

INFORMED CONSENT

Due to State rules and regulations, our office is required to present the most common risks, complications and benefits associated with the dental procedures performed in this office.

1. Prophylaxis (Cleaning)

Risks: During any cleaning, if a restoration (filling, crown or bridge) is loose, it may become dislodged. If this occurs, it just means that the restoration was loose in the first place and it is good that it happened in a controlled environment. After a cleaning, if tartar deposits were removed, your teeth could become sensitive. This occurs because parts of your teeth have been exposed due to removal of the tartar.

Benefits: On your way to healthier teeth and gums.

2. Restorations (fillings, crowns or bridges)

Risks: With any procedure where anesthesia is used, there is the risk of temporary or permanent numbness, allergic reaction, development of transient or permanent temporomandibular disorder (TMD), swelling, infection, bruising and/or bleeding. You could have an allergic reaction to any number of the materials being used.

Benefits: Removal of diseased tooth structure (get infection out of the body), strengthening of remaining tooth, filling in of empty space(s).

3. Bleaching

Risks: Teeth or tooth could become sensitive to cold or sweets. If internal bleaching is performed, you could get root resorption in the future.

Benefits: Teeth or tooth will be lightened.

4. Extractions

Risks: Instrument could break, tooth could break, adjacent teeth could break, temporary or permanent nerve loss, sinus perforation, damage to surrounding tissues, bruising could occur.

Benefits: Removal of diseased or broken tooth (get infection out of the body), relief of pain.

5. Root canal therapy

Risks: Instrument could break, development of swelling or infection.

Benefits: Removal of diseased nerve (get infection out of the body), relief of pain.

6. Dentures

Risks: You may have to use denture paste to hold your denture in, you could develop sores, denture could break.

Benefits: Replacement of teeth, prevent further eruption of opposing teeth, ability to chew better and look better.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK.

The usual and most frequently occurring risks or complications from the planned treatment and procedures have been presented to me. These risks include, but are not limited to: the possibility of pain or discomfort during and following treatment, swelling, infection, bruising, bleeding, injury to adjacent teeth and surrounding tissue, development of a transient or permanent temporomandibular joint disorder (TMD), temporary or permanent numbness, and allergic reactions. Anytime you leave your house you have the risk of being in an accident, struck by lightning, hit by a meteor, etc. However, if you stay home your house could burn, you could be electrocuted, your house could blow up or fall into a sinkhole. I'm not sure anything or anywhere is safe anymore. There is a risk in anything you do.

I have had explained to me, and I have had sufficient opportunity to discuss my/the patient's dental condition/problem(s), the planned procedures and treatment, and the benefits to be reasonably expected from this treatment plan, compared with alternative approaches and/or no treatment.

PATIENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____