

# Periodontics and Dental Implants

*An explanation of your need for dental implants, their purpose and benefits, the surgeries related to their placement and exposure, the possible complications as well as alternative to their use were discussed with you at your consultation. Please read this document which restates issues we discussed and provide the appropriate signature on the last page. Please ask for clarification of anything you do not understand.*

**Consent for the Placement of Dental Implants at site #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE OF IMPLANTS:** I have been informed that the purpose of an implant is to provide support for a crown (artificial tooth) or a fixed or removable denture or bridge.

**ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT:** Reasonable alternatives to implants have been explained to me. I have tried or considered these methods, but I desire an implant to help secure the replaced missing teeth.

**TYPE OF IMPLANT:** I am aware that the type of implant to be used on me is one which is placed into the jaw bone; that this is done by first reflecting a flap of gum, preparing a site in the bone, inserting the implant into the bone and covering the bone and implant with the gum flap.

**SURGICAL PROCEDURES:** I understand that multiple surgeries are necessary: one to insert the implant(s) as described above, and one to uncover the top of the implant(s) so that it is exposed and can be used for attachment of a tooth, bridge or denture. I also understand that sometimes it is beneficial to add gum tissue to the implant site either prior to implant placement or after the implant(s) has healed. I also understand that sometimes the implant(s) is covered with a bone graft material or a membrane to further enhance healing and that this may necessitate an additional procedure to remove the membrane.

**RISKS:** Risks related to the surgery include but are not limited to post-surgical infection, bleeding, swelling, pain, facial discoloring, perforation of the upper jaw sinus or nasal cavity during the surgery, transient but on occasion permanent numbness of the lip, tongue, teeth or chin, jaw joint injuries or associated muscle spasm, bone fractures and slow healing. 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). If any of these occur, a separate surgical procedure would be necessary to remove the failed implant(s). Risks related to the anesthetics include but are not limited to allergic reactions, accidental swallowing of foreign matter, facial swelling or bruising, pain, inflammation, soreness, and/or discoloration or blockage along a vein at the injection site.

**NO WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE:** I hereby acknowledge that no guarantee, warranty or assurance has been given to me that the proposed implant(s) will be completely successful in function or appearance (to my complete satisfaction). It is anticipated that the implant(s) will be permanently retained, but because of the uniqueness of every case and since the practice of dentistry is not an exact science, long-term success cannot be promised.

**CONSENT TO UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS:** During treatment, unknown conditions may modify or change the original treatment plan, such as discovery of changed prognosis for adjacent teeth or insufficient bone support for the implant(s). I therefore consent to such additional or alternative procedures as may be required in the best judgment of the treating doctor.

**COMPLIANCE WITH SELF-CARE INSTRUCTIONS:** I understand that excessive smoking and/or alcohol intake may affect healing and may limit the successful outcome of my surgery. I agree to follow instructions related to the daily care of my mouth. I agree to report for appointments following my surgery as suggested so that my healing may be monitored and the doctor can evaluate and report on the outcome of surgery upon completion of healing.

**SUPPLEMENTAL RECORDS AND THEIR USE:** I consent to photography, filming, recording and x-rays of my oral structures as related to these procedures and for their educational use in lectures or publications provided my identity is not revealed.

**PATIENT'S ENDORSEMENT:** My endorsement (signature) to this form indicates that I have read and fully understand the terms and words within this document and the explanations referred to or implied, and that after thorough deliberation, I give my consent for the performance of any and all procedures related to the placement of dental implant(s) as presented to me during the consultation and treatment plan presentation by the doctor or as described in this document..

CONSENT TO UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS: During surgery, unforeseen conditions could be discovered which would call for a modification or change from the anticipated surgical plan. These may include but are not limited to, extraction of additional teeth or termination of the procedure prior to completion of all of the extraction/surgery originally scheduled. I therefore consent to the performance of such additional or alternative procedures as may be deemed necessary in the best judgment of the treating doctor.

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Patient's Signature

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Date

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Patient's Name

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Signature of Patient's Guardian

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Date

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Relationship to Patient

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Signature of Witness

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