

Informed Consent for Dental Treatment

CROWNS - CAPS

BENEFITS:

- Make you look nicer (cosmetic)
- To repair a tooth which is badly broken down
- To prevent a tooth from fracturing
- To restore a tooth which has broken
- To eliminate a space where food is being trapped
- To hold a false tooth in place as part of a bridge
- To make a solid structure to attach a partial denture
- To splint loose teeth together to strengthen them
- The tooth no longer can be filled.

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Porcelain portion of crown may fracture
- Crown may come off and need to be recommended
- Tooth may abscess and require further treatment (may not show up

until later)

Future decay may require a filling or new crown

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

- Tooth will probably fracture
- Tooth may need to be extracted
- May need a root canal in addition to the crown
- May need bridgework or denture

ALTERNATIVES:

- Extraction
- Temporary crown
- Steel crown

Initials Date

BRIDGEWORK

BENEFITS

- Make you look nicer
- To replace missing teeth
- Missing teeth are *not* removable
- Some of same advantages as *Crowns*
- Can improve chewing efficiency

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

Same as *Crowns*

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

- Teeth will drift and lean over
- May loose back teeth due to shifting
- Periodontal problems (Gum disease)
- Can reduce chewing efficiency

ALTERNATIVES:

- Partials
- Temporary partials
- No teeth in the spaces

Initials Date

PARTIALS (REMOVABLE BRIDGEWORK)

BENEFITS:

Cost **POSSIBLE**

COMPLICATIONS:

- Can wear on Teeth
- Can rock or stress teeth - may loosen own natural teeth
- Metal clasps are sometimes visible
- Decay can occur under clasps
- Usually some amount of movement from the partial

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

Same as under *Bridgework*

ALTERNATIVES:

- Bridgework
- Temporary partial
- Keep spaces without teeth placement

Initials Date

ROOT CANAL

BENEFITS:

- Eliminate decay
- Relieve Pain
- Save the Tooth

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Undiagnosable root fracture means failure and extraction
- Undiagnosable auxiliary canal means failure and extraction

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

Extraction of tooth

ALTERNATIVES:

- Extraction
- Bridgework

Initials Date

FILLINGS

BENEFITS:

- Eliminate decay
- Relieve pain
- Fill in a hole or space in a tooth
- Cover eroded area
- Protect a sensitive surface

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- Tooth may abscess from the filing
- May fracture the tooth
- Tooth will be sensitive to temperature change
- Toxicity from silver fillings is alleged by some
- Filling may fall out

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

- May loose the tooth
- Tooth may fracture
- Decay will get worse
- May result in need for a root canal

ALTERNATIVES:

Temporary filling

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GUM SURGERY (Gingivectomy)

BENEFITS:

- Eliminate infection
- Reduce food pockets around teeth
- Eliminate foul odors
- Reduce overgrown tissue
- Can eliminate Tartar effectively

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- May need to be repeated after a time
- Some after- pain
- Might loose teeth if they don't respond to treatment

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

- Will loose teeth sooner
- May not get rid of infection

ALTERNATIVES:

More frequent appointments for scaling

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EXTRACTIONS**BENEFITS:**

Last resort for non-salvageable tooth
Eliminate pain
Remove teeth that are out of position
Eliminate infection

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

Fractured particles may remain
Irritation to nerves may cause temporary or permanent numbness
Part or all of tooth may be lodged in sinus, requiring more surgery
Bad infections may take long time to clear up
Jaw may be stiff and difficult to open for a time
If Jawbone is very weak it may fracture

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

Spread of infection
Swelling
Pain

ALTERNATIVES:

None

Initials Date

CLEANING - SCALING**BENEFITS:**

Look nicer
Clean mouth
Eliminate odors
Prevent odors
Prevents Gum Disease
Some portions may be performed by auxiliary personnel

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

Sensitive teeth
Feeling of spaces between teeth
Filling may be loosened (Normal if filling was ready to fall out)
Sensitive gums

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

Stains on teeth
Odors
Gum disease
Will lose teeth sooner

ALTERNATIVES:

None

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X-RAYS**BENEFITS:**

More complete diagnosis
Can find hidden problems
Can make a determination of treatment
X-Rays are taken by qualified personnel

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

Exposure to X-Ray radiation (minimal)
X-Ray pictures remain the property of this office

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

Can not perform dental services

ALTERNATIVES:

None

Intuit Due

Name of Patient

I have read the above statements and have received a copy of them if requested, and recognize their importance in helping me make decisions. My initials indicate that I have read and understand this consent document. I recognize that failures can occur for all kinds of reasons and that complications can occur in any procedure. I also understand that, where decay has occurred, or a tooth has fractured or abscessed, that these same forces are still working on the tooth even after it has been restored; therefore, decay or fracture can still occur as the restored tooth is no better than what nature has given in the first place. If for any reason a conflict or disagreement should arise I will first present such conflict or disagreement to my attending dentist in order to resolve the problem. If we are unable to agree on a solution, then I agree to take the problem to a reconciliation / mediation board such as the dental society and agree to accept their resolution in lieu of pursuing remedies by way of litigation. I also understand that this agreement is binding on my heirs and all other family members. I now give my consent to the attending dentist to render to me the dental treatment that we have agreed is necessary (or myself). I also agree to reimburse the attending dentist for all services rendered to me, and I am aware that the payment for these services is due at the time they are rendered.

Signature

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BONDED FACINGS**BENEFITS:**

Esthetics - they look really nice
Cover crooked teeth
Close spaces and gaps
Cover discolored teeth

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

Edges can stain after a time and need to be freshened up (additional fee)
Breakage can occur, resulting in need for remake
Difficult to remove

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

None (other than appearance)

ALTERNATIVES:

Crowns

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LOCAL ANESTHETICS**BENEFITS:**

Avoid pain during treatments and procedures

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

Prolonged numbness may extend beyond normal
Nerve damage
Bruising (hematoma)

In rare instances, possible consequences may include all those applicable

General Anesthesia, including allergic reactions up to and including death

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE or POSTPONING

Mild to severe pain during and after treatment

ALTERNATIVES:

Willingness to accept pain during treatment

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