

Consent for Surgical Placement of Dental Implants

As with any surgical procedure, the placement of dental implants carries some risks and potential for complications. This includes:

- Pain, swelling, bleeding, infection, bruising, or discoloration.
- Numbness of the lip, tongue, chin, cheek, or teeth. Sometimes numbness resolves quickly and sometimes it is irreversible.
- Delayed healing.
- Unpredictable gum and bone healing, which may affect the final esthetic outcome.
- Failure of the implant which requires its removal and a healing period before placing another implant, or choosing alternative treatment

The known patient behaviors that limit implant success are:

- Not following our home care instructions following surgery
- Heavy smoking
- Uncontrolled blood sugar levels (diabetics)
- Chronic heavy alcohol consumption
- Not following up with regular cleanings or dental exams

We can't guarantee the outcome of treatment or surgery. Sometimes the doctor must alter the treatment plan based on conditions during the surgery. He may choose not to place the implants at this time and graft the site for future implant placement. The alternative to implant treatment is to replace missing teeth with a bridge or a removable partial denture. Please make the doctor aware if you have a bleeding disorder, take blood thinners, have been on bisphosphonate therapy (Bonafos, Zometa, Aredia), or have had radiation to the head or neck for treatment of cancer.

I understand the nature of the surgical placement of dental implants and have had my questions answered adequately. I understand the alternatives to treatment, including no treatment at all. I consent to the following:

Procedure: _____

Patient or legal guardian

date

Doctor

Witness