

# MIDWEST ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY, PA

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## CONSENT FOR GENERAL ANESTHESIA & EXTRACTION OF TEETH

Patient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure to be performed and/or teeth to be removed \_\_\_\_\_

### **If you have any questions, please ask your doctor BEFORE signing.**

Extraction of teeth is an irreversible process and, whether routine or difficult, is a surgical procedure. As in any surgery, there are some risks. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Swelling and/or bruising and discomfort in the surgery area.
2. Stretching of the corners of the mouth resulting in cracking or bruising.
3. Possible infection requiring additional treatment.
4. Dry socket - jaw pain beginning a few days after surgery, usually requiring additional care. It is more common from lower extractions, especially wisdom teeth.
5. Possible damage to adjacent teeth, especially those with large fillings or caps.
6. Numbness or altered sensations in the teeth, gums, lip, tongue and chin, due to the closeness of tooth roots (especially wisdom teeth) to the nerves which can be bruised or damaged. Almost always sensation returns to normal, but in rare cases, the loss may be permanent.
7. Limited jaw opening due to inflammation or swelling, most common after wisdom tooth removal. Sometimes it is a result of jaw joint discomfort (TMJ), especially when TMJ disease already exists.
8. Bleeding - significant bleeding is not common, but some oozing can be expected for several days after surgery.
9. Sharp ridges or bone splinters may form later at the edge of the socket. These usually require another surgery to smooth or remove.
10. Incomplete removal of tooth fragments - to avoid injury to vital structures such as nerves or sinus, sometimes small root tips may be left in place.
11. Sinus involvement - the roots of upper back teeth are often close to the sinus and sometimes a piece of root can be displaced into the sinus or an opening may occur into the mouth which may require additional care.
12. Jaw fracture - while quite rare, it is possible in difficult or deeply impacted teeth.

**GENERAL ANESTHESIA:** alters your awareness of the procedure by producing sedative/amnesic effects, or sleep.

The administration of Oral/IV medication involves certain risks. These include:

1. Nausea and vomiting.
2. An allergic or unexpected reaction. If severe, allergic reactions might cause more serious respiratory (lung) or cardiovascular (heart) problems which may require treatment.
3. Pain, swelling, inflammation or infection of the area of the injection (IV Sedation Only).
4. Injury to nerves or blood vessels in the area (IV Sedation Only).
5. Disorientation, confusion, or prolonged drowsiness after surgery.
6. Cardiovascular or respiratory responses which may lead to heart attack, stroke, or death.

Fortunately, these complications and side effects are not common. Well-monitored anesthesia is generally very safe, comfortable, and well-tolerated. **If you have any questions, PLEASE ASK.**

**CONSENT:**

I have read and understand the above and give my consent to surgery. I further state that **I HAVE NOT HAD ANY SOLIDS OR LIQUIDS BY MOUTH FOR SIX (6) HOURS PRIOR TO SURGERY. TO DO OTHERWISE MAY BE LIFE-THREATENING!** I agree not to drive myself home and to have a responsible adult accompany me until I am recovered from my medications. 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.

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Patient/guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Doctor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness' Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_