

# **Dental Implant Informed Consent**

An explanation of your need for dental implant(s), their purpose and benefits, surgeries related to their placement and exposure, and possible complications were discussed during consultation. Please read this document and ask for clarification of anything you do not understand. The doctor is available to answer any questions you may have.

### **DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT OPTIONS**

The doctor has performed a thorough examination and has determined that there are no contraindications for the procedure. My medical history is up to date, and the doctor is aware of any allergies, health concerns, and medications. I have been informed of the purpose and nature of the implant surgery. Alternative treatment options have been discussed, including bridges, dentures, or having no treatment performed. Referral to a specialist (Oral Surgeon or Periodontist) has been offered. The risks and benefits of each option have been considered, and I have decided on the placement of implant(s) to address my condition.

# SURGICAL PROCEDURE

Local anesthetic will be placed prior to the surgery; the doctor must be informed of any past adverse reactions to anesthetic. Multiple surgeries are necessary for a successful implant procedure. The first visit will involve insertion of the implant(s) into the bone- the site will be closed and allowed to heal for 8 weeks. This is to allow your own bone to form and heal (osseointegrate) around the implant. After healing, the implant is uncovered to be used for the attachment of a crown, bridge or denture. An impression will be taken and the final restoration will be ready within 3 weeks. Sometimes, it may be necessary to graft gum tissue to the implant site either prior to or after implant placement, depending on aesthetic and hygienic concerns.

# **RISKS & COMPLICATIONS**

Every surgery can involve potential adverse effects and complications. Such complications include, but are not limited to: pain, perforation of the sinus or nasal cavity, infection, swelling, muscle spasms, or bone fracture. Temporary or permanent numbness or tingling of the lip, tongue, chin, or cheek is also possible; the exact duration of numbness is unknown and may be irreversible. Prosthetic risks include, but are not limited to: unsuccessful union of the implant(s) to the jaw bone, and/or stress metal fracture of the implant(s). It is important to follow pre- and post-operative instructions to reduce the probability of an adverse outcome. During and following the outlined procedure, conditions may become apparent which warrant additional or alternative treatment pertinent to the surgery's success. The doctor will make note of any findings and update the proposed treatment accordingly.

### **POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & HOME-CARE**

Smoking and alcohol consumption will affect healing and may limit the successful outcome of the surgery. Post-operative instructions, including prescribed medications and oral hygiene instructions, **must** be followed. Excellent home care is essential. Appointments following the surgery are scheduled so that healing may be monitored. The doctor will evaluate and report on the outcome of surgery and make further recommendations if necessary.

# **NO WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE**

No guarantee, warranty, or assurance can be given that the proposed implant(s) will be completely successful in function or appearance to every patient's satisfaction. The probability of success of this procedure is based on scientific data and the surgeon's experience. It is anticipated that the implant(s) will be permanently retained. However, due to the unique nature of every case, long-term success cannot be promised. If the implant fails, it must be removed. If desired, a second implant will be placed after the site has healed.

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