

AS4U0716- PULPOTOMY/STAINLESS STEEL CROWN/NUSMILES: INFORMED CONSENT FOR DENTAL TREATMENT



Dentistry & Orthodontics

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DOCTOR:

TOOTH #:

LOCAL ANESTHETICS, GENERAL ANESTHETICS AND/OR NITROUS OXIDE

Benefits:

Avoid pain during treatments and procedures.

Possible Complications:

Most risks are related to the position of the nerves under the tissue at the site of the injection which cannot be determined prior to the administration of the anesthetic agent. Prolonged numbness, nerve damage, & bruising (hematoma) in rare instances. Possible consequences may include all those applicable to general anesthesia, including cardiovascular, pulmonary or allergic reactions up to & including death.

Consequences of not having done:

Mild to severe pain during & after treatment.

Alternatives:

Willingness to accept pain during treatment.

DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHS

Benefits:

Complete diagnosis, detect hidden problems, & inform treatment decisions. Qualified personnel take digital radiographs.

Possible Complications:

Exposure to digital radiograph radiation (minimal). Digital radiographs remain the property of this office.

Consequences of not having work done or postponing:

Cannot perform dental services.

Alternatives: None

STAINLESS STEEL CROWN/ NUSMILES:

Benefits:

Cosmetic improvements. To repair or restore a damaged tooth, prevent a tooth from fracturing, eliminate spaces, make a solid structure to attach a partial denture, & split loose teeth together to strengthen them. Repair when the tooth can no longer be filled.

Possible Complications:

Porcelain portion of crown may fracture. Crown may come off and need to be re-cemented. Tooth may abscess and require further treatment (may not show up until a later date). Future decay may require a new crown, stainless steel crown, &/or Nusmiles.

Consequences of not having work done or postponing:

Tooth may fracture or may need to be extracted.

May need a root canal, in addition to the crown.

May need bridgework or denture.

Alternatives: Extraction. Temporary crown.

PULPOTOMY:

Benefits:

Eliminate decay, relieve pain, or preserve tooth.

Possible Complications:

Un-diagnosable root fracture or auxiliary canal means failure and extraction. During treatment there may be periods of discomfort and swelling. Post-operative bleeding, swelling, and discomfort that may require at-home recuperation for a few days, bruising of mouth tissues, skin of face, lips in areas sometimes distant from the surgery site; Injury to adjacent teeth or soft tissues, including existing restorations; Numbness of the lip, chin, gums, cheek or tongue (including possible loss of taste sensation), usually temporary but sometimes permanent; Perforations into the sinus (a chamber in the upper jaw) that may require additional treatment; Loosening of or loss of dental fillings; Swallowing or inhaling of instruments or fillings; Restricted mouth opening for several days sometimes related to swelling and muscle soreness and sometimes related to stress on the jaw joints (TMJ); Injured oral tissues, including lip or tongue; Separated instruments or inoperable root canal anatomy (i.e. calcified canals) causing shortened fill or an excessive length of filling material (incomplete endodontic seal); Irretrievable broken instruments in the canal; Inaccessible canals; Fracture of the root, requiring extraction; Infection or chronic irritation of the bone or surrounding tissues; Non-healing lesions in the bone around the end of the tooth; Perforation of canal walls or out the end of the root; Loss of existing tooth structure.

Consequences of not having work done or postponing:

Extraction of tooth.

Alternatives:

Extraction. Bridgework.

CHANGES IN TREATMENT:

I understand that during the treatment, it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions found while working on the teeth that were not discovered during examination. I give my permission to the dentist to make any/all changes and additions necessary.

I have read the above statements and have received a copy (if requested), and recognize their importance in helping me with making my decisions. My signature indicates that I have read and understand this consent document.

I recognize that failures can occur for various reasons and complications can occur in any procedure. I hereby grant authority to the doctor in charge to administer such procedures that may be deemed necessary or advisable in the diagnosis and/or treatment. I also certify that the information I submitted in the health questionnaire is true and complete. In order to receive treatment, I contract that in the event of any difference or disagreement between the attending doctor and me, I will give that doctor the opportunity to resolve the problem.

The risks and benefits associated with the above-referenced dental treatment have been thoroughly explained to me. I understand there is no certainty that I will achieve the desired benefits and/or results, and no guarantee or assurance has been made to me regarding the outcome of such dental treatment. In authorizing the abovereferenced dental treatment to be performed, I understand that unforeseen conditions may occur during such treatment, which may necessitate a total change, extension or modification of the original treatment outlined above, or necessitate a different type of treatment than such authorized treatment set forth above. I therefore authorize and request that such treatment may be necessary and desirable in the exercise of my doctor's professional judgment.

I understand that individual reactions to treatment cannot be predicted, and that if I experience any unanticipated reactions following the extraction(s), I agree to report them to the office as soon as possible. In case of an acute emergency, and in the event you cannot reach this office, or we have not returned your call in a reasonable amount of time, please proceed to the nearest emergency room for medical attention.

Furthermore, I have been fully informed as to the nature of my dental treatment including other such care and treatment, along with the potential benefits, risks or side effects of such dental treatment, and the likelihood of achieving the desired results. I have been told that the success of the dental treatment depends upon my cooperation in keeping scheduled appointments, following home care instruction, including oral hygiene and dietary instructions, taking prescribed medication and reporting to the office any change in my health status. I have

discussed all of the above with the doctor, and have had all of my questions answered to my satisfaction. I consent to treatment.

Signature of Patient, Parent, or Guardian: _____