

## Oral Surgery Consent Form

### **Desired Benefits of Wisdom Tooth Extractions:**

- There are no guarantees that desired outcomes will be achieved.
- However, the desired benefits of wisdom tooth extractions are to remove the teeth before they become infected or otherwise problematic to your health.

### **Alternatives to Surgery:**

- One could keep their wisdom teeth and try to maintain them.
- Risks to my health include but are not limited to: Infection; Cyst or tumor formation; Periodontal (gum) disease; and Increased risk for complications if removal is required at a later time.
- Expert level care with an oral surgeon

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### **Desired Benefits of Tooth Extractions:**

- There are no guarantees that desired outcomes will be achieved.
- However, the desired benefits of tooth extraction include limiting the extent of infection associated with the tooth and/or for orthodontic purposes.

### **Alternatives to Surgery:**

- One could keep their infected teeth, or even attempt to restore the teeth with restorative dentistry procedures.
- Risks to my health include but are not limited to: Infection; Cyst or tumor formation; Periodontal (gum) disease; and Increased risk for complications if removal is required at a later time.
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### **Desired Benefits of Endosteal Implants:**

- There are no guarantees that desired outcomes will be achieved.
- However, the desired benefits of endosteal implants are to restore missing teeth and also to maintain the bone.

### **Alternatives to Surgery:**

- One could pursue fixed bridge, removable partial denture or leave the space edentulous (devoid of teeth).
- Expert level care with an oral surgeon

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### **Desired Benefits of Gum Surgery:**

- There are no guarantees that desired outcomes will be achieved.
- However, the desired benefits of gum surgery are typically the rehabilitation/rejuvenation of the gums using grafting procedures.

### **Alternatives to Surgery:**

- One could simply try to maintain their gums in the current condition without surgical intervention designed to rejuvenate/rehabilitate the condition of the gums.
- Expert level care with an oral surgeon

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### **Expert Level Care with an Oral Surgeon:**

- I have been informed about the recommendation to receive a second opinion from a local oral surgeon.
- I have also been told of the option to have an oral surgeon perform my surgery.
- This dental office has recommended a local oral surgeon called "Farifax OMFS" in Reston VA.

**Risks of Oral Surgery include but are not limited to the following:**

1. Injury to the nerves of the lower lip and tongue causing numbness which could be permanent;
2. Bleeding and/or bruising which may be prolonged;
3. Dry socket;
4. Involvement of the sinus above the upper teeth;
5. Infection;
6. Decision to leave a small piece of root in the jaw, when its removal would increase the risk of complications;
7. Injury to adjacent teeth or fillings;
8. Unusual reaction to medications given or prescribed

**9. Mandibular Nerve Injury**

- Injury to the large nerve in your lower jaw, resulting in loss of sensation to teeth, tongue and gums on that side of the mouth
- This can also result in radiating pain and/or burning sensation that travels up from the jaw towards the ear, face and chin. This nerve pain can be permanent in some rare cases.

**10. Post-Op Pain Levels:**

- Pain level after your surgery can be as much as 10/10 for prolonged periods of time.
- Most people experience 7/10 for brief period of time; but there are some patients that experience 10/10 pain level for prolonged period of time, after surgery.
- These patients are asked to go to Emergency Room for IV drugs.
  
- In very rare cases you can have nerve injury with nerve pain that is permanent.

**11. Lingual Nerve Injury**

- Injury to the lingual nerve providing sensation to that half of your tongue; this can result in loss of sensation to that half of your tongue.

**12. Jaw fracture** is very likely, both during and after oral surgery procedures such as tooth extractions. The patient should avoid physical contact/injury to the jaws for 3 months following tooth extraction. During the process of tooth extraction the bone is subjected to large amounts of pressure as the tooth is elevated out of the socket. This tooth elevation process applies pressure, which can cause fracture in the bone. Your jaw may even fracture while you simply eat breakfast following tooth removal.

13. I understand that **a perfect result cannot be guaranteed**. If any unforeseen conditions arise during the procedure, I request and authorize the doctor to do whatever he/she deems advisable to correct the condition.

14. Patient may aspirate the tooth into their windpipe resulting in life-threatening complications.

15. Patient may aspirate a cotton gauze into their windpipe.

16. Injury to the maxillary tuberosity and/or palatal nerve/palatal artery.

17. Anyone over the age of 36 years old is at high risk for jaw fracture, especially with wisdom tooth removal and impacted wisdom teeth removal.

**18. Warning about Coron-ectomy**

- If the roots are locked in position then the dentist may elect to leave them in place (aka coron-ectomy).
- Future removal of the residual roots, by an oral surgeon, may be necessary.

**19. Facial Nerve Paralysis:**

- Facial Nerve Paralysis can occur but this is very rare. When facial nerve paralysis occurs, it is typically temporary and resolves after several weeks. However, permanent facial nerve paralysis is also possible.
- Facial nerve paralysis will make it impossible for the patient to wink and smile on one side of their face. Facial nerve paralysis also causes droopy lip and drooling.

**20. Local Anesthesia with Block Injections:**

- Block injections can lead to permanent nerve injury with permanent pain sensations in the upper and/or lower jaw/lip.
- Mandibular block injections can lead to permanent nerve injury with permanent pain sensations in the lower jaw.

**INFORMED CONSENT:** I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions of the dentist, and have received answers to my satisfaction, from the dentist on duty. I do voluntarily assume any and all possible risks, including 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. By signing this form, I am freely giving my consent to allow and authorize Dr. Miamee and/or his associates to render any treatment necessary and/or advisable to my dental condition(s).

**Financial Consent Portion:**

This is just an estimate not a guarantee of payment by your insurance company. All payments are due at the time of service. In the event that your insurance pays less than the estimated portion the patient is responsible for the balance.

**Cadaver Bone Grafting Material Consent:**

It has been calculated that the chance of obtaining a bone graft from an HIV-infected donor (e.g., one who failed to be excluded by one of the exclusionary techniques) is one in 1.67 million [Buck 1989]. The probability that it might contain HIV has been calculated to be one in 2.8 billion [Russo 1995]. Therefore, the established exclusionary criteria combined with recommended processing procedures (harvesting in a sterile manner, repeated washings, immersion in ethanol, freezing in liquid nitrogen, freeze-drying, demineralization, and vacuum sealing) render allograft materials safe for human implantation.

**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.

**HIGH RISK FOR NERVE INJURY CONSENT FORM**

- You are at high risk for nerve injury during this oral surgery procedure.
- The dentist whom is doing your surgery is concerned about the risk of nerve injury for your case.

**Post-Op Neurologist & Oral Surgeon Referrals:**

-If you receive nerve injury or nerve pain after your surgery, then you will be referred to a local neurologist for special drugs. Additionally, you will also receive a referral to 'Howard School of Dentistry' for the oral surgery clinic there to evaluate your nerve injury.

**Consequences of Nerve Injury Events:**

- Prolonged or permanent numbness in your lip, chin, teeth, gum, tongue
- Prolonged or permanent pain in your jaw, TMJ, mandibular nerve, lip, chin, teeth.
- Subjective pain is impossible to predict or manage. Some patients experience pain for reasons that are impossible to understand by the surgeons/neurologists trying to treat their pain.
- Facial nerve paralysis that could be temporary or permanent. Facial nerve paralysis makes it impossible for the patient to wink or smile on that side of their face. The patient can get droopy lip and drooling also from facial nerve paralysis.

\*Your case is a high risk case for nerve injury.

\*You have high risk of nerve damage if you elect to proceed with this oral surgery case.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_