

## **INFORMED CONSENT FOR EXTRACTION**

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Occasionally, the best treatment for a tooth is to come out. This can be a difficult treatment for some people to deal with. We are here as your dental team to provide the support and education to help you with any problems or questions concerning this treatment.

When a tooth is extracted you may feel an intense pressure, but no pain (like a pinch). We will let you know and demonstrate to you the difference between pressure and pain. You will also here noises like cracking or crunching sounds. This is normal and is no cause for alarm. However, each person is different and may experience different sensations.

Injury to adjacent teeth, such as loss of fillings, chips, or fractures are not uncommon. Also, mouth movement maybe restricted for several days or weeks, in extreme situations. Sometimes root tips may be left if we feel it would further cause severe trauma to the patient. We will inform you if this would ever be the determination. Also, injury to the nerve underlying the teeth resulting in numbness or tingling of the lip, chin, gums, teeth and tongue may persist for several weeks, or in remote instances, permanently. These examples are more likely to occur with a surgical extraction than with a simple extraction.

After an extraction it is not uncommon for you to have bone chips. These are small fragments of bone that may have fractured away during the extraction. They can be bothersome more so to your tongue than anything. We can remove them if they become a problem. Post-operative infection is a real possibility and may require more treatment or placement of a medicated pack. If we are removing an upper tooth a sinus exposure could occur. This would be noticed by bloody mucus coming from the nostril of the side where the extraction occurred, or you may notice an airy sensation. If you experience this, please contact our office as antibiotics and antihistamine is required.

These are all complications that could occur. That does not mean that they will, but we like to inform our patients of real possibilities and educate them on their oral care. Please ask your Registered Assistant any questions you may have. Also it is very important that you follow the extraction post-operative instructions given by your assistant. We will be sending you home with a copy of these instructions. If you have a question that is not answered by the instruction sheet, please feel free to contact us at the number listed on the top of that sheet.

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**Patient's Name**

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**Signature** (parent if patient is under the age of 18)

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**Date**

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**Print Name** (parent if patient is under the age of 18)

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**Staff Initials**