

ORAL SURGERY AND DENTAL EXTRACTIONS

I understand that oral surgery and/or dental extractions include possible inherent risks such as, but are not limited to the following:

1. **Injury to the nerves:** Including those of the lips, tongue, tissues in the floor of the mouth and/or the cheek. Numbness may be temporary, lasting a few days to a few months, or may be permanent.

2. **Bleeding and/or bruising:** Bleeding could last for several hours. Should it persist, particularly being severe in nature, you should notify our office. Bruising may possibly be prolonged.

3. **Dry socket:** Occurs when teeth are extracted and a blood clot does not form properly or is dislodged during the healing process. Dry sockets will result in an increase in pain each day rather than a decrease. Notify our office should you develop a dry socket.

4. **Sinus involvement:** In some cases, root tips of upper teeth lie in close proximity to the tissues of the sinuses. During extraction or surgical procedures, the sinus membrane may be perforated. Should this occur, it may be necessary to have the sinus surgically repaired.

5. **Infection:** Although surgical sterility is closely maintained, it is possible that infections may occur postoperatively because of the non-sterile or infected oral environment. At times these may be of a serious nature. Should severe swelling occur, particularly accompanied with fever or malaise, notify our office.

6. **Fractured jaw, roots or bone fragments:** Jaw, teeth, roots or bone spicules may be fractured and may require referral to a specialist. A decision may be made to leave a small piece of root or bone fragment in the jaw when its removal would require extensive surgery and/or risk of complications.

7. **Injury to adjacent teeth or fillings:** This is a possibility no matter how carefully surgical and/or extraction procedures are performed.

8. **Heart conditions:** Because of the normal existence of bacteria in the oral cavity which may be transmitted through blood vessels, bacterial endocarditis (an infection of the heart) may occur. If any heart conditions are known or suspected, inform the doctor prior to your treatment.

9. **Unusual reactions to medications:** Reactions, either mild or severe, may occur from anesthetic or other medications administered or prescribed. Notify our office of bothersome reactions.

It is my responsibility to seek attention should any undue circumstances occur postoperatively and I shall diligently follow all postoperative instructions given. I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the nature and purpose of the proposed treatment and have received answers to my satisfaction. I have been given the option of seeking care from an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. I voluntarily assume any and all possible risks including, but not limited to those listed above and the risk of substantial harm, if any, which may be associated with any phase of this treatment in hopes of obtaining the desired potential results, which may or may not be achieved. No promises or guarantees have been made to me concerning the results. The fee(s) for this service have been explained to me and by signing this document, I am freely giving my consent to allow and authorize Dr. Mitchell and/or his designated staff to render any treatment necessary and/or advisable to my dental condition(s), including prescribing and administering any and all anesthetics and/or medications.

**Have you ever taken Fosamax, Actonel, Boniva, or any other drug prescribed to decrease the resorption of bone as in osteoporosis? _____YES _____NO

Bisphosphonate drug risks: Patients who have taken any drug prescribed to decrease the resorption of bone as in osteoporosis, or for treatment of metastatic bone cancer, have an increased risk of osteonecrosis or failure of bone to heal properly following any oral surgical procedure involving bone.

Patient/Guardian Signature

Printed Patient Name: _____

Date

Tooth #: _____