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## INFORMED CONSENT (extraction)

Patient's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Dental Extraction** involves removing one or more teeth, and may require sectioning the teeth or trimming the gum or bone.

**Benefits:** The proposed treatment should help to relieve your symptoms or prevent the development of other problems.

**Risks:**

- As in all surgical procedures, extractions may not be perfectly safe.
- Unexpected additional treatment may become necessary due to complications of surgery.
- The healing process may vary; no guarantees can be made.
- If unexpected difficulties occur during treatment, you may be referred to an oral surgeon, who is a specialist in dental surgery.
- You will receive a local anesthetic and/or other medications which carry risks, side effects, and drug interactions.
- Following treatment you may have bleeding, pain, swelling, infection or discomfort.
- Extraction surgery may leave your jaw feeling stiff and sore and may make it difficult for you to open wide for several days.
- The instruments used in extracting a tooth may unavoidably chip or damage adjacent teeth or dental restorations.
- Occasionally, the necessary blood clot that forms in the socket may disintegrate or dislodge. This painful condition, called dry socket, lasts a week or more and is treated by placing a medicated dressing in the tooth socket to aid healing.
- Upper teeth have roots that may extend close to the sinuses. Removing these teeth may temporarily leave a small opening into the sinuses, requiring additional treatment.
- Extraction may cause a fracture in the surrounding bone, or occasionally, the tooth to be extracted may be fused to the surrounding bone, causing the surgical procedure to become more complex and more costly.
- Bone fragments called "spicules" may arise at the site following extraction. Tooth fragments may be left in the extraction site. On rare occasions these fragments become infected and must be removed.
- Extraction can result in damage to the nerves that run through your jaw, causing itching, tingling or burning, or the loss of all sensation. These changes could last from several weeks to several months or in some cases, indefinitely.
- Once the tooth is extracted, replacement of the missing teeth may be necessary to prevent the drifting of adjacent and/or opposing teeth to maintain function, or for cosmetic appearances.

**Consequences if No Treatment:** lack of treatment may lead to pain, infection, loss of other teeth, and other medical risks.

**Alternative Treatments:** Depending on your diagnosis, alternatives to extraction may exist which involve other disciplines in dentistry. Alternatives discussed:

Root Canal Therapy       Crown Lengthening       Crown Restoration       No Treatment

Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure that your extraction 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 surgical procedures, that you understand this information, and that all of your questions have been answered fully. You also give permission for information and photographs gained 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 extraction procedures as described above.

\_\_\_ I refuse to give my consent for the proposed extraction procedures as described above. I have been informed of the potential consequences of my decision to refuse this treatment.

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Patient's signature / Date

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Staff signature / Date