



Informed Consent for Restorative Work

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LOCAL ANESTHESIA: *(numbing the child)*

Giving local anesthesia can have “possible” side effects. These include:

1. Child chewing his/her lip or cheek while numb causing puffiness, or even trauma, requiring medical care.
2. Swelling of cheek or mouth for couple days associated with possible nick of a blood vessel during injection, which usually goes away without problems, but a small possibility exists that it could require medical attention.
3. Though very small, its “possible” for an allergic reaction requiring medical attention.

DENTAL MATERIALS:

1. During the process of fixing your child’s teeth, its “possible” your child could accidentally swallow or inhale dental materials, such as silver filling material, or a crown, or a dental drill bit that slips out. This is extremely unlikely, but possible. Usually the material just passes through the child’s digestive tract, but its possible medical intervention may be needed to retrieve the materials.
2. Space maintainers, or crowns can come loose days, weeks, months, or years later, and potentially swallowed or inhaled, which “possibly” could require medical intervention to retrieve them.

DENTAL RESTORATIONS AND/OR EXTRACTIONS: *(pulling a tooth)*

1. All attempts with therapy are made to keep your child’s teeth healthy and out of pain. For a small number of children after treatment has been provided, treated teeth can still die, infection may set in requiring extraction. Its possible for an infection causing swelling of the face to occur, which “possibly” could require hospitalization.
2. It’s “possible” for an infection to set in, or get worse even after a tooth is extracted. Potentially causing swelling, which if severe enough could even require hospitalization.
3. It’s “possible” during extractions, for a tooth to break off in the bone requiring a oral surgeon to retrieve the broken roots.
4. It’s “possible” during the course of an extraction for an adjacent tooth to loosen, or be knocked loose from its socket.
5. It’s “possible” for a adjacent tooth during a extraction to be chipped.

PHYSICAL TRAUMA TO PATIENT DURING RESTORATIVE CARE:

1. Though all care is given to provide safe, care to our patients, children are sometimes unpredictable. It’s “possible” that if they jerk their head, or move at the wrong time while working on their teeth with our dental instruments, they could cut themselves, or injure themselves potentially requiring medical attention.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

No treatment. Not treating teeth could result in infection, possible medical treatment being required or possible hospitalization.

I have read the above and have had all questions answered to my complete satisfaction. In the event that my child may need restorative dentistry I do hereby consent to having restorative work performed on my child(ren).

Signed (parent or guardian)

Date