

Autumnwood Dental

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INFORMED CONSENT

All patients complete 1 through 4, and 5 through 10 as needed.

1. EXAMINATIONS AND X-RAYS

I understand that the initial visit may require radiographs in order to complete the examination, diagnosis and treatment plan.

(Initials _____)

2. DRUGS, MEDICATIONS, AND SEDATION

I have been informed and 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 and lack of awareness and coordination, which can be increased by the use of alcohol or other drugs. I understand and fully agree not to operate any vehicle or hazardous device for at least 12 hours, or until fully recovered from the effects of the anesthetic, medications and drugs that may have been given to me in the office for my care. I understand that failure to take medication as prescribed for me in the manner prescribed may offer risks of continued or aggravated infection and pain, and potential resistance to effective treatment of my condition. I understand that antibiotics can reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

(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.

(Initials _____)

4. TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DYSFUNCTION (TMD)

I understand that 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, wherein the mouth is held in the open position. Although symptoms of TMD associated with dental treatment are usually transitory in nature and well tolerated by most patients, I understand that should the need for treatment arise, then I will be referred to a specialist for treatment, the cost of which is my responsibility.

(Initials _____)

5. FILLINGS

I understand that care must be exercised in chewing on fillings during the first 24 hours to avoid breakage. I understand that sensitivity is a common aftereffect of a newly placed filling.

(Initials _____)

6. REMOVAL OF TEETH

Alternatives to removal have been explained to me (root canal therapy, crowns, and periodontal surgery, etc.) and I authorize the Dentist to remove the following teeth _____ and any others necessary for reasons noted in paragraph #3. I understand removing teeth does not always remove all the 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 socket, loss of feeling in my teeth, lips, tongue, and surrounding tissue (parathesia) that can last for an indefinite period of time, or fractured jaw. I understand I may need further treatment by a specialist, or even hospitalization, if complications arise during or following treatment, the cost of which is my responsibility.

(Initials _____)

7. CROWNS, BRIDGES, CAPS, VENEERS AND BONDING

I understand that sometimes it is not possible to match the color of natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. I further understand that I may be wearing temporary crowns, which may come off easily, and that I must be careful to ensure that they are kept on until the permanent crowns are delivered. I realize that the final opportunity to make changes in my new crown, bridge, or cap (including shape, fit, size, and color) will be before cementation. It has been explained to me that, in a very few cases, cosmetic procedures may result in the need for future root canal treatment, which cannot always be predicted or anticipated. I understand that cosmetic procedures may affect tooth surfaces, and may require modification of daily cleaning procedures.

(Initials _____)

8. DENTURES - COMPLETE OR PARTIAL

I realize that full or partial dentures are artificial, constructed of plastic, metal, and/or porcelain. The problems of wearing those appliances have been explained to me, including looseness, soreness, and possible breakage. I realize that the final opportunity to make changes in my new denture (including shape, fit, size, placement, and color) will be the "teeth in wax" try-in visit. I understand that most dentures require relining approximately three to twelve months after initial placement. The cost for this procedure is not included in the initial denture fee.

(Initials _____)

9. ENDODONTIC TREATMENT (ROOT CANAL)

I realize there is no guarantee that root canal treatment will save my tooth, that complications can occur from the treatment, and that occasionally metal objects are cemented in the tooth or extend through the root, which does not necessarily affect the success of the treatment. I understand that occasionally additional surgical procedures may be necessary following root canal treatment.

(Initials _____)

10. PERIODONTAL TREATMENT

I understand that I have a serious condition causing gum inflammation and/or bone loss, and that it can lead to the loss of my teeth. Alternative treatment plans have been explained to me, including non-surgical cleaning, gum surgery, and/or extractions. I understand that the success of any treatment plan depends in part on my efforts to brush and floss daily, receive regular cleaning as directed, follow a healthy diet, avoid tobacco products, and follow other recommendations.

(Initials _____)

I understand that dentistry is not an exact science, and therefore, that reputable practitioners cannot guarantee results. I acknowledge that no guarantee or assurance has been made by anyone regarding the dental treatment which I have requested and authorized. I understand that each Dentist is an individual practitioner and is individually responsible for dental care rendered to me. I also understand that no other Dentist, other than the treating Dentist, nor Advantage Dental Center, is responsible for my dental treatment. I acknowledge the receipt of, and understand postoperative instructions, and have been given an appointment date to return.

Name (printed) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Doctor _____ Witness _____