



Consent For Orthodontic Treatment

Patient's Name _____ Date _____

Patient's Birthdate _____ Time _____ A.M. / P.M.

As a general excellent orthodontic results can be achieved with an informed cooperative patient. Thus, the following information is routinely supplied to anyone considering orthodontic treatment in our office. While recognizing the benefits of a pleasing smile and healthy teeth, you should also be aware that orthodontic treatment like any treatment of the body has some inherent risk and limitations. These are seldom enough to contradict treatment, but should be considered in making the decision to wear orthodontic appliances.

In dealing with human beings and problems of growth and development, genetics and patient cooperation, achieving perfection is not always possible. Often a functionality and esthetically adequate result must be accepted.

Throughout life teeth position is constantly changing. This is true will all individuals regardless of whether they have had orthodontic treatment or not. Post orthodontic patients are subject to the same subtle changes that occur in non orthodontic patients. In the late teens or early twenties our patients may notice slight irregularities developing in their front teeth. This particular true if their teeth were extremely crowded prior to treatment.

Decalcification (permanent marking). Decay, or gume disease, can occur if patients do not brush their teeth property and thoroughly during the treatment period. Excellent oral hygiene and plaque removal is a must. Routine visits (every 6 months) to your dentist for cleaning and cavity checks are necessary.

On rare occasions the nerve of a tooth may become non vital. A tooth that has a deep filing or even a minor blow can die over a long period of time with or without orthodontic treatment. An undetected non-vital tooth may flare up during orthodontic movement requiring endodontic (root canal) treatment to maintain it.

In some cases, the root ends of the teeth are shortened during treatment. This is called root resorption. Under healthy circumstances the shortened roots are not disadvantage. However, in the event of gum disease in later life, root resorptions could reduce the longevity of affected teeth. It should be noted that not all root resorption arises from orthodontic treatment. Trauma, cuts, impaction, endocrine, disorders or idiopathic reasons can also cause root resorption.

Although it is a possibility that problems may occur in the temporo-mandibular joint (TMJ). Tooth alignment or bite correction can improve tooth related causes of TMJ pain but not in all cases. Tension appears to play a role in the frequency and severity of joint pains.

Occasionally a person who has grown normally and in average proportion may not continue to do so. If growth becomes disproportionate, the jaw relation can be affected and original treatment objectives may have to be compromised. Skeletal growth disharmony is a biological process beyond the orthodontist's control.

The total time for treatment can be delayed beyond our estimate. Lack of facial growth, poor elastic wear or cooperation, broken appliances and missed appointments are all important factors which could lengthen treatment time and affect the quality of the results.

I acknowledge and understand that these dental procedures or course of procedures do not always produce desired, expected, or successful results and that NO GUARANTEES can be or have been made concerning the results of these procedures. I acknowledge that full and complete disclosure of the information in this consent form has been made that all my questions asked about the procedures have been answered in a satisfactory manner.

I CONSENT TO THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND X-RAYS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER TREATMENT, AND TO THE USE OF SAME BY THE DOCTOR IN SCIENTIFIC PAPERS OF DEMONTSTRATIONS.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____