

Informed Consent

Dear Patients:

It is important for you to know that dental treatment is a medical procedure. Even though dental treatment is very safe with very minimal complications, it is essential for you to know that we routinely use local anesthetic before we start a majority of the treatments. However rare, sometimes injection of local anesthetics could cause temporary or permanent numbness. Also, in some small instances the anesthetic might react with other medications that you might be taking. Please make sure that you fully inform us about your medical history, allergies and any medications that you are taking or have taken in the past.

Dentistry is always advancing. There are many different options and different materials available for restoring your oral health. Please make sure that your dentist has explained all the different options available to you and you understand the positives and negatives about each option, outcome, results, length of the treatment and fees.

When you commence your treatment it is imperative to let us know if there have been any changes in your medical history. At your periodic check up we take your blood pressure for screening purposes only. If your blood pressure is excessively high, we might choose to reschedule your appointment. Hypertension and use of local anesthetic could further elevate your blood pressure and lead to heart palpitations and other unforeseen complications. Furthermore, hypertension could result in prolonged bleeding.

During your treatment we ask you to wear safety glasses that we have provided for you. We work with small metal objects with close proximity to your eyes. Wearing safety glasses will reduce the chance of foreign objects entering in to your eyes. Also, there is a possibility of aspirating foreign objects to your lungs and GI cavities. When indicated due to the standard of care we will use dental dam during certain procedures.

In some instances we might restore or replace your teeth with a dental prosthesis. It takes time to get used to wearing a dental prosthesis. They are not like your normal dentition; they might require additional visits for adjustment.

We have tried to point out some of the complications that could arise as a result of dental treatment. This outline does not cover every risk that could occur as a result of dental treatment. Our goal is to make your experience as safe and as comfortable as possible. It is also our understanding that the better informed you are the better you can make a decision for yourself. Please feel free to ask questions. We are here for you and together with your help we can provide the best treatment for you.

Signature

Date