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CONSENT FOR EXTRACTION OF TEETH

Printed Patient Name _____

Extraction of teeth is an irreversible procedure and whether routine or difficult, is a surgical procedure. As in any surgery, there are some risks. They include, but are not limited to:

1. Swelling and/or bruising and discomfort in the surgery area.
2. Stretching of the corners of the mouth resulting in cracking and bruising.
3. Possible infection requiring further treatment.
4. Dry socket- Jaw pain beginning a few days after surgery, usually requiring additional care. It is more common from lower extractions, especially wisdom teeth.
5. Possible damage to adjacent teeth, especially those with large fillings or crowns.
6. Numbness or altered sensation in the teeth, lip, tongue (including possible loss of taste sensation) and chin, due to the closeness of tooth roots (especially wisdom teeth) to the nerves that can be bruised or injured. Sensation most often returns to normal, but in rare cases, the loss may be permanent.
7. Trismus—limited jaw opening due to inflammation or swelling, most common after wisdom tooth removal. Sometimes it is the result of jaw joint discomfort (TMJ, especially when TMJ disease and symptoms already exist).
8. Bleeding—Significant bleeding is not common, but persistent oozing can be expected for several hours.
9. Sharp ridges or bone splinters may form later at the edge of the socket. This may require additional surgery to smooth or remove them.
10. Incomplete removal of tooth fragments—to avoid injury to vital structures such as nerves or sinuses, sometimes small root tips may be left in place. Sinus involvement: the roots of upper back teeth are often close to the sinus and sometimes a piece of root can be displaced into the sinus, or an opening may occur into the sinus which may require additional care.
11. Jaw Fracture—while quite rare, it is possible in difficult or deeply impacted teeth.

Anesthesia

The anesthesia I have chosen for my surgery is:

- Local anesthesia (numbness)
- Local anesthesia with Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen (Laughing Gas)
- Local anesthesia with Oral Sedation (Relaxing Pill and /or Halcion injection)
- Local anesthesia with Intravenous Sedation

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Anesthetic Risks include: discomfort, swelling, bruising, infection, prolonged numbness and allergic reactions. There may be inflammation at the side of an intravenous injection (phlebitis) that may cause prolonged discomfort and/or disability, and may require special care. Nausea and vomiting, although rare, may be a side effect of IV anesthesia. Intravenous sedation and/or anesthesia are serious procedures and although considered safe, carry with them risk of heart irregularities, heart attack, stroke, brain damage or death.

Most procedures are routine and serious complications are not expected. Those that do occur are most often minor and can be treated.

Teeth # to be removed _____

I understand the doctor may discover other or different conditions that may require additional or different procedures from those planned. I authorize such other procedures as are deemed necessary in my doctor's professional judgment to complete my surgery.

I have read and understand the above, and had my questions answered. I recognize there can be no warranty as to the outcome of treatment, and I give my consent to surgery.

Patient's (or Legal Guardian's) Signature

Date

Doctor's Signature

Date

Witness' Signature

Date