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General Consent for Dental Procedures and Treatment

You, the patient, have the right to accept or reject any dental treatment recommended by your dentist. Prior to consenting to treatment, you should carefully consider the anticipated benefits and commonly known risks of the recommended procedure, alternative treatments, or the option of no treatment. Do not consent to treatment unless and until you discuss potential benefits and risks with your provider and all of your questions have been answered. By consenting to treatment, you are acknowledging your willingness to accept known risks and complications, no matter how slight the probability of occurrence.

As with all surgical and health care work, there are commonly known risks and potential complications associated with dental treatment. No one can guarantee the success of the recommended treatment or that you will not experience a complication or less than optimal result. Even though many of these complications are rare, they can and do occur occasionally.

Some of the more commonly known risks and complications of dental treatment include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Pain, swelling, and discomfort after treatment
- Ongoing sensitivity after treatment indicating additional procedures, such as root canal therapy or tooth extraction
- Infection in need of medication, follow-up procedures, or other treatment
- Temporary, or on rare occasion, permanent numbness, pain tingling, or altered sensation of the lip, face, chin, gums, and tongue, along with possible loss of taste
- Damage to adjacent teeth, restorations, or gums

- Possible deterioration of your condition which may result in tooth loss.
- The need for replacement of restorations, implants, or other appliances in the future.
- An altered bite in need of adjustment.
- Possible injury to the jaw joint and related structures requiring follow-up care and treatment or consultation by a dental specialist
- Recommendation to refer to a dental specialist for the completion of a case which may have been started by your general dentist, should complications arise.
- A root tip, bone fragment, or a piece of a dental instrument may be left in your body and may have to be removed at a later time if symptoms develop. Doctor may decide to intentionally leave these objects behind if risk outweighs benefit of removal.
- Jaw Fracture
- If upper teeth are extracted, there is a chance of sinus infection or opening between the mouth and sinus cavity resulting in infection or the need for further treatment.
- Allergic reaction to anesthetic or medication
- Need for follow-up care and treatment, including surgery

Patient signature

Printed Name

Date