

General Informed Consent for Treatment

This form conveys necessary information to make an informed decision and consent for general dental treatment. General dental treatment includes examination, x-rays, diagnostic tests, gum measurement (periodontal probing), dental cleanings & periodontal maintenance, fillings, local anesthetic and analgesics (laughing gas – nitrous oxide).

All dental and anesthetic procedures have associated risks. These may be, but are not limited to:

- Drug reaction and side effects
- Damage to adjacent teeth or fillings
- Post-operative infection
- Post-operative bleeding
- Involvement of the nerves during local anesthetic injection resulting in temporary or possibly permanent numbness or tingling of the lip, chin, tongue or other areas
- Bruising, swelling, sensitivity, or irritation, or pain
- Shrinkage of the gums following cleaning which causes sensitivity or exposure of restoration margins.
- Breakage of dental instruments inside the mouth or tooth making additional treatment necessary
- Complications during treatment necessitating referral to a specialist.
- Loose or damaged tooth restorations can come out during cleanings, requiring further treatment.
- Sensitivity to heat, cold, or air
- Removal of tooth decay may cause a nerve in the tooth to be exposed or damaged, resulting in the need for further treatment, a root canal and subsequent crown, or possibly tooth loss
- Abrasions, scratches, cuts or other traumatic injuries from the use of a dental drill or sharp instruments.

If you have dependent children as patients in this office, your signature on this document is providing this consent for their treatment as well.

By signing this form, you are stating that you understand the need for general dental treatment, the risks of such treatment, and the consequences of not consenting to treatment. You have had all questions answered and have not been offered any guarantees.

This general consent will be considered in effect until revoked or rescinded.

Print name

Signature

Date.