



# Patient consent form for an extraction of a tooth (Either surgical or routine)

Tooth removal is carried out quite commonly in dentistry due to following reasons:

- Acute or Chronic infection in the tooth
- Heavily carious tooth- Irreparable
- Possible damage to adjacent teeth
- Damage to surrounding tissue- e.g. Swelling gums, trauma, Bone damage
- Impacted wisdom teeth
- Removal of teeth due to Orthodontic reasons

When a patient decided to extract a tooth, it is very important that she/he understands the complications of the procedure. To each patient's individuality, the response of the complication and extent of it will be different.

## **Common complications that a patient needs to be aware are:**

- Discomfort, Pain and Tenderness around the extraction site
- Swelling of the face and surrounding tissue
- Difficulty opening mouth
- Bruising face or rarely bruising neck
- Dry socket due to poor post-operative care from the patient. For example, it involves; Smoking, alcohol consumption, hot drinks, rinsing out mouth before blood clot formation and poor oral hygiene.
- Dry socket due to weak immune system or underlying health issues
- Bleeding and Oozing within the day of extraction
- Small fragments of bone coming out afterwards
- Sharp bony piece sticking out around the socket

## **Uncommon complications that the patient needs to be aware are:**

- Post-operative infection
- Oral-antral communication (opening to maxillary sinus) is only relating to upper teeth. This might apply to rare cases of upper wisdom tooth extraction when it is positioned quite high close to the sinus.
- Pushed a root piece or tooth fragment into tissue spaces including sinus

- Swallowing or Inhaling a small instrument or tooth fragment
- Relation to lower wisdom tooth extraction, there is possibility of nerve damage depends on how the tooth is positioned. Usually Inferior dental nerve (nerve for tooth, gum, face, and lip) or Lingual nerve (nerve for tongue) will be affected. This will only limit itself to sensing heat, cold or tactile sense. Function of the lip or tongue or face will not be affected. The damage can be temporary or permanent. Temporary nerve damage might last several years after extraction. The likelihood of the nerve damage will be assessed and informed to each patient who chose to undergo lower wisdom tooth extraction.

Any Surgical procedure has possible risks and complications. The dentist will provide the best surgical and post-operative care to minimize any problems. However, patient still needs to understand that unexpected events still may occur.

If there is a high risk, the dentist will advise you to see a specialist for a tooth extraction.

**Patient Consent: By my signature below, I expressly acknowledge that:**

The dentist (name below) has explained my dental condition and the proposed procedure. The dentist has explained any significant risks and problem specific to me, and the likely outcomes if complications occur. The dentist has also explained relevant treatment options as well as the risks of not having the procedure. I understand the risks of the procedure including the risks that are specific to me, and the likely outcomes. I was able to ask questions and raise concerns with the dentist about my condition, the procedure and its risks, and my treatment options. My questions and concerns have been discussed and answered to my satisfaction. I understand that the other dental procedures may be done if further dental disease is found during the procedure, or to correct other problems in my mouth.

Patient's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist: