

INFORMED CONSENT (for direct restorations)

Patient's name _____ Date _____

Direct Placement Restoration (DPR)

Procedures: Most small dental restorations are accomplished in a single visit. The material of choice is bonded composite. The process involves anesthesia; isolation of the tooth with a rubber dam or with cotton rolls; removal of existing restorations, damage, or decay; cleansing and disinfecting; application of bonding agents; placement and curing of Bonded Composite material; and shaping and finishing the restoration to allow comfort, function, and hygiene.

Benefits: Bonded Composite material is a combination of ceramics and plastics that is similar in structure to a Corian® kitchen countertop. The material is **strong, wear resistant**, and when bonded to the tooth is **protective** against cracking and breaking. The material is available in a variety of natural and **attractive** tooth shades.

Common Risks: For some patients, new fillings can cause sensitivity to hot, cold, and biting. While unusual and generally self-limiting, these problems are the most common complications, and at times they may require further treatment.

The use of local anesthetics usually allows dental treatment to be rendered with little discomfort. Some patients may experience unexpected sensitivity during any dental procedure.

At times, a tooth may have deeper decay or more advanced destruction than was anticipated, which may necessitate more involved treatment than that originally planned, including crowns, root canals, or other.

All dental restorations will eventually fail due to wear, breakage, or leaking around the edges. When this occurs with a Bonded Composite restoration, it is relatively easy to detect and correct early. The estimated life is 5-15 years.

Alternatives: Amalgam (silver-mercury) fillings weaken teeth and may cause cracking. Many such teeth wind up needing crowns or root canals. Amalgam has the advantage of being less expensive, but only in the short term.

Gold restorations (inlays) are not currently recommended for most small restorations because of the need for additional visits and greatly increased expense, in comparison with Bonded Composite restorations.

Consequences of not performing these procedures: Failure to timely restore small dental problems may cause future pain, greater expense for later treatment, loss of teeth, and medical risk.

Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure that your Direct Placement Restoration is completed properly, although it is not possible to guarantee perfect results. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have received adequate information about the proposed procedures, that you understand this information, and that all of your questions have been answered fully. You also give permission for photographs or other information derived from your treatment to be used in clinical and economic research, practice marketing, and patient education activities and materials, provided that your identity is not reasonably discernible.

___ I give my consent for the proposed Direct Placement Restoration procedures as described above.

___ I refuse to give my consent for the proposed Direct Placement Restoration procedures as described above. I have been informed of the potential consequences of my decision to refuse treatment.

Patient's signature / Date

Staff signature / Date