

INFORMED CONSENT: DENTAL TREATMENT

Refusal of Treatment: You have the right to be informed about your treatment so that you can make the decision whether to undergo the procedure after knowing the risks and benefits involved. This information is not meant to alarm you, but to better inform you so that you may give or withhold your consent for the treatment recommended as well as help you formulate additional questions which may not have been covered in consultation.

Procedure Description: Fillings or crowns used to restore teeth after damage from dental decay

Intended Benefit: To restore a tooth/teeth to function.

Alternative Treatment: No treatment

Possible Side Effects/ Complications:

- Numbness and/or tingling sensation in the mouth, tongue, chin, gums, cheeks, and teeth which is transient but may be permanent.
- Irreversible damage to the nerve of the tooth.
- An unhealthy tooth may result in infections, swelling, pain and damage.
- Possible bite changes.
- Muscle cramps or spasms in the jaw.
- Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) difficulty.
- Tooth may become too weak to hold a filling resulting in a crown, bridge or implant to replace missing teeth.
- Referred pain to ear, neck and head, delayed healing, and sinus perforation.
- Choking on small objects during treatment (very rare), treatment failure, complications due to faulty dental equipment, medications, or anesthetics.
- Discoloration of the face.
- Trauma to surrounding tissue (lips, cheeks, and tongue), usually minimal and will heal on its own.
- Additional treatment may be needed
- Injury to the nerves may occur causing numbness in the lips, tongue, cheeks or face. This will be temporary and should not persist.
- Bleeding, bruising, or swelling may occur, this is expected, however if profuse bleeding or extensive swelling is not.
- Infection may occur which may result in excessive swelling, fever or malaise.
- Bacterial Endocarditis

Fee Includes:

- Anesthetic and any materials needed to restore the tooth.

Additional Fees Possible:

- Treatment changes once the procedure has begun. In this event a new treatment plan will be proposed to you with updated fees.

Other:

- Please keep your eyes closed as much as possible while undergoing the procedure as small items may become airborne.
- We start treatment as conservative as possible, however additional treatment may be needed.
- We cannot guarantee any treatment that is completed.
- Certain procedures have more risks than others which will be discussed at the time of treatment.
- Injury to the adjacent teeth may occur.

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Procedure Instructions

Before-Procedure:

After Procedure Instruction:

- Be careful where you are numb until the numbness wears off completely

Continued Care Instructions

What to Expect After Treatment:

- Mild soreness the first day or two is common, this should subside on its own
- If pain or numbness persists, contact the office.
- Return to your normal homecare regimen this evening
- If your bite feels off, please contact the office

Continued Care & Maintenance:

Routine Home Care

Acknowledgement

* I hereby acknowledge that I have been given a chance to ask questions and release Dr. Adam DeCota and staff from further liability.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

