all medications have the potential for accompanying risks, side effects, and drug interactions. Therefore, it is critical that I tell my dentist of all medications I am current taking.

The written informed consent, in the case of a minor, shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: The administration and monitoring of general anesthesia may vary depending on the type of procedure, the type of practitioner, the age and health of the patient, and the setting in which anesthesia is provided. Risks may vary with each specific situation. You are encouraged to explore all the options available for your child's anesthesia for his or her dental treatment, and consult with your dentist or pediatrician as needed.

(Initials _____)

3. CHANGES IN TREATMENT PLAN

I understand that during treatment it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions found while working on the teeth that were not discovered during examination, the most common being root canal therapy following routine restorative procedures. I give my permission to the Dentist to make any/all changes and additions as necessary.

(Initials _____)

4. TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DYSFUNCTION (TMD)

I understand that popping, clicking, locking and pain can intensify or develop in the joint of the lower jaw (near the ear) subsequent to routine dental treatment wherein the mouth is held in the open position. Although symptoms of TMD associated with dental treatment are usually transitory in nature and well tolerated by most patients, I understand that should the need for treatment arise, then I will be referred to a specialist for treatment, the cost of which is my responsibility.

(Initials _____)

5. DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS (CLEANING)

I understand the treatment is preventative in nature, intended for patients with healthy gums, and is limited to the removal of plaque and calculus from the tooth structures in the absence of periodontal (gum) disease.

(Initials _____)

6. FILLINGS

I understand that a more extensive restoration than originally diagnosed may be required due to additional decay or unsupported tooth structure found during preparation. This may lead to other measures necessary to restore the tooth to normal function. This may include root canal, crown, or both. I understand that care must be exercised in chewing on fillings during the first 24 hours to avoid breakage. I understand that sensitivity is a common after effect of a newly placed filling.

(Initials _____)

7. REMOVAL OF TEETH

Alternatives to removal have been explained to me (root canal therapy, crown, and periodontal surgery, etc.) and I authorize the Dentist to remove the following teeth _____ and any others necessary for reasons in paragraph #3. I understand removing teeth does not always remove all the infection, if present, and it may be necessary to have further treatment. I understand the risks involved in having teeth removed, some of which are pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry socket, exposed sinuses, loss of feeling in my teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissue (Parasthesia) that can last for an indefinite period of time or fractured jaw. I understand bleeding could last for several hours. Should it persist, particularly if it is severe in nature, it should receive attention and this office must be contacted. I understand that I may need further treatment by a specialist or even hospitalization if complications arise during or following treatment, the cost of which is my responsibility.

(Initials _____)

8. CROWNS, BRIDGES, VENEERS AND BONDING

a. I understand that sometimes it is not possible to match the color of natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. I further understand that I may be wearing temporary crowns, which may come off easily and that I must be careful to ensure that they are kept on until the permanent crowns are delivered. I realize that the final opportunity to make changes in my new crown, bridge, or veneer (including shape, fit, size and color) will be before cementation. It has been explained to me that, in a very few cases, cosmetic procedures may result in the need for future root canal treatment, which cannot always be predicted or anticipated. I understand that cosmetic procedures may affect tooth surfaces and may require modification of daily cleaning procedures. It is also my responsibility to return for permanent cementation within 20 days after tooth preparation. Excessive delays may allow for decay, tooth movement, gum disease, and/or bite problems. This may necessitate a remake of the crown, bridge, or veneer. I understand there will be additional charges for remakes or other treatment due to my delaying permanent cementation.

(Initials _____)

b. I am electing to use noble, high noble or ceramic instead of base metal in my crown and bridge restorations.

(Initials _____)

c. I am electing to do a fixed bridge or implant replacement of missing teeth instead of a removable appliance. I understand that this fixed bridge or implant and crown may not be a covered benefit under my insurance policy.

(Initials _____)