

## **ETOBICOKE PERIODONTICS & IMPLANT CLINIC**

### INFORMED CONSENT FOR SURGICAL EXPOSURE OF IMPACTED TOOTH/TEETH

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## PLEASE ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT

## SURGICAL EXPOSURE &/ BRACKETING OF IMPACTED TEETH

#### **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

The purpose of surgical tooth exposure in your case would be to allow for the orthodontist to bring your tooth that is inside your bone to the correct position in the dental arch. It would also help to harmonize the esthetics of the region.

#### RISKS OF TOOTH EXPOSURE SURGERY

I have been informed of and understand the potential risks related to this surgical procedure include but are not limited to; Postoperative discomfort, pain; swelling; bruising; infection; bleeding; delayed healing, scarring that may require several days of at-home recuperation. Injury or damage to other teeth and/or roots that may result in the need for tooth repair or loss, loose tooth/teeth, damage to dental appliances, Postoperative infection, including sinus infection that may require additional treatment. In rare instances an opening may occur from the mouth into the nasal or sinus cavities Stretching of the comers of the mouth that may cause cracking and bruising. Restricted mouth opening for several days; sometimes related to swelling and muscle soreness and sometimes related to stress on the jaw joints (TMJ). The applied bracket may come off and need to be re-attached. The bracket, wire and /or fine chain attached to the braces to pull the tooth into position may cause irritation to the tongue, lips, or cheek areas

## PATIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand that I am an important member of the treatment team. To increase the chance of achieving optimal results, I have provided an accurate and complete medical history, including all past and present dental and medical conditions, prescription and non-prescription medications, any allergies, recreational drug use, and pregnancy (if applicable).

I understand the use of tobacco and alcohol is detrimental to the success of my treatment.

## NECESSARY FO LLOW-UP CARE AND SELF-CARE

I recognize that natural teeth should be maintained daily in a clean, hygienic manner. I will need to come for appointments following my surgery so that my healing may be monitored and so that my Doctor can evaluate and report on the outcome of surgery upon completion of healing. Smoking or alcohol intake may adversely affect gum healing and may limit the successful outcome of my surgery. I know that it is important (1) to abide by the specific prescriptions and instructions given by my Doctor, (2) to see my orthodontist for continue orthodontic care, and (3) to see my general dentist for periodic examination and preventative treatment.

## **COSTS**

DATE:

The estimated costs for this procedure have already been provided to you. I agree to be ultimately responsible for payment of the treatment. I have been fully informed of the surgery to be performed. I understand the risks and benefits of the procedure, alternative treatments, and the necessity for follow-up and self-care. I realize that during the course of the surgery, the treatment may need to be modified due to existing conditions that are only evident when the surgical site has been exposed.

# I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO MY SATISFACTION, MY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED, AND I UNDERSTAND THE RISKS.

I certify that I have explained to the patient and/or the patient's legal representative the nature, purpose, benefits, known risks, complications, and alternatives to the proposed procedure. The patient and/or patient's legal representative has voiced an understanding of the information given. I have answered all questions to the best of my knowledge, and I believe that the patient and/or legal representative fully understands what I have explained.

PATIENT(GUARDIAN) NAME:	
SIGNATURE(PATIENT/GUARDIAN):	

## POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING PERIODONTAL SURGERY

- 1. Following periodontal surgery, you are likely to experience discomfort as the local anesthetic wears off. Please take the **pain relief medication** as prescribed.
- 2. Immediately following your operation, you should apply an **ice pack** to the surgical side of your face at 10-15-minute intervals for the first 24 hours. Afterwards, 15 min in every hour will help healing uneventfully.
- 3. **Abstaining from smoking** for 6 weeks following surgery will dramatically improve healing, post-operative convalescence and improve your surgical result. Smoking exerts profound negative effects on tooth survivability!
- 4. Please limit yourself to a **soft diet** initially and avoid hot foods for 2 weeks. As healing progresses, you may then eat any non-irritating foods.
- 5. For a few hours after you leave the office, you may notice that your saliva is slightly pink in color.
- 6. The day of surgery please **avoid**:
- Smoking
- Sucking on the area
- Excessively hot drinks
- Alcohol for 48 hours
- Do not use a straw (suction) as this may stimulate bleeding
- 7. The periodontal dressing, if placed, should not be disturbed. If the dressing falls off after the first 24 hours this is not a cause for concern. Simply continue with the post-operative protocol as recommended.
- 8. **Absolutely NO brush the surgical site for 2 weeks after surgery**. After 2 weeks, you may gently and carefully brush only the top portion of the teeth (NEVER gum area). Also, you can use a cotton tip dipping into the chlorhexidine rinse (if prescribed) or warm salt water and gently clean the teeth surface and where the gum meets the teeth minimally.
- 9. The roots of the teeth were uncovered during surgery. You may experience temporary sensitivity to hot and cold, to tooth brushing and to certain foods. Should these symptoms

develop, please notify our office so that and a desensitizing treatment can be arranged and/or desensitizing medications prescribed.

Once the sutures are removed, it is essential to keep the surgical site clean with very gently brushing with soft-bristle brush. Bacterial plaque if allowed to remain on your teeth and gums will increase your sensitivity and the risk of developing infection. Failure to adhere to the recommended oral hygiene regime may cause your sensitivity to worsen rather than improve.

- 10. If a Chlorhexidine rinse (Peridex®) has been prescribed, rinse or swab the surgical site 3 times daily in the morning, midday and evening for 2 weeks following surgery.
- 10. The teeth in the area of the surgery may seem looser initially. Once complete healing is achieved, mobility should return to pre-surgical levels. Try to ignore the feeling of looseness and avoid developing the habit of moving the loose teeth with your tongue, fingers or gritting or grinding your teeth. It is possible to cause further loosening of your teeth with such habits.

Should any issues or concerns arise, please call the office.