

GENERAL DENTAL INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Dr. Stansell would like all of her patients to have knowledge of risks and benefits of dental procedures. We ask that you review the procedures listed and feel free to ask any questions. A treatment plan for all restorative work, which includes **estimated** fees and treatment specific authorization, will be presented to you for your review and signature at the time treatment is recommended.

1. **Drugs and Medication:** Antibiotics and analgesics and other medications can cause allergic reactions causing redness and swelling of tissues, pain, itching, vomiting, and/or anaphylactic shock (severe allergic reaction.) Risk of local anesthesia may include temporary or permanent numbness or bruising.
2. **Changes in Treatment:** During 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, the most common being root canal therapy following routine restorative procedures.
3. **Removal of Teeth:** Alternatives will be explained to you (root canal therapy, crowns, and periodontal surgery, etc.) The removal of teeth does not always remove all the infection, if present, and it may be necessary to have further treatment. Some of the risks are pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry socket, loss of feeling in teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissue (paresthesia) that can last for an indefinite period of time (days or months) or fractured jaw. Further treatment by a specialist or even hospitalization if complications arise during or following treatment would be your responsibility.
4. **Crown, and Bridges :** Sometimes it is not possible to match the color of natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. You may wear temporary crowns, which may come off easily. You will need to be careful to ensure that they are kept on until the permanent crowns are delivered. The final opportunity to make changes to a new crown, or bridge (including shape, fit, size, or color) must be done at the preparation appointment.
5. **Partials:** They are artificial, constructed of plastic, metal and/or porcelain. The problem of wearing these appliances, including looseness, soreness, and possible breakage Most partials require relining approximately three to twelve months after initial placement. The cost for this procedure is not included in the initial fee.
6. **Endodontic Treatment (Root Canal):** There is no guarantee that root canal treatment will save a tooth. Complications can occur from the treatment and occasionally metal objects are cemented in the tooth or extend through the root, which does not necessarily affect the success of the treatment. Occasionally additional surgical procedures may be necessary following root canal treatment (apicoectomy).
7. **Periodontal Loss (Tissue & Bone):** This is a serious condition, causing gum and bone infection or loss and can lead to the loss of teeth. Alternative treatment will be explained to you (gum surgery, replacements, and/or extractions). Any dental procedure may have a future adverse effect on your periodontal condition.
8. **Implants:** They are a permanent alternative to bridges, partials or dentures. This process involves the participation of an oral surgeon. Fees for his/her services are

separate from our service fees. This process involves several steps and could last from 2-6 months before complete (depending on healing time needed). As with crowns, color may not match perfectly with natural teeth.

9. **Sealants:** There is no guarantee that a sealant will prevent all cavities. They do, however, form a hard shield that keeps food and bacteria from getting into tiny grooves and causing decay along the chewing surfaces of the back teeth. Occasionally sealants need to be replaced, since they do not last a lifetime. We do, however, warranty our sealants for 2 years as long as the patient is seen twice a year for prophylaxis visits. Sealants can be done at any age as long as the teeth are free of decay and fillings. The doctor will determine the best time to have them done.
10. **Sedative Fillings:** Sedative fillings are temporarily. They are placed if near caries exposure of the nerve is suspected. If the tooth becomes symptomatic after 4-6 weeks, it's likely the tooth will need a root canal or it may need to be extracted. If the tooth is asymptomatic after 4-6 weeks, then the root has not been exposed. The sedative filling allows the tooth to lay down reparative dentin and will enable the Doctor to remove the decay and restore the tooth.

Treatment risk: I understand that any time a restoration is performed there is a possibility of trauma to the nerve of the tooth, which could result in varying degrees of sensitivity and complications including but not limited to the following: cold sensitivity, hot sensitivity, biting sensitivity, abscess, pulp necrosis.

Most of the symptoms usually resolve as the nerve heals. Complications may arise resulting in the need for additional treatment. This may include one or more bite adjustments, replacement of the restoration due to open margins discovered after final cementation, root canal treatment or tooth removal.

I have carefully read above conformed consent and fully understand all risks as it relates to my case.

Patient Signature _____
Date _____