

INFORMED CONSENT FOR DENTAL TREATMENT

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CROWNS

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 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 recemented
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 / POSTPONING

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

ALTERNATIVES

Extraction
Temporary crown
Steel crown

Initial Date

BRIDGEWORK

BENEFITS

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

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS

Same as Crown

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE / POSTPONING

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

ALTERNATIVES

Partials
Temporary partials
No teeth in the spaces

Initial 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
Usually some amount of movement from the partial

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE / POSTPONING

Same as under Bridge

ALTERNATIVES

Bridgework
Temporary partials
Keep spaces without teeth placement

Initial Date

ROOT CANAL

BENEFITS

Eliminate decay
Relieve pain
Save tooth

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS

Undiagnosable root fracture means failure and extraction
Undiagnosable auxillary canal means failure and extraction

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE / POSTPONING

Extraction of tooth

ALTERNATIVES

Extraction
Bridgework

Initial 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 filling
May fracture the tooth
Tooth will be sensitive to temperature change
Toxicity from silver filling is alleged by some
Filling may fall out

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE / POSTPONING

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

ALTERNATIVES

Temporary filling

Initial Date

GUM SURGERY

BENEFITS

Eliminate infection
Reduce food packets 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 lose teeth if they don't respond to treatment

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE / POSTPONING

Will lose teeth sooner
May not get rid of infection

ALTERNATIVES

More frequent appointments for scaling

Initial Date

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
- 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 / POSTPONING

- Spread of infection
- Swelling
- Pain

ALTERNATIVES

None _____
Initial Date

CLEANING - SCALING

BENEFITS

- Look nicer
- Clean mouth
- Eliminate odors
- Prevent odors
- Prevents Gum Disease
- Same portion may be performed by auxiliary personnel

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS

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

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE / POSTPONING

- Stains on teeth
- Odors
- Gum Disease
- Will lose teeth

ALTERNATIVES

None _____
Initial Date

X-RAY

BENEFITS

- More complete diagnosis
- Can find hidden problems
- Can make 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 / POSTPONING

- Cannot perform dental services

ALTERNATIVES

None _____
Initial Date

BONDED FACING

BENEFITS

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

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS

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

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE / POSTPONING

- None (other than appearance)

ALTERNATIVES

Crowns _____
Initial Date

LOCAL ANESTHETICS

BENEFITS

- Avoid pain during treatments and procedures

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS

- Prolonged numbness may extend beyond normal
- Nerve damage
- Bruising (hematoma)
- General Anesthesia, including allergic reactions up to and including teeth
- In rare instances, possible consequences may include all those applicable

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE / POSTPONING

- Mils to Severe pain during and after treatment

ALTERNATIVES

Willingness to accept pain during treatment _____
Initial Date

Patient Acknowledgement of Receipt of Dental Materials Fact Sheet

I, (patient name) _____
Acknowledge I have received from Mid Wilshire Dentistry a copy of the Dental Materials Fact Sheet dated October 2001.

Patient Signature Date

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 complication 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 for myself. I also agree to reimburse the attending dentist of all services rendered to me and I am aware that the payment for these services is due at the time they are rendered.

Name of Patient: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____