

Informed Consent for Crown Lengthening

Crown Lengthening: A type of surgery designed to expose more tooth structure to permit for a crown or filling. It involves all the components of an osseous surgery. Typically, the crown may be placed approximately 4-6 weeks post-surgical unless directed otherwise

Osseous (Bone) Surgery: A treatment that involves making an incision in the gum and lifting the gum to expose the roots of the teeth and underlying bone. The unhealthy gum is removed, the teeth and roots are cleaned, the bone may be re-contoured, regeneration attempted, and sutures placed. This procedure is performed with local anesthesia. The goal of treatment is to create a positive and healthy periodontal architecture, which promotes your ability to clean the teeth and maintain the tissues. Furthermore, by improving the periodontal health, we may reduce the risk of further gum irritation, disease progression, and tissue infection. This may assist in retaining the gum, bone, and teeth for a longer period of time.

All dental treatments have an associated risk. Periodontal surgery of any type may result in bleeding, swelling, bruising, pain, infection, sore jaws, loose / discolored fillings and crowns, recession, tooth sensitivity to hot and cold, caries exposure, mobility, numbness, need for tooth extraction, and or tooth fracture. I understand that every person responds to treatment differently. Therefore, it is impossible for the doctor to predict how long the healing period may require or if time away from normal routines may be necessary.

I understand that smoking may significantly interfere with healing and cause disease reoccurrence.

The post-operative instructions were reviewed and a copy provided for my records.

I understand every reasonable effort will be made to ensure that my condition is treated properly, however, it is not possible to guarantee perfect results or no risk of disease reoccurrence.

I understand if no treatment is rendered or if active treatment is interrupted or discontinued, my periodontal condition would likely continue and worsen. This may result in pain, swelling, bleeding, infection, recession, mobility, decay, staining, bone loss, and tooth loss.

Untreated periodontal disease may also affect on your systemic health. Studies have shown exacerbation of systemic conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and respiratory disease. Periodontal disease has been associated with increased risk of pancreatic cancer.

Pregnant women may be at an increased risk of a premature and low birth weight baby.

I have had a chance to read this document in full and even take a copy home with me for further review on request, and the doctors have answered all my questions to my satisfaction and I hereby consent willingly to having this procedure done with understanding of all related risks and benefits and alternatives and adverse outcomes.

Legal Fees:

The dental company is entitled to claim legal fees and lost wages incurred for any situation where legal action against the dental company is initiated and ultimately unsuccessful.