

General Consent for Treatment

I authorize my doctor and/or such associates or assistants as she/he may designate to perform those procedures as may be deemed necessary or advisable to maintain my dental health or the dental health of any minor or other individual for which I have responsibility, including arrangement and/or administration of any sedative (including nitrous oxide), analgesic, therapeutic, and/or other pharmaceutical agent(s), including those related to restorative, palliative, therapeutic or surgical treatments.

I understand that the administration of local anesthetic may cause an unknown reaction or side effects, which may include, but are not limited to bruising, hematoma, cardiac stimulation, muscle soreness, and temporary or rarely permanent numbness.

I understand that as part of the dental treatment, including preventive procedures such as cleanings and basic dentistry, including fillings of all types, teeth may remain sensitive or even possibly quite painful both during and after completion of treatment. After lengthy appointments, jaw muscles may also be sore or tender. Gums and surrounding tissues may also be sensitive or painful during and/or after treatment. Although rare, it is also possible for the tongue, cheek or other oral tissues to be inadvertently abraded or lacerated (cut) during routine dental procedures. In some cases, sutures or additional treatment may be required.

I understand that as part of dental treatment items including, but not limited to crowns, small dental instruments, drill components, etc. may be aspirated (inhaled into the respiratory system) or swallowed. This unusual situation may require a series of x-rays to be taken by a physician or hospital and may, in rare cases, require bronchoscopy or other procedures to ensure safe removal.

I do voluntarily assume any and all possible risks, including the risk of substantial and serious harm, if any, which may be associated with general preventive and operative treatment procedures in hopes of obtaining the potential desired results, which may or may not be achieved, for my benefit or the benefit of my minor child. I acknowledge that the nature and purpose of the foregoing procedures have been explained to me if necessary and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions.

As condition of your treatment, financial arrangements need to be made prior to treatment. You are responsible for all charges that you accrue as you receive dental care and this needs to be paid at the time of services. You are responsible to work with your insurance company to make sure payment is made. In some cases, as a courtesy we file claims for you, but if they deny payment or take longer than four weeks you will need to pay. I also understand that a service charge can be applied to all accounts that exceed 60 days, unless written financial arrangements have been made. A charge of \$30.00 will be applied to account for all returned checks.

Patient Name (Print)	Date
Patient or Legal Guardian Signature	-