

Extraction Informed Consent

As explained to me by my dentist, I have chosen extractions (tooth removal) over other options. As an alternative, I could have had:

- Root canal treatment (endodontics)
- Crown/bridge/filling
- Inlay/onlay
- No treatment

I, _____, hereby authorize

Dr. _____ and any associates to perform the following procedure to remove _____ tooth(teeth).

SIMPLE VS. SURGICAL EXTRACTIONS

If possible, my dentist will remove my teeth using "simple extraction" techniques. This takes place where the tooth can be lifted or elevated out of the socket.

Where this cannot occur, or when a simple extraction is begun but the tooth will not come out, then a "surgical extraction" becomes necessary. For this procedure, the gums are cut and some supporting bone structure around the tooth is removed to help loosen the tooth. Stitches or sutures will be placed in the gums after the tooth is gone.

I consent to allow surgical extractions, where either a simple extraction does not work or my dentist believes surgical intervention is needed.

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS

Because of the wide differences among people and dental conditions, a successful outcome cannot always be obtained. Sometimes, unexpected results occur. Here are some of the more common (but not all) complications for extractions:

- Pain, swelling, bruising, infection, prolonged bleeding
- Damage to nearby, top and bottom teeth
- 2% to 5% of extractions result in a dry socket (pain in the hole where the tooth was extracted)
- Part of the tooth breaks off and cannot be removed
- Permanent or temporary numbness to the cheeks, lips, tongue, teeth or gums, especially where teeth # 1, 16, 17 and 32 (wisdom teeth) are extracted
- Openings into the sinus (where upper teeth are extracted), which will require closure
- Jaw dislocation or fracture
- TMJ problems (the joints in front of your ears)

- I understand that an oral surgeon or other specialist can perform extractions, and that my dentist is a general dentist.

Patient Signature

Today's date

Doctor Signature