



General Consent

You have the right to accept or reject dental treatment recommended by your dentist. This form is intended to provide you with an overview of potential risks and complications. Prior to consenting to treatment, you should carefully consider the anticipated benefits, commonly known risks and complications of the recommended procedure, alternative treatments or the option of no treatment. It is very important that you provide your dentist with an accurate medical history 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 follow up appointments. If you fail to follow the advice of your dentist, you may increase the chances of a poor outcome. Please read the items below and sign at the bottom of the form. Do not sign this form or agree to treatment until you have read, understood and accepted each item carefully. Be certain your dentist has addressed all of your concerns to your satisfaction before commencing treatment.

During your course of treatment the following care may be provided to you:

- **EXAMINATIONS AND X-RAYS** Radiographs are required to complete your examination, diagnosis and treatment plan. A periodic examination will be provided by the dentist at all routine cleanings to evaluate your teeth for decay, gum disease, oral cancer and overall health. The dentist will read and diagnosis any x-rays taken. In the state of Massachusetts a dental hygienist cannot diagnosis a patient.
- **DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS (CLEANING)** A routine dental prophylaxis involves the removal of plaque and calculus above the gum line and will not address gum infections below the gum line called periodontal disease. Some bleeding after a cleaning can occur, however, should it persist and if it is severe in nature the office should be contacted.
- **TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DYSFUNCTION (TMD)** Symptoms of popping, clicking, locking and pain can intensify or develop in the joint of the lower jaw (near the ear) subsequent to routine dental treatment when the mouth is held in the open position. However, symptoms of TMD associated with dental treatment are usually temporary in nature and well tolerated by most patients. If need for treatment should arise, you will be referred to a specialist, the cost of which is your responsibility.



Allergies/Medication I have informed the dentist of any known allergies I may have. 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). They may cause drowsiness, lack of awareness and coordination which can be increased by the use of alcohol or other drugs. I understand that failure to take medications prescribed to me as directed may offer risks of continued or aggravated infection, pain or a negative result on the outcome of my treatment. I understand that antibiotics can reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives (birth control pills).

Consent I have read each paragraph above and consent to recommended treatment as needed. I understand the anticipated benefits and commonly known risks and complications of each procedure

Patient's Name

Patient's (or Legal Guardian's) Signature

Date