

# CONSENT FOR ORAL SURGERY



Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

You have the right to be informed about your planned oral surgery so that you can decide whether to have a procedure or not after knowing the risks and benefits. If you have any questions, please ask Dr. Minter before signing.

All surgeries have some risks including the following:

- Swelling, bruising and pain.
- Stretching of corners of the mouth that may lead to cracking or bruising.
- Possible infection that might need more treatment.
- Dry socket- jaw pain that begins a few days after surgery, that may need more care.
- Possible damage to other teeth close to the ones being taken out
- Numbness, pain or changed feelings in the teeth, gums, lip, chin and/or tongue (including possible loss of taste). This is due to the closeness of tooth roots (mainly with wisdom teeth) to the nerves which can be injured or damaged. Usually, the numbness or pain goes away, but in some cases, it may need more treatment or may be permanent.
- Trismus- limited mouth opening. This is most common after wisdom teeth are taken out. Sometimes it happens because of jaw joint (TMJ) problems already present. Damage can occur to the ligaments of the jaw joint (TMJ) from having your mouth open wide and/or for a period of time. This is more common if you already have symptoms/signs. This may need separate additional treatment.
- Bleeding- oozing can often happen for several hours but a lot of bleeding is not common.
- Sharp ridges or bone splinters may form later at the edge of the hole where the tooth was taken out. These may need another surgery to smooth or remove.
- Tooth roots that are unable to be removed, often to avoid harming adjacent anatomy such as nerves or a sinus (an open space above your upper back teeth).
- The roots of the upper back teeth are often close to the sinus and sometimes a piece of root can get into sinus. An opening may occur from the sinus into the mouth that may need more treatment.
- Jaw fracture-It is very rare but possible in cases where teeth are buried very deep in their sockets.
- When donated, processed, or artificial bone substitutes are placed to preserve a socket, the bone graft might not join together with the natural bone and could be lost.
- Information for female patients: I have told my doctor that I use birth control pills. My doctor has told me that some antibiotics and other medications may reduce the preventative effect of birth control pills and I could conceive and become pregnant. I agree to discuss this with my primary care doctor using other forms of birth control during my treatment, and to continue those methods until my primary care doctor says that I can stop them and only use my birth control pills.

Consent signed by:

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date



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