

INFORMED CONSENT FOR SURGERY AND ANESTHESIA



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Dr. Williamson has recommended treatment to correct your present problem(s). The reasons for this recommendation, the possible alternatives to Dr. Williamson's recommendation and the potential risks of going without treatment have been explained to you. If you have any unanswered questions, feel free to ask them now.

Although uncommon and unpredictable, problems (complications) develop after surgery in a small number of patients. We will do everything possible to minimize the risks, but these are a few of the problems that can occur:

INFECTION In rare instances, the infection can put you in the hospital and even be life threatening.

BLEEDING Oozing is normal for 24-48 hours after surgery. Some things (i.e. taking aspirin, females during their menstrual period, etc.) can prolong bleeding. Rarely, bleeding will continue and more treatment may be necessary.

DRY SOCKET The protective blood clot can be lost 3-6 days after surgery, causing pain and requiring a dressing in the "socket" for a few days. This is inconvenient but rarely serious.

NERVE DAMAGE / SINUS OPENING Some teeth are positioned next to nerves that give "feeling" to various areas. Despite the best possible surgery, nerves can be bruised or injured, giving numbness that can last for days, even months. In rare cases it can be permanent. Dr. Williamson will do everything possible to minimize this risk. Upper back teeth are next to the sinus cavities (connecting to your nose), and the roots can actually form part of the floor of the sinus cavity. Tooth removal can result in an opening, which sometimes will not heal, requiring another operation.

ADJACENT TOOTH DAMAGE Sometimes a tooth is positioned so tightly against the next tooth that removal causes temporary problems in adjacent teeth. We will do everything possible to avoid this.

JOINT STRAIN The pressure used to remove teeth in the lower jaw can strain unprotected jaw joints.

MEDICATION / ANESTHESIA REACTIONS You have been told which kind of anesthetic will be used. Anybody can unexpectedly react to any drug (ranging from a rash to a life-threatening crisis), even if it has never been a problem before. If you know of any past allergies, have any major diseases, or are taking drugs you have not mentioned, it is important you tell us about them now!

PUBLICATION OF RECORDS I authorize photos, including those of my face, slides, x-rays or any other viewings of my care and treatment during or after its completion to be used for the advancement of dentistry or for reimbursement purposes. My name, however, will not be revealed to the general public without my permission.

OTHER There are many other minor complications that can occur after surgery, even if not discussed. No one can guarantee a perfect result, but we will do all we can to minimize the risks. We feel that the expected benefits outweigh the potential risks.

I authorize that my treatment and/or financial information may be discussed with family members, guardians, or accompanying chaperones.

I (WE) HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND IT. I (WE) HAVE NO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. I (WE) FREELY GIVE MY (OUR) INFORMED CONSENT FOR THE NAMED TREATMENT AND/OR SURGERY.

Date Timeam / pm INITIAL HERE if you are a parent / legal guardian of patient

PRINTED Name

SIGNATURE