

Alliance Oral Surgery
Consent to Undergo Oral and
Maxillofacial Surgery

Dear Patient

You have a right to be informed about and understand your diagnosis, and your available options for treatment. It is important that you understand the risks and benefits of each of your treatment options. This is important so that you can make an educated decision concerning your condition and possible surgery. The purpose of this form is to review your surgery and provide an opportunity to discuss it fully. If you have any questions please ask them so that we may clarify these issues, prior to signing this form, and especially prior to undergoing surgery. We will be more than happy to review any information. These disclosures are not meant to alarm you, but rather to assure that you have been properly informed so that you may give, or withhold your consent.

We consider our standards of care to be the very highest. Disease and healing processes may vary significantly, and many aspects of medicine and human biology are unpredictable. Although good results are always expected, the possibility and nature of all possible complications cannot be accurately anticipated. This means that there can be no guarantee as to the results of surgery; there exists a risk of failure, relapse, selective retreatment, or worsening of your present condition, despite the care provided.

If you decide your best option is no treatment, some of the risks of leaving your condition untreated may include: pain, swelling, infection, cyst or tumor formation, periodontal disease, dental caries, malocclusion, pathologic fracture of your jaw, and/or premature loss of teeth and bone. Some things that you can do to increase the success of any surgery include are: following doctors' instructions; maintaining good oral hygiene; maintaining good medical health, and refraining from smoking and alcohol use.

Possible Complications with all Surgeries

- Pain, bruising, and swelling can occur with any surgery and can vary from patient to patient, as well as from one surgery to another. You may require several days of at-home recuperation.
- Trismus, which is an inability or limitation of opening the mouth, occurs from swelling in the muscles around the jaws, and is common with many surgeries.
- An infection is possible with any surgery, and if it occurs may require additional surgery or medications.
- Bleeding occurs with all surgery, and may continue in varying amounts afterwards, but is usually controlled by following post-operative instructions. Occasionally, additional care may be necessary.
- Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) problems may arise or become worse if they already exist. This is uncommon, but may require further care, and sometimes further surgery.
- Numbness or loss of feeling can occur by any incision (cut) into gum tissues or skin. It usually resolves within several months.
- Although incredibly rare, any surgery, can have unusual, unforeseen complications such as hospitalization, seizures, stroke, heart attack, paralysis, and death

Possible Complications with Extractions

- Dry socket is a prolonged healing period and has associated prolonged pain. The risk of this increases in patients who smoke and/or use birth control pills. It is also worse if there is poor diet, and poor oral hygiene. Make every effort to take good care of yourself
- Damage to fillings or teeth is possible during surgery. The risks increase in teeth that have large cavities, fillings, crowns or bone loss. It is even possible, although rarely, that other teeth may be lost.
- Sharp ridges and bone splinters may occur after surgery and sometimes may require surgery to improve the bone contour or remove the bone splinters. This can occur even though the doctor "smoothed" the bone during surgery
- Root remnants may be left at the discretion of the doctor. This is usually done to prevent injury to adjacent structures. The root fragment usually heals within the bone or works its way out, as a splinter does from ones finger.
- Non-healing or poor healing of surgical areas rarely occurs. When it does, surgery to clean the area is usually enough to promote healthy healing. This can occur in patients with diabetes, immune-compromise, cancer, radiation treatment and bone disease

Possible Complications with Lower Jaw Surgery

- Numbness of the lip, chin, tongue and lower teeth is possible. This is because the nerves that supply sensation to these areas are in close proximity to all areas of surgery in the lower jaw. This could remain for days, weeks, or very rarely, permanently. Any surgery to improve this condition is unpredictable. Surgery through the skin can cause weakness of facial movement.

Possible Complications with Upper Jaw Surgery

- The sinuses and nose are above the upper jaw. Surgery here may result in sinus infections, roots of teeth being displaced into the sinus, or permanent openings from the mouth into the sinuses. Surgery or medications may be necessary if this occurs.

Possible Complications with Drugs and Anesthesia

- Drug reactions are possible from any medication and may include nausea, rash, anaphylactic shock or death.
- Antibiotics may sometimes cause other areas of the body to develop infections, contribute to resistant infections, and interfere with the effectiveness of birth control pills.
- Local anesthesia risks are rare but may include: pain, swelling, bruising, trismus, infection, nerve damage, and allergic reactions which may result in heart attack, stroke, brain damage, or death.

I have read and discussed the preceding risks that may occur. I believe I have been given, and fully understand, sufficient information to give my consent to the above surgery. I have considered, or tried, possible alternatives. I confirm that I speak, read, and write the English language. I authorize the doctors and associates or assistants, to provide additional services as they may deem reasonable and necessary including: administering medications, laboratory, diagnostic and surgical procedures, transfer to a hospital, and any care deemed advisable. My consent is also given for photography, filming, recording, and x-rays to be used for academic purposes, provided my identity is not revealed. If additional care is required, additional fees may also be incurred.

**Patient's Signature to be provided on the summary signature page accompanying this document
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