



Patient Consent Form for Removal of Multiple Teeth

Multiple Teeth are often removed due to one or more of the following reasons:

- Persistent and/or recurrent pain and/or infection.
- Damage from decay.
- Damage from gum disease/periodontal disease.
- Damage to surrounding tissues – e.g. - swollen gums, cheek biting/trauma, bone damage.
- Difficulty cleaning due to their position and/or orientation in mouth.
- Prophylactic (or preventative) removal – e.g. - prior to travelling overseas.

Treatment options for your remaining teeth

For whatever reason you have decided to have either all your upper and/or lower teeth removed, it is important that you are aware that the extraction of any tooth is a **IRREVERSIBLE** procedure, and there are possible likely and unlikely complications of the procedure. As every jaw is unique to individuals, the risks for you will need to be individually assessed. There are other treatment options available to you instead of removing all/most of your teeth. These options are:

1) NO Treatment

You may decide not to have any treatment at this stage, however doing nothing will lead to worsening of your dental condition, further infection, pain and swelling, possible cystic formations, and/or other systemic problems.

2) Retaining some or all of the teeth

Some of your teeth may be saveable. This is best discussed with the dentist in an individual basis, but may involve – fillings, root canal treatment, crowns and bridges, possibly partial dentures or implants.

Common complications you need to be aware of after the procedure are:

- Pain, discomfort and tenderness of the extraction sites and surrounding areas are to be expected.
- Swelling – there will be swelling which will at its greatest around 24 to 48 hours after the procedure.
- Difficulty opening your mouth for that period (called Trismus)
- Inability to eat solid foods for around 4 or 5 days.
- Dry Socket if the blood clot is lost due to premature rinsing, smoking, hot drinks, weak immune system etc.
- Bleeding and oozing for around 24 hours.
- Bruising of your face.
- Expressing small sharp bone fragments afterwards.
- Sharp ridges/edges of bone under the gum – this is due to the uneven shrinkage of your gums following the extractions. You may need to have the bone 'smoothed' several weeks/ months after the extractions. There is an extra cost to this procedure if it is necessary.

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Other **uncommon complications**:

- Post operative infection – Routine prescription of Antibiotics is advised to prevent this.

- Maxillary Sinus exposure – This is only more likely if the upper teeth roots are protruding into or very near your sinuses – this is a rare complication, however, if it does occur, will need 'surgical closure' by use of a gum flap – this may be an extra cost to the extraction procedure – please discuss with the dentist if you have any questions.
- Osteonecrosis (non-healing of the bone) – very rare in healthy patients, only mildly likely in patients with history of IV bisphosphonates or those currently on it.
- Swallowing or inhaling the tooth fragment or debris.
- *Nerve damage – Temporary or Permanent.

*This will only affect the sensory nerve supplying the lower lip, teeth, gum (touch, temperature) and tongue (touch temperature AND taste) on affected side. This applies to only a small number of patients who have very deep rooted lower teeth (especially wisdom teeth) that are very close to or wrapped around the nerve. Your risk will be individually assessed by your dentist.

Please remember that any surgery carries some small degree of risk, however we will do our utmost to deliver the highest quality care to minimise any post-operative problems, however, sometimes unexpected events may occur.

Due to nature of the risk involved in some cases, sometimes it is recommended that you be referred to a specialist (maxillo facial surgeon) for the removal of your teeth. Please feel free to discuss this with the dentist.

Treatment AFTER the Removal of your Top and/or Bottom Teeth

1) Implant supported Overdentures/False Teeth

This procedure involves placement of titanium implants to support your false teeth. This is the ideal procedure but more costly than normal dentures/false teeth. It is what we recommend, especially if you want your lower denture to fit very well and feel 'firm' when eating.

2) Immediate Dentures/False Teeth

One of the more common treatment options, which involves fabricating the false teeth prior to having your teeth removed. This option involves 'guesswork' where we estimate how your gums will look after your teeth are removed.

Advantages - you are not without teeth for a prolonged period of time. Also the false teeth act as a 'bandage' to help cover the extraction sites.

Disadvantages – Due to the dentures being made prior, there is no guarantee they will 'fit' well, there will be a period of adjustment after the teeth are removed where the dentures will rub against the gum and ulcers will occur. It is also a more costly procedure as the dentures will need to be '**relined**' or **added to** as your gums shrink over the next 3-6 months (this is an added cost). In some case of extreme gum shrinkage, it may be necessary to **REMAKE** the dentures after 6-12 months for a better fit and appearance.

3) Delayed placement of Dentures/False Teeth

Advantages – gives the gums time to heal well and shrink so that when the dentures/false teeth are made, they will 'fit' much better and with minimum ulcers.

Disadvantages – you will need to go without teeth, ie 'gummy' for at least 6-8 weeks, ideally 3-6 months after the extractions.

4) Root supported Overdentures/False Teeth

Please discuss this with your dentist – this procedure involves keeping some teeth as 'stops' to help the denture sit better against your gums.

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The Dentist (named below) has explained the procedure I am about to receive prior to the operation. I was provided with the option of being referred to a specialist. I have had the

opportunity to have any questions answered to my full satisfaction. Further more, the dentist has explained that the are possible alternative options, however I still wish this treatment to proceed regardless of the advice offered by the dentist named below.

The costs have been discussed with me, and I can pay them in full at the time of treatment.

Finally I acknowledge that I have read the consent form and fully understood the procedure, therefore I sign it freely and voluntarily.

Procedure to be undertaken:

Removal of Maxillary (top) teeth

Removal of Mandibular (bottom) teeth

Total cost of the procedure: _____

Dentist: Jungin Park (BDS Otago)

Lorraine Lim (BDS Otago)

Amar Khosa (BDS Otago)

Patient/Caregiver's Name: _____

Patient/Caregiver's Signature: _____

Date: _____