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Understanding and Consent to Dental Treatment

Please review the following consent form. You are required to sign it prior to any treatment, however it does not commit you to treatment.

Teeth are traumatized in many different ways. They are regularly traumatized by chewing, clenching and grinding. Teeth wear as we age. They may become shorter and weaker, develop cracks, fracture or actually be lost. The bacterial decay process that invades teeth also can significantly traumatize and weaken teeth. Any of these traumas can lead to the need to restore or replace a tooth or several teeth. A tooth may need as little as a simple filling or a full coverage crown (cap). It may need to be replaced with a bridge or a dental implant. A tooth that has to be restored will have to be prepared (drilled), medicated, filled or covered. If a laboratory constructed crown is indicated a temporary crown will be constructed and cemented in place while the final crown is being fabricated. Upon return the final crown is evaluated for fit, bite, contours and aesthetics, then inserted with a strong cement.

Any and all of the above procedures can traumatize the pulp (nerve) of a tooth leading to intermittent sensitivity to hot, cold and/or chewing. The pulp may become irreversibly inflamed thus needing root canal therapy to remove the injured nerve. A tooth becomes fragile after the pulp is removed and a crown is indicated to protect it from breaking. A simple filling may result in the need for root canal treatment, a crown build-up and a crown. Most teeth survive well, but some need more treatment than initially anticipated.

X-rays and visual examination do not tell us everything. There may be unexpected decay or breakdown under and around an old restoration or a crack in a tooth may go deeper than first anticipated. If any change to the initial treatment plan occurs we will inform you immediately and advise you of your options.

We prepare teeth as conservatively as possible to minimize trauma. They are medicated and restored only with ADA and FDA approved chemicals, materials and devices. Methods and techniques used have been successful in dentistry for many years. We blend the newest technologies with proven methods to best serve our patients.

Your health plays a major role in the success of treatment. It is your responsibility to advise us of all the medications that you are taking, any changes in your medications or if you are allergic to any medication. Please inform us of any health conditions or any change in your health. You must inform us of any adverse reaction to any treatment rendered by us or in any past dental or medical office.

If there is anything that you do not understand about your proposed treatment, any statement in this form or if you have any questions about this form or about what the doctors or staff have discussed with you, please write your questions below and we will be happy to discuss them. If you have no questions or comments write "NONE", sign and date this form on the next page.

Thank you for allowing us to be your dental care providers.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS & A SIGNATURE PLEASE

UNDERSTOOD & AGREED

X _____
Signature of patient/guardian

Date