

# Periodontics and Dental Implants

INFORMED CONSENT: TOOTH UNCOVERING AND BRACKET PLACEMENT Site #: \_\_\_\_\_

Teeth that have not erupted within the expected time cannot be expected to erupt on their own. Sometimes teeth become trapped under the gums and will not erupt on their own. In this case, it is essential to force eruption through orthodontics. However, in order for the orthodontist to pull the tooth into position, we must gain surgical access to the tooth and cement a bracket and micro-chain onto the tooth. The little chain will extend through the gums after healing. The orthodontist can then exert force on the chain to pull the tooth into position.

**BENEFITS:** This treatment will allow the orthodontist to pull the tooth into position. If the tooth is left un-erupted for too long, then it may become solidified in position and eruption will then not be possible.

**RISKS & COMPLICATIONS:** Discomfort, swelling, bleeding, and infection are risks of any surgery regardless of where in the body it is performed and this surgery is no exception.

**ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS:** Alternatively, the tooth could be left un-erupted and a restoration could be attempted that would compensate for the missing tooth. However, there are risks inherent with leaving a tooth un-erupted. The cells around un-erupted teeth can cause tumors (some very damaging to surrounding structures), the tooth can erode the roots of neighboring teeth, and the teeth can become fixed (solidified) in the bone if left too long such that orthodontic eruption later is impossible.

**PREPARATION FOR SURGERY:** If you desire sedation during the procedure, please let the periodontist know before scheduling the procedure as this will require additional preparation. You will want to take the remainder of the surgical day away from work or school. If you have a job (or school) that entails heavy physical exercise, you may want more time away from work. If you need a school or duty excuse please ask at the front desk for one. You will be on a liquid-soft diet for the day of the surgery. Therefore, you will want to have nutritious liquids and soft foods on hand. The orthodontist may start moving the tooth one/two weeks or more after the surgery. **YOU MAY WANT TO WRITE DOWN ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE AND ASK THEM BEFORE THE SURGERY.**

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Patient's Name

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Signature of Patient's Guardian

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