

## **GENERAL CONSENT FORM**

You, the patient, have the right to accept or reject dental treatment recommended by your dentist. Prior to consenting to treatment, you should carefully consider the anticipated benefits and commonly known risks of the recommended procedure, alternative treatments, or the option of no treatment.

Do not consent to treatment unless and until you discuss potential benefits, risks, and complications with your dentist and all of your questions are answered. By consenting to the treatment, you are acknowledging your willingness to accept known risks and complications, no matter how slight the probability of occurrence.

It is very important that you provide your dentist with accurate information before, during, and after treatment. It is equally important that you follow your dentist's advice and recommendations regarding medication, pre and post treatment instructions, referrals to other dentists or specialists, and return for scheduled appointments. If you fail to follow the advice of your dentist, you may increase the chances of a poor outcome.

Please read and initial the items below and sign at the bottom of the form.

### **1. Treatment to be Provided**

I understand that during my course of treatment that the following care may be provided:

Examinations \_\_\_\_\_ Preventive Services \_\_\_\_\_ Restorations \_\_\_\_\_

Crowns \_\_\_\_\_ Bridges \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Initials \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Drugs and Medications**

I understand that antibiotics, analgesics, and other medications can cause allergic reactions causing redness and swelling of tissues; pain, itching, vomiting, and/or anaphylactic shock (severe allergic reaction). Patient Initials \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Changes in Treatment Plan**

I understand that during treatment it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions found while working on the teeth that were not discovered during examination, the most common being root canal therapy following routine restorative procedures. I give my permission to the dentist to make any/all changes and additions as necessary. Patient Initials \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Removal of Teeth

Alternatives to removal have been explained to me (root canal therapy, crowns, and periodontal surgery, etc.) and I authorize the dentists to remove the following teeth and any other necessary for reasons in paragraph #3. I understand removing teeth does not always remove infection, if present, and it may be necessary to have further treatment. I understand the risks involved in having teeth removed, some of which are pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry sockets, loss of feeling in my teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissue (Paresthesia) that can last for an indefinite period of time (days or months) or in rare occasions may be permanent.

5. I give permission to the dental office to bill my dental insurance provider for the treatment provided, if applicable. Patient Initials \_\_\_\_\_

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Patient Signature

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Date

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Dentist Signature

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Date

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Witness Signature

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Date