

Informed Consent for Dental Implant

Patient Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Tooth # _____

Nature and Purpose of the Procedure

I understand incision(s) will be made inside my mouth for the purpose of placing one or more metal structures in my jaw(s) to serve as anchors for a missing tooth or teeth or to stabilize a crown, denture or bridge. I understand that this implant should last for many years, but that no guarantee that it will last for any specific period or time can be or has been given. I have been informed that the implant may or may not be covered under the gum tissue. It may be at least three months or more before it can be used, and second surgical procedure may be required to uncover the top of the implant.

Alternatives to a Dental Implant

The alternative to use an osseointegrated dental implant have been reviewed with me in detail, including no treatment at all; construction of new standard dental prosthesis, augmentation of the upper or lower jaw by means of vestibuloplasty skin and bone grafting, or with synthetic materials and implantation of another type of device. The advantages and disadvantages of each procedure have been explained and I choose to proceed with insertion of the osseointegrated implant.

Risks Associated with Osseointegrated Implant

1. Post-operative discomfort, limitation of jaw movement and swelling, which may necessitate several days of home recuperation.
2. Bleeding will usually stop the day or night of surgery. Occasionally prolonged or heavy bleeding may require further treatment.
3. Bruising (greenish-yellow to black and blue color) may occur.
4. Injury to the roots and fillings of adjacent teeth. Closeness to other natural teeth may result in the need of additional routine dental care or rarely the loss of the involved tooth/teeth may result in damage to the tooth or tooth root despite the best care of the surgeon. This may result in the need for additional routine dental care or rarely the loss of the involved tooth/teeth.
5. A drug reaction is possible from any medication given and could include nausea, rash shock, and/or death. If any questions arise over medicine given for use after surgery, call the responsible surgeon immediately.
6. Post-operative infection may occur with or without the use of antibiotics, and despite the best care possible. If post-operative infection occurs, additional procedures may be necessary. Rarely, hospitalization may be required.
7. Stretching the corners of the mouth may result in cracking and/or bruising or bleeding.
8. Although, uncommon, breakage of the jaw or weakening of the jaw may occur. This may require wiring the teeth of jaws together or treatment by means of skin incisions with or without placement of metal plates. Metal plates, if used, must usually be removed in about six months by means of an additional surgery. Jaw fractures are usually managed in the hospital under general anesthesia.
9. Due to the closeness of nerves to the planned implant sites, especially in the lower jaw, it is possible to bruise, stretch, or damage a nerve during the insertion of the implants. Numbness, tingling, or a burning or drawing sensation of the lips, chin, cheek, gums, or tongue may occur.
10. This may continue for a few weeks, months, or in remote instances be permanent.
11. In the upper jaw, it is possible that an opening into the sinus may be created during insertion of the dental implant. In most instances, this will have no complicating result. Occasionally, it may

cause sinus disease requiring further treatment, additional surgery to correct, and/or failure of the implant if it is placed.

12. Appropriate post-surgical pain medicine will be prescribed. It is possible, though exceedingly rare, that this will be less effective than the patient desires.
13. In approximately 10% of patients, despite an extensive pre-surgery evaluation, the size or shape of the bone as noted at surgery may make placement of all planned implants impossible. In these cases, the surgery will be done in an altered manner if still possible. If it cannot be done, the incision will be closed without implant surgery placement.
14. The use of an artificial bone substitute may be necessary in some instances where bone shape or sizes less than believed prior to surgery.
15. Although we have chosen scientifically proven implant, there is a failure rate with all such implants. The failure may result in inability to complete the treatment plan as discussed. Failure may result in bone loss requiring no care or grafting procedures. Failure may be resolved by future implants placed 3-6 months later or result in implants not being a method available for treatment. Furthermore, failure of implants will result in increase time to finish your dental treatment.

Routine post-operative care will be provided to all of our patients within the office at no additional charge. With post-operative complications that require additional surgery, an additional professional fee may be charged. In the unlikely even that hospitalization is required the patient will be responsible for all hospital related charges.

Options of care have been discussed and include local anesthesia alone, adjunctive intravenous surgery, the use of nitrous oxide or outpatient general anesthetic. Performance of the procedure(s) at the office has been discussed as an option.

Medications, drugs, anesthetics and prescriptions may cause drowsiness and lack of awareness and coordination which can be increased by the use of alcohol or other drugs; thus, I have been advised not to operate any vehicle, automobile, or hazardous devices, or work, while taking such medications and/or drugs or until fully recovered from the effects of the same. I understand and agree not to operate any vehicle or hazardous device for at least 24 hours after my release from surgery

Patient or Representative Signature

Date

If not the patient, what is your relationship to the patient?

I have explained the condition, procedure, benefits, alternatives, and risks described on this form to the patient or representative.

Dentist Signature

Date