



CONSENT FOR ORAL SURGERY

Patient Name:
Last First MI Preferred Name

Diagnosis: Connective Tissue Grafting

After a careful oral examination, Dr. D'Aoust has advised me that I have gum recession (root exposure). I understand that with this condition, further recession of the gum may occur. In addition for fillings, crowns or implants at or below the gum line, it is important to have enough width of leathery (attached) gum to withstand the irritation caused by these restorations. Attached gum may also be important in patients undergoing orthodontic treatment (braces) in order to reduce the risk for gum recession. Gum tissue may also be placed for root coverage to improve appearance and to protect roots from sensitivity.

Recommended Treatment:

In order to treat my condition, Dr. D'Aoust has recommended that my treatment include gum grafting surgery. I understand that a local anesthetic will be administered to me as part of the treatment and sedation may be utilized.

During the Procedure:

A strip of gum from another part of my mouth (usually the roof of the mouth) will be transplanted to the teeth that have root exposure (recession) and/or minimal leathery gum tissue (attached gingiva). An alternative approach is the use of processed human skin for the aforementioned purpose. The strip of tissue can either be placed at the base of the gum on the affected teeth or it can be placed to completely or partially cover the roots of those teeth.

On those teeth in which there are pre-existing root restorations and where root coverage is to be attempted, it may be necessary to remove these restorations during the surgical procedure. If complete root coverage is not achieved, then it may be necessary to return to my dentist for replacement of the removed restorations following healing of the gum tissues.

Expected Benefits:

The purpose of gum grafting surgery is to cover exposed root surfaces to enhance the appearance of the teeth and gum line, and to prevent or treat root sensitivity. Another purpose for this procedure is to create an amount of attached gum tissue that is necessary to reduce the likelihood of further gum recession. It was explained to me that 100% elimination of existing recession is not always possible.

Alternatives to Suggested Treatment:

I understand that alternatives to this surgery include: no treatment, modification of tooth brushing technique, and continued monitoring.

Primary Risks and Complications:

I understand that a small number of patients do not respond successfully to surgery, and in such cases, the involved teeth may eventually be lost. Because each patients condition is unique, long-term success may not occur. I understand that complications may result from the surgery, drugs, and anesthetics. These complications include, but are not limited to:

- Bleeding, swelling and pain
- Allergic reactions
- Post-surgical infections
- Impact on speech
- Facial discolouration (bruise)
- Accidental swallowing of foreign objects
- Transient or permanent numbness of the lip, tongue, teeth, chin or gum
- Transient or permanent tooth sensitivity to hot, cold, sweet or acidic foods
- Delayed healing

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- Jaw joint injuries or muscle spasms
- Cracking or bruising of the corners of the mouth; breakout of cold sores
- Restricted ability to open mouth for several days or weeks
- Worsening of the condition
- Transient or permanent tooth looseness
- Fracture of adjacent restorations or teeth
- Exposure of crown margins on teeth with crowns/bridges/veneers

I understand that if I smoke, I have more risk for the above complications. The exact duration of any complication(s) cannot be determined, and they may be irreversible. There is no method that will accurately predict or evaluate how my gum and bone will heal. I understand that there may be a need for a second procedure if the initial results are not satisfactory. In addition, the success of periodontal procedures can be affected by medical conditions, dietary and nutritional problems, smoking, alcohol consumption, clenching and grinding of teeth, inadequate oral hygiene, and medications that I may be taking.

To my knowledge, I have reported to my surgeon any prior drug reactions, allergies, diseases, symptoms, habits, or conditions, which may in any way relate to this surgical procedure.

No Warranty or Guarantee:

I hereby acknowledge that no guarantee, warranty or assurance has been given to me that the proposed treatment will be successful. Due to individual patient differences, a therapist cannot predict certainty of success. There exists the risk of failure, relapse, additional treatment, or worsening of my present condition, including the possible loss of certain teeth or implants, despite the best care.

Sedation:

I understand that if I take oral or IV sedation, I will need a driver to and from my appointment and that I should not operate any heavy equipment/machinery for 24 hours following the use of sedation.

PATIENT CONSENT:

I have been fully informed of the nature of the required extraction or oral surgery, the risks and benefits, the alternative treatments available, and the necessity for follow-up care. I have had an opportunity to ask any questions I may have in connection with the treatment and to discuss my concerns with my surgeon. After thorough deliberation, I hereby consent to the performance of extraction or oral surgery as presented to me during consultation and in the treatment plan presented to me. I also consent to the performance of such additional or alternative procedures as may be deemed necessary in the best judgment of my surgeon. I understand that these additional or alternative procedures may involve added cost that may not have been outlined in the estimate of treatment costs.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT.

Signature: _____

Date:

Response Date: