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EXTRACTIONS — SURGICAL

I have recommended that one or more of your teeth be extracted based upon your symptoms, my examination of your mouth, the treatment plan I have discussed with you and your choice. This procedure is known as a surgical extraction because an incision will be made in gum tissue or bone will be removed to gain access to the tooth. I, nevertheless, want you to be aware of the commonly known risks and side effects of this procedure.

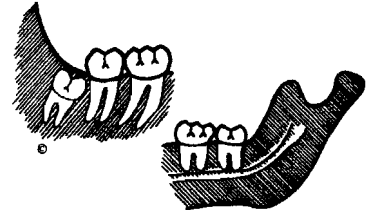
They are:

You may experience pain, swelling or bleeding for a time after the extraction. I will give you instructions on how to manage these problems which, if they occur, should only last for a short while. Of course, should any of these problems be more severe or last longer than you anticipated, call our office immediately.

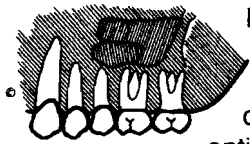
You may experience an infection following the extraction. I will advise you what to look for as a sign of infection. If any of these signs occur you should call or see me as soon as possible. Infections can involve aggressive bacteria and in some cases may require hospitalization to successfully treat.

Teeth adjacent to the tooth to be extracted may be chipped, damaged or lost during the extraction.

Nerves which supply sensation to your mouth, chin, lips, tongue and gum tissue may run near the area of the extraction. After the extraction you may experience some alteration of normal nerve sensation (itching, burning or tingling, for example) for a short or indefinite period of time. In some rare instances you may experience a total lack of sensation for a period of time which could be indefinite.



You may experience a painful but harmless condition known as dry socket. This occurs when the protective blood clot in the socket where the tooth was removed is dislodged, exposing and irritating nerve endings. This may be caused by failing to closely follow the post-operative instructions I have given you. Although the condition is temporary and not harmful, it is painful. It can be readily treated and you should seek treatment from me. I will place medicine in the socket that will soothe and protect it while alleviating the pain.



For teeth in the upper arch there is a risk that following the extraction a hole or pathway may be present between the sinus and the oral cavity. This is because the roots of some of the upper teeth end just below the floor of the sinus and sometimes actually go through the sinus floor. If this occurs during your procedure, I may need to make a small surgical repair of the hole and may place you on antibiotics and antihistamines to reduce the risk of a sinus infection.

Following the procedure the muscles of your jaw may be stiff and sore and it may be difficult to open your mouth wide for several days. This is a temporary condition and moist heat and analgesics will usually provide symptomatic relief. You may also experience some cracking or redness in the corners of your mouth.

I invite your questions concerning the risks discussed and contained in this document. By signing below you acknowledge that you have read this document, understand the information presented and have had all your questions answered satisfactorily.

Additional comments: _____

Signatures: _____

Date: _____

Patient _____

Doctor _____

Witness _____
