



Informed Consent for Dental Treatment

X-Rays:

Proposed treatment: taking of intra and extra radiographs. **Benefits of treatment:** taking x-rays enables us to view dental cavities, abnormalities, development and eruption of teeth. They are also necessary for proper diagnosis and evaluation purposes. **Alternatives of treatment:** no-treatment; limited visual examination. **Common risks:** radiation exposure to soft tissue and hard tissues. **Consequences of not performing treatment:** misdiagnosis.

Cleaning:

Proposed treatment: involves thorough, cleaning of teeth to help heal, inflamed and infected gum tissue. It involves removal of soft plaque buildup and harder calculus deposits above and below the gum line. **Benefits of treatment:** healthy, oral environment; also reduction and elimination of bleeding, odor, and periodontal disease. **Alternatives of treatment:** no-treatment, referral for periodontal surgery according to the severity of condition. **Common risks:** bleeding, soreness, swelling infection of soft tissue, hot and cold sensitivity, stiff or sore jaw joint, recession of gums. **Consequences of not performing the treatment:** discontinued or interrupted treatment could result in further inflammation and infection of gum tissues, decay, deterioration of surrounding bone structure, and tooth loss.

Anesthetic:

Propose treatment: injection of anesthetic into surrounding oral tissues. **Benefits of treatment:** numbness of tissue and muscle surrounding area of treatment to eliminate pain. **Alternatives of treatment:** no-treatment, dental restorations performed with no anesthetic, resulting in severe sensitivity and pain. **Common risks:** allergic reaction, irritation to nerve tissue, stiff, or sore joint swelling of tissue, bruising, temporary tachycardia, permanent or temporary paralysis. **Consequences of not performing the treatment:** severe pain and sensitivity.

Fillings:

Proposed to treatment: to remove dental caries, missing tooth structure, or replace the filling material to regain proper tooth anatomy. **Benefits of treatment:** restore tooth structure for proper function. **Alternatives to treatment:** no-treatment, temporary filling, crown, or extraction. **Common risks:** allergic to filling material, sensitivity, failure of dental material, exposure of nerve requiring root canal treatment and crown, or fracture of tooth. **Consequences of not performing the treatment:** spread further decay requiring root canal treatment or severe destruction resulting in tooth loss.

Root Canal Treatment and Pulpotomy:

Propose treatment: to remove the pulp tissue, clean infection, and replace it with root canal filling material. **Benefits of treatment:** eliminate pain, infection, swelling, and further destruction of tooth structure. **Alternative of treatment:** no-treatment, extraction. **Common risks:** recurrence of symptoms, re-infection of tooth, breakdown of tooth structure, separation of files or perforation of tooth requiring extraction. **Consequences of not performing the treatment:** increase in severity of pain, swelling, infection, possible hospitalization and in rare instances death.

Crown and Bridge:

Proposed treatment: to strengthen a tooth damaged by decay, previous restoration, wear, or fractures. Treatment may be performed to improve the biting surface or appearance of damaged, discolored, poorly spaced, or missing teeth. **Benefits of treatment:** to restore and improve the appearance and strength of the teeth. **Alternative treatment:** no-treatment, extraction, filling, or in cases of improper spacing, orthodontic treatment. **Common risks:** irritation of surrounding tissue irritation to nerve tissue, stiff, or joint sensitivity to hot and cold possible root canal treatment. **Consequences of not performing treatment:** further destruction, nerve exposure, loss of tooth function, and root canal treatment.

Extraction:

Propose treatment: removal of nonrestorable tooth structure and roots, teeth with poor prognosis, or teeth requiring removal for restorative and orthodontic purposes. **Benefits of treatment:** eliminate pain, infection, swelling. **Alternatives of treatment:** no-treatment. **Common risks:** infection, bleeding, soreness, bruising, damage to adjacent teeth and soft tissue, dry socket, opening to the sinus, tooth and bone fragments, bone fracture, chronic cold sensitivity, temporary or permanent numbness, and destruction of bone or soft tissues. Additional surgeries may be required and specialty intervention may be needed. **Consequences of not performing the treatment:** severe pain, swelling, infection, hospital, hospitalization, and rare cases death.

I have read and understood the entire information on this consent form, which includes x-rays, cleanings, anesthetics, fillings, root canal treatment, pulpotomy, crown, bridge, and extraction. All my questions were answered to my full understanding and satisfaction

Print Name

Signature of Patient or Guardian

Date