

Patient Implant Information

Informed Consent and Informed Refusal

Patient Name _____

Date _____

Diagnosis _____

Recommended Treatment Plan:

Implant Treatment:

- _____ Replaces tooth root(s), which preserves bone in that site and provides a stable foundation for a crown, bridge or removable prosthesis
- _____ Virtually stops the bone resorption that occurs when teeth are missing, maintaining the integrity of facial structures
- _____ Long-term esthetics can be improved by preventing a visible defect in the bone
- _____ Adjacent teeth are not damaged or compromised by grinding them down or securing the hooks of a removable appliance to them
- _____ Implant-supported replacement teeth do not decay
- _____ Restores natural biting and chewing function
- _____ In most cases, the long-term prognosis is better for implant treatment than the alternatives
- _____ There are two phases of treatment, which can take several months to complete
- _____ There are two separate fees; one for the surgical specialist and one for the restorative dentist
- _____ On occasion, the implants may not fully integrate, requiring replacement of the implants, or alteration of the prosthetic design

Alternative Treatment: Fixed Bridge

- _____ Restores function and esthetics
- _____ Prevents teeth from shifting
- _____ There is nothing removable in the mouth
- _____ Does not prevent bone resorption (deterioration); the resulting defect in the bone behind /under false tooth/teeth may be noticeable
- _____ Requires grinding adjacent teeth into pegs to cement bridge in place, which compromises the long term health of those cut down teeth
- _____ Cement can wash out over time allowing bacteria to seep under crowns on adjacent teeth and cause decay, which can sometimes require root canal therapy
- _____ Bridges are difficult to clean, requiring use of a floss threader, and if not cleaned properly periodontal (gum) disease may result
- _____ It is not uncommon for bridges to be replaced after 7-10 years although they can last significantly longer

Alternative Treatment: Removable Appliance

- _____ Restores function
- _____ Full denture provides lip support
- _____ Accelerates bone resorption (deterioration)
- _____ Generally requires multiple relines to improve fit and comfort as the bone deteriorates
- _____ Partial dentures hook onto adjacent teeth, putting stress and pressure on them, which can result in loss of those teeth
- _____ Partial dentures are not esthetic and metal hooks are often visible
- _____ Discomfort, sore spots on the gums and odor are common
- _____ It is difficult and often impossible to eat certain foods and the taste of food is altered
- _____ On occasion, lack of stability can result in dentures falling out while laughing, coughing or sneezing
- _____ It is not uncommon for partials and dentures to be replaced after 5 years although they can last longer

Alternative Treatment: No Replacement of Missing Teeth

- _____ Esthetics will be compromised
- _____ Adjacent or opposing teeth may drift into spaces, which can also result in periodontal problems, collapse of the arch integrity, or loss of adjacent teeth
- _____ The bone will resorb (deteriorate) in the spaces where teeth are missing, the resulting defect in the bone can be noticeable
- _____ Subsequent options for tooth replacement may become more difficult, expensive and in some cases, not feasible

I have had a discussion with Dr. _____ regarding the risks, benefits, and alternatives of the recommended treatment plan, as well as the consequences of not proceeding, and I have had the opportunity to ask him/her any questions I have regarding my concerns about the treatment. All of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction, so that I can confirm that I do not want the treatment.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Office Personnel: _____