

Explanation of Dental Surgery & Consent for Treatment



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THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED SO THAT YOU MAY BETTER UNDERSTAND THE TREATMENT RECOMMENDED FOR YOU. WE WANT YOU TO FEEL CONFIDENT AND WELL-INFORMED ABOUT THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE FOR YOUR TREATMENT.

What surgery do I need and what are my options?

In order to eliminate, correct, or improve the following conditions, extraction(s) is/are recommended for:

Alternatives may include further dental treatment (such as a root canal, crown, periodontal therapy, etc.) or postponing treatment. However, without treatment the condition may worsen with time, and the risks to your health include such things as: infection, pain, swelling, gum disease, bone loss, malocclusion, tooth fracture, and dental decay, among others.

What are the possible complications/risks?

Most dental surgeries are simple and safe outpatient procedures. The utmost care and caution is taken to minimize the risk of any significant complication. But as with any medical procedure, complications can and do occur, from mild to severe. Below are some, but not all, of the possible complications and risks associated with any type of dental surgery:

Common Reactions:

- Pain/soreness (sometimes with swelling). It may only last a day, but sometimes for up to a week or more.
- Bleeding. A certain amount of bleeding is expected and normal anytime a surgery is performed.

Other Possible Complications:

- Post-operative infection. Infection can slow healing, and cause pain and swelling. Antibiotics may be prescribed.
- Damage to adjacent restorations (fillings, crowns, etc.) or teeth, such as chips or cracks. May require new restorations or even removal of a damaged tooth.
- Injury to nerve fibers. May cause prolonged or permanent numbness, itching, or burning of the lip, tongue, teeth, and/or chin.
- Damage to blood vessels. May cause significant bleeding, bruising, and swelling.
- Sinus Exposure. Caused when the surgery results in a connection between the mouth and the sinus space above the upper teeth. A sinus exposure may require closure by an Oral Surgeon.
- Osteonecrosis (long-term, destructive erosion of the jaw bone). Anyone who has ever taken bisphosphonates (often prescribed for osteoporosis or certain cancer treatments), or anyone who has had radiation therapy of the head and neck are at greatest risk.
- Other rare, but serious complications can occur, including death and disfigurement. Certain medications or conditions can increase the risk of serious complications. **Before treatment begins, please inform your doctor of all medical conditions you have and any medications/supplements you take, even if you think it is unrelated:**

Note: If complications arise that require additional procedures, any associated expense may be your responsibility.

Authorization for treatment and acknowledgment of options

I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the information above, am aware of my treatment needs, options, and risks. I know that complications can occur, and that I am encouraged to discuss any concerns with my doctor at any time.

I _____, authorize Inman Park Dentistry to proceed with the recommended surgery described above.
(print name)

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Doctor Signature: _____ Date: _____