



Informational Informed Consent for Periodontal Surgery or Crown Lengthening Surgery

Periodontal Surgery. During the course of treatment, there will be incision of the gingival tissues, keratinized tissues and oral mucosa so that the bony alveolar structures surrounding the teeth may be accessed. The bony tissues and gingival tissues may be modified in such a way that more tooth root structure will be visible after healing has occurred. This tooth structure might be sensitive to temperature change for an extended period of time, possibly forever. Exposed root surfaces may be more vulnerable to decay, and may appear to be a different color from the original tooth structure. During periodontal surgery, bone gum tissues may be removed or altered permanently. These alterations could result in the gum line healing into a different position against the teeth from its original position. There could possibly be bigger spaces between your teeth that give the appearance of dark “triangles” between the teeth at the gum line. The teeth may appear longer after healing.

The most common difficulties after the surgery are mild to moderate pain and sensitivity, which may require additional treatment or the use of medications. It is not uncommon to have some bleeding after the surgery. There could be bruising on your face after the procedure; however, this is rare. There will most likely be sutures placed that may or may not need to be removed.

Changes in Treatment Plan. During the course of treatment, procedures may need to be added, expanded, or changed if the dentist finds conditions that were not identified during examination and first observed during the course of treatment. Permission is hereby given to perform any additional or expanded dental services that the dentist determines to be necessary. Further, at the dentist’s discretion, I may be referred to a specialist for further treatment, the cost of which may be my responsibility.

Drugs, Medications, Sedation and Anesthesia. Drugs, medications, sedation and anesthesia can cause allergic and other reactions. Examples include, but are not limited to, swelling redness, itching, vomiting, diarrhea, and numbness or tingling of the lip, gum, or tongue (which in rare cases may be permanent), as well as, in rare cases, anaphylactic shock. Since drugs, medications, or anesthesia/sedation also may cause drowsiness and impair coordination or awareness, you should not operate a motor vehicle or hazardous device before achieving full recovery. I have informed the dentist of all drugs and medications I am taking or have taken within the last 30 days, as well as those that have been prescribed within the last 6 months but not taken, and of all allergies and sensitivities of which I am aware of.

I have discussed treatment alternatives, risks, outcomes, and costs with my dentist and have had all of my questions answered before making a decision. I understand that dentistry is not an exact science and that there are no guaranteed results. Unless otherwise provided by law, I understand that I am responsible for payment of all dental fees not paid in full by an insurance or other applicable coverage.

Having time to reflect upon the alternatives, I consent to the treatment, subject to changes in treatment plan, as detailed above.

Patient's name (please print)

Signature of patient, legal guardian or authorized representative

Date

Tooth No.(s) _____

Witness to signature

Date