

CONSENT FOR EXPOSURE, UNCOVERING AND/OR BRACKETING OF UNERUPTED TEETH

You have the right to be informed about your diagnosis and planned surgery so that you may make an informed decision as to whether to undergo a procedure after knowing the risks and benefits.

DIAGNOSIS: I understand that I have an impacted tooth that requires a surgical procedure to expose it the oral environment. I understand that the purpose of this exposure is to allow for attachment of a bracket for orthodontic treatment which is aimed at forcing the tooth to erupt. I understand that doctor is only exposing the tooth, and that any eruption is being completed by the orthodontist.

RISKS AND POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS: I understand that certain risks and complications are associated with my surgery, which include (but are not limited to):

1. Swelling, soreness, bruising, stiffness of jaw muscles and jaw joints (TMJ), unexpected drug reactions or allergies, and fracture of the jaw or portions of bone supporting teeth, and difficulty eating for a number of days.
2. Post-operative infection that may require additional treatment.
3. Because of the exposure required to gain access to certain teeth buried in the jaw bone, beneath the gum, areas around the exposure may feel numb for days, weeks or months after surgery. In rare cases this feeling may be permanent.
4. Injury to the nerve underlying lower teeth, resulting in pain, numbness, tingling or other sensory disturbances in the chin, lip, cheek, gums or tongue (including possible loss of taste sensation) which may persist for several weeks, months or, in rare instances, be permanent.
5. Certain teeth to be uncovered often are very close to roots of adjacent teeth. There is a chance that those roots may be injured, requiring later root canal treatment or, in rare instances, may result in the loss of those teeth.
6. Although usually only one incision is needed to approach the buried tooth, sometimes the position of the unerupted tooth is complicated enough to require two or more incisions.
7. When approaching upper back teeth, there is a chance that the sinus may be entered, possibly requiring antibiotic and/or decongestant therapy, or possibly resulting in an opening between mouth and sinus that may require further care. Rarely, the same complication may affect the nasal cavity.
8. Often an orthodontic bracket and/or a wire or fine chain is attached to the unerupted tooth; then to orthodontic appliances to gain the force to try to move the unerupted tooth. This may cause irritation to your tongue and interfere somewhat with eating or speech. You will usually adjust to this situation fairly quickly. Occasionally the applied bracket will become detached and must be re-attached.

9. Although it cannot be determined beforehand, sometimes the desired movement of the uncovered tooth does not occur or cannot be accomplished. If so, the tooth may be left in place or, if necessary, the unerupted tooth may need to be removed.

ANESTHESIA: I understand that the following anesthesia options may be available for this procedure. I have discussed my doctor's recommendation for the procedure:

- 1 .Local Anesthesia
- 2 .Local Anesthesia with Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Analgesia
- 3 .Local Anesthesia with Oral Premedication
- 4 .Local Anesthesia with Intravenous Sedation

ANESTHETIC RISKS include: discomfort, swelling, bruising, infection, and allergic reactions. There may be inflammation at the site of an intravenous injection (phlebitis) that may cause prolonged discomfort and/or disability and may require special care. Nausea and vomiting, although rare, may be unfortunate side effects of IV Sedation or General Anesthesia. Intravenous Sedation or General Anesthesia is a serious medical procedure and, although considered safe, carries with it the risk of heart irregularities, heart attack, stroke, brain damage or death.

RESULTS: No guaranteed or warranted results have been offered or promised. I realize my doctor may discover conditions that may require a different surgery from that which was planned, and I give my permission for those other procedures that are advisable in the exercise of professional judgment to complete my surgery.

I understand that my orthodontist will use the bracket my doctor has placed to initiate eruption force on the tooth in order to move it into place. I understand that teeth can be fused or ankylosed to the bone which complicates the eruption process. I understand that if the tooth doesn't move at all that additional surgery may be required.

CONSENT

I have had an opportunity to have all my questions answered by my doctor and I certify that I speak, read and write English. My signature below signifies that I understand the surgery and anesthetic that is proposed for me, together with the known risks and complications associated. I hereby give my consent for such surgery and the anesthesia I have chosen.

Patient's (or Legal Guardian's) Signature

Date

Witness' Signature

Date