

# **Hitchcock Dental**

## **General Dentistry Informed Consent**

### **1. Treatment Plan**

I understand that by signing this consent I am in no way obligated to any treatment. I also acknowledge that during treatment it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions found while working on my teeth that were not discovered during examination. For example, root canal therapy following routine restorative procedure.

### **2. Drug and Medications**

I understand that antibiotics, and analgesics and other medications can cause allergic reactions such as redness swelling tissue, pain, itching, vomiting and/or anaphylactic shock.

### **3. Extractions**

Alternatives to removal of teeth have been explained to me (root canal, crown and bridge procedures, periodontal therapy, etc.) I understand removing teeth does not always remove the infection, if present and may be necessary to have further treatment. I understand the risks involved in having teeth removed, some of which are pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry socket, loss of feeling in teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissue (paresthesia) that can last for a indefinite period of time, or fractured jaw. I understand I may need further treatment by a specialist if complications arise during or following treatment. The cost would be patient's responsibility.

### **4. Crowns, Bridges and/or Veneers**

I understand that sometimes it is not possible to match the same color of natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. I further understand that I may be wearing temporary crowns, which come off easily and that I must be careful to ensure that they are kept on until the permanent crown is delivered. I realize the final opportunity to make changes (size, shape, and color) will be before cementation. It is also my responsibility to return for permanent cementation on/or within 20 days from tooth preparation. Excessive delays may allow for tooth movement. This may necessitate a remake of the crown or bridge. I understand there will be additional charges for remakes due to my delaying permanent cementation.

### **5. Endodontic Therapy (AKA: Root Canal)**

I realize there is no guarantee that root canal treatment will save my tooth and that complications can occur from the treatment and occasionally root canal filling material may extend through the tooth which does not necessarily effect the success of the treatment. I understand that endodontic files and reamers are very fine instruments and stresses and defects in their manufacture can cause them to separate during use. I understand that occasionally additional surgical procedures may be necessary following root canal treatment (apicoectomy). I understand that the tooth may be lost in spite of all efforts to restore it.

**6. Periodontal Disease**

**I understand that I have been diagnosed with a serious condition, causing gum and bone inflammation and/or loss and that the result could lead to the loss of teeth. Alternative treatments have been explained to me, including gum surgery, tooth extraction and/or replacement.**

**7. Fillings**

**I understand that care must be exercised in chewing on teeth with fillings, especially during the first 24 hours to avoid breakage. I understand that a more extensive procedure than originally diagnosed may be required due to additional or extensive decay. I understand that significant sensitivity is a common after effect of newly placed fillings.**

**8. Partials and Dentures**

**I understand the wearing of partials/dentures id difficult. Sore spots, altered speech and difficulty in eating are common problems. Immediate dentures (placement of dentures immediately after extractions) may be painful. Immediate dentures may require considerable adjusting and several relines. A permanent reline will be needed at a later date. This is not included in the denture fee. I understand that failure to keep my delivery appointment may result in poorly fitted dentures. If a remake required due to my delays of more than 30 days, additional charges could be incurred.**

**I understand that dentistry is not an exact science and that therefore, reputable practitioners cannot guarantee results,. I acknowledge that no guarantee or assurance has been made by anyone regarding the treatment which I have requested and authorized.**

**Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Clinical Staff \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_**