

DENTAL PROCEDURES INFORMATION AND CONSENT

- 1. Drugs and medications:** Any prescribed medication can cause nausea, vomiting, dizziness, an increase or decrease in heart rate, allergic reactions such as itching, swelling, redness and more severe reactions. When taking prescription pain medication do not drive or make any serious or legal decisions. When taking antibiotics take all the pills unless a doctor tells you to stop. Occasionally an infection will not respond to an antibiotic and the antibiotic must be changed. One very common drug effect is numbness following treatment. Please do not eat or drink hot liquids such as coffee or tea until the numbness is gone. Always take the medication as directed. Feel free to call the office any time with questions.
- 2. Changes in the course of treatment:** Sometimes changes can be very complicated and confusing. Be sure to discuss all your questions with Dr. Daffurn.
- 3. Extractions:** Sometimes teeth just cannot be saved and must be extracted. Even under the best of surgical techniques there are risks of pain, swelling and infection. Although we have never encountered this in our office, there is a risk of prolonged or permanent numbness. There may be a need for a referral to another doctor at additional cost.
- 4. Fillings:** We offer white resin and silver amalgam restorations. Although there is overwhelming preference for white fillings, there are reasons why one type is preferred over another in specific locations.
- 5. Crowns, caps and bridges:** These are sometimes very difficult to match natural teeth or match any other shade you may have in mind. If shade or shape is important to you, make your decision before they are cemented permanently. During treatment you may be wearing temporary crowns. Do not floss, use a toothpick or bite on hard or sticky foods on these temporary teeth.
- 6. Dentures:** There is a choice of color of the teeth, be sure you like the color before they are processed. If this is your first denture, there will be a need for a reline after several months at an additional cost. Looseness, cheek biting and speech adjustments are possibilities to be discussed.
- 7. Root canals or endodontics:** Usually after a root canal procedure, a post, core and crown are required to protect the tooth. It is important to complete a permanent restoration on a completed root canal as soon as possible to prevent bacteria from reentering the tooth. Sometimes overcoming the bacteria in a root canal procedure can be difficult and changing of antibiotics may be necessary. Even though there is a high degree of success in root canal procedures, sometimes they fail. There are alternatives to root canals such as an extraction and tooth replacement with a bridge or implant.
- 8. Gum or periodontal infections:** An infection of the gum tissue and underlying bone can lead to tooth loss. Treatments for gum problems are designed to save teeth or prolong their use but cannot guarantee teeth won't be lost eventually. Common effects of periodontal treatments are gum line recession, exposed roots, sensitivity and difficulty to cleaning in-between the teeth. Habits such as smoking and inadequate dental hygiene can frustrate improvement under the best of periodontal services.

I have had the opportunity to read this form and ask questions. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction and I consent to the proposed treatment.

Signature of Patient or Guardian

Date