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CONSENT FOR ORAL SURGERY

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Patient's Name

Date

You have the right to be informed about your diagnosis and planned surgery so that you can make a decision whether to undergo the procedure after knowing the expected outcome, risks and hazards.

Your diagnosis is: _____

Your Planned Treatment is: _____

Alternative treatment: methods include: _____

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS OF:

A. ALL SURGERIES

1. Soreness, swelling, bruising and limited mouth opening during healing, which can be due to swelling and muscle soreness or stress on the jaw joints (TMJ), especially when TMJ problems were there before surgery.
2. Bleeding – oozing can often happen for several hours, but a lot of bleeding is not common.
3. Drug reactions or allergic reactions, possibly needing more treatment.
4. Infection, possibly needing more treatment.

B. ALL TOOTH EXTRACTIONS

1. Dry socket -- pain occurring a few days after extraction, needing further care.
2. Damage to other teeth close to the ones being taken out, more often those with large fillings or caps.
3. Sharp ridges or bone splinters which may need more surgery to smooth the area.
4. Portions of tooth remaining. Sometimes fine root tips break off and may be left in place on purpose to prevent damage to nearby things such as nerves or sinus.
5. Fracture of the jaw or of smaller portions of bone that supports teeth.

C. LOWER TEETH

Numbness: Numbness, pain, or changed feelings in the teeth, gums, lip, chin and/or tongue (including possible loss of taste). This is due to the closeness of tooth roots (mainly with wisdom teeth) to the nerves which can be injured or damaged. Usually the numbness or pain goes away, but in some cases, it may be permanent.

D. UPPER TEETH

Sinus involvement: Due to the closeness of the roots of upper back teeth to the sinus, or from a root tip being shifted into the sinus, a possible sinus infection and/or sinus opening may result, which may need medication and/or later surgery to correct.

