

## **Informed Consent for Tooth Removal**

I desire to have my (tooth or teeth) extracted. I have had alternative treatment and tooth replacement options (i.e. root canal therapy, post/core and crown, bridge and implant procedures) explained to me. I also understand that my teeth may shift after extraction, possibly causing mal-occlusion (damage to the way my teeth hit together). I have also been made aware that treatment may result in infection, swelling, pain, and systemic disease.

I understand that there are risks associated with any dental and anesthetic procedure. These include, but are not limited to:

- 1 Post-operative infection
- 2 Swelling, bruising, and pain
- 3 Damage to the adjacent teeth, fillings or crowns/bridges
- 4 Bleeding which may require further treatment
- 5 Anesthetic drug reactions and side effects including, nausea, dizziness, allergic reaction, prolonged numbness, and needle breakage
- 6 Possibility of a small fragment of root or bone being left in the jaw when its removal is not appropriate. Such fragments may work their way partially out of the tissue or need treatment at a later date
- 7 Damage to sinuses requiring additional treatment or surgical repair at a later date
- 8 Fracture or dislocation of the jaw
- 9 Damage to nerves resulting in temporary or possibly permanent numbness or tingling of the lip, chin, tongue, or other areas.

I understand the recommended treatment, the fee(s) involved, the risks of treatment, and alternatives and risks of these alternatives, including the consequences of doing nothing. I have had all of my questions answered and have not been offered any guarantees.

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Oral Care Following Surgery**

### **On The Day of Surgery**

1. Bite on gauze for at least 45 minutes to 1 hour with firm pressure. Change gauze as needed (every 30 minutes) with the sterile gauze given to you.
2. Take medication prescribed by the Doctor in the amount and at the times prescribed.
3. Place ice wrapped in a cloth on the cheek near area of surgery for 15 minutes, then remove for 15 minutes. Repeat this process as much as possible. This will keep swelling to a minimum.
4. Avoid spitting or sucking motions (like sucking through a straw) and smoking for the first 12 hours, as this will possibly dislodge the clot resulting in a painful healing period.
5. Eat. Proper nutrition promotes healing. However, stay with soft foods and avoid things like potato chips which may easily get lodged in the extraction site(s).
6. Rinse with salt water 3 times a day (1 teaspoon of salt in one glass of water). Do this for at least 3 days. Avoid mouthwashes like Listerine and Scope.

### **On The Day Following Surgery**

Place a hot compress on the cheek near the site of surgery for 15 minutes, then remove for 15 minutes. Repeat this process as much as possible. This will allow any swelling to go down.

### **Remember:**

Moderate bleeding after surgery for the first few hours is normal. If bleeding persists after this period, repeat placing gauze over surgery site, bite with firm pressure and call the Doctor.

Moderate swelling and pain are common, especially after surgical removal of impacted teeth. Use ice and the pain medication prescribed to help keep the discomfort minimal.

Any questions will be answered by calling the office.