

Patient Understanding and Informed Consent

Consent to Dental Procedures: Before receiving treatment you should ask the dentist about the procedure(s) that he recommends you undergo, and ask any questions you may have before you decide whether or not to give your consent for the procedure(s) to be done. All dental procedures may involve risks of unsuccessful results and complications, and no guarantee is made as to result or cure. You have the right at all times to be informed of any such risks as well as the nature of the procedure, the expected benefit, the availability of alternative methods of treatment, and the risk of no treatment. You have the right to consent to or refuse any proposed procedure at any time prior to its performance.

X-rays: Dental radiographs will be made as necessary and appropriate for examinations, diagnosis, consultation, and treatment.

Drugs and Medications: Antibiotics, analgesics, and other medication can cause reactions such as redness and swollen tissue, pain, itching, vomiting and or anaphylactic shock.

Fillings: Care must be taken when chewing on filled teeth, especially in the first 24 hours, to avoid breakage. Teeth with new fillings can be sensitive for a short time after being placed.

Crown and Bridge: Sometimes it is difficult to match artificial teeth to the natural teeth. After preparing teeth for crown and bridge, a temporary will be placed which can come off easily. Care should be taken to ensure the temporary stays in place until the seating of the permanent restoration. If for some reason the temporary breaks or is loosened you should notify our office immediately. The final opportunity to make changes (shape, fit, size, color) is before final cementation of permanent restoration. Excessive delay to return for permanent crown should be avoided, for with time, the teeth can shift, making it difficult to fit the new restoration properly.

Partials and Dentures: Wearing partials and dentures can be difficult. Sore spots, altered speech, and difficulty eating are common problems. Immediate dentures (dentures placed immediately after extractions) can be painful. Immediate dentures may require considerable adjusting and several relines. A permanent reline will be needed at a later date. This is not included in the denture fee. It is your responsibility to return for delivery of your partial/denture in a timely manner or the result may be an ill-fitting denture.

Occasionally, a more extensive restorative procedure than originally diagnosed may be required due to additional or extensive decay. I understand that dentistry is not an exact science and that, therefore, reputable practitioners cannot properly guarantee results. I acknowledge that no guarantee or assurance has been made by anyone regarding the dental treatment, which I request and authorize.

Patient / Guardian _____ Date _____

Staff _____ Date _____