

## **Extraction of Teeth**

I UNDERSTAND that Extraction of teeth is a permanent process. Whether the procedure is easy or difficult, it is still a surgical procedure. All surgeries have some risks, they include the following and others:

- Swelling, bruising and pain
- Stretching of the corners of the mouth that may lead to cracking or bruising
- Possible infection that might need more treatment
- Dry socket -- jaw pain beginning a few days after surgery, usually needing additional care
- Possible damage to other teeth close to the ones being taken out, more often those with fillings or caps
- Numbness, pain or changed feelings in the mouth, gums, lip, chin, and/or tongue (incl. possible loss of taste). This is due to the closeness of tooth roots (mainly with wisdom teeth) to the nerves which can be injured or damaged. Usually the numbness or pain goes away, but in some cases, it may become permanent.
- Trismus -- you can only open your mouth a little. This is most common after wisdom teeth are taken out. Sometimes it happens because of jaw joint problems (TMJ), mainly when TMJ disease is already there
- Bleeding -- oozing can often happens several hours, but a lot of bleeding is not common.
- Sharp ridges or bone splinters may form later at the edge of the hole where the tooth was removed. These may need another surgery to smooth or remove.
- Sometimes tooth roots may be left in to avoid harming important things such as nerves or sinus ( a hollow place above your upper back teeth)
- The roots of the upper teeth are often too close to the sinus and sometimes a piece of root can get into the sinus. An opening may occur from the sinus into the mouth that may need more treatment
- It is very rare that the jaw will break, but it is possible in cases where the teeth are buried deep into the sockets

I understand that my doctor can't promise that everything will be perfect. I have READ and UNDERSTAND the above and give my consent to surgery. I have given a complete and truthful medical history, including all medications, drug use, pregnancy, etc. I certify that I speak, read and write English. All of the questions have been answered before signing this consent form.