



ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY CONSENT FORM

Possible Complications To All Surgeries Or Extractions

SWELLING, BRUISING AND PAIN

These can occur with any surgery and vary from patient to patient and from one surgery to another.

TRISMUS

This is a limited opening of the jaws due to inflammation and/or swelling in the muscles. This is most common with impacted tooth removal but is possible with almost any surgery.

INFECTION

This is possible with any surgical procedure and may require further surgery and/or medications if it does occur.

BLEEDING

Although significant bleeding can occur during or after a surgery, it is not common. Some bleeding is, however, usual for most surgeries and is normally controlled by following the post-op instruction sheet.

TMJ DYSFUNCTION

This means the jaw joint (Temporomandibular Joint) may not function properly and, although rare, may require treatment ranging from use of heat and rest to further avoid surgery.

LOCAL ANAESTHESIA

Certain possible risks exist that although uncommon or rare, could include pain, swelling, bruising, infection, nerve damage, idiosyncratic or allergic reactions.

DRY SOCKET

This is significant pain in the jaw and ear due the loss of blood clot and most commonly occurs after the removal of lower wisdom teeth, but it is possible with any extractions. This may require additional office visits to treat.

DAMAGE TO OTHER TEETH AND FILLINGS

Due to the close proximity of teeth, it is possible to damage other teeth and/or fillings when a tooth is removed.

SHARP RIDGES AND BONE SPLINTERS

Occasionally, after an extraction, the edge of the socket will be sharp or a bone splinter will come out through the gum. This may require another surgery to smooth or remove the bone splinter.

INCOMPLETE REMOVAL OF TOOTH FRAGMENTS

There are times the doctor may decide to leave in a fragment or root of a tooth in order to avoid damage to adjacent structures such as nerves, sinuses, etc.

NUMBNESS

Due to the proximity of roots to the nerve (especially wisdom teeth), it is possible to bruise or damage the nerve with removal of a tooth. This could remain for days, weeks, or very rarely, permanently. The lip, chin and/or tongue could feel numb, tingling or have burning sensation.

SINUS INVOLVEMENT

Due to the location of the roots (especially the upper back teeth) to the sinuses, it is possible an opening may develop from the sinus to the mouth or that a root may be displaced into the sinus. A possible infection and/or permanent opening from the mouth into the sinus could develop and may require medication and/or later surgery.

I hereby authorize Dr. _____ to perform the following procedures: _____

_____ on myself and to administer the necessary anaesthesia. I understand the Doctor may discover other or different conditions that require additional or different procedures than those planned. I authorize him to perform such other procedures that are advisable in his professional judgment.

I have read and discussed the risks that may occur in connection with this procedure. I believe that I have been given and understand sufficient information to give my consent to the above surgery.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____ Witness: _____

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