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Consent for Dental Procedures and Acknowledgment of Receipt of Information

1. State Law requires us to obtain your consent to your child's contemplated dental treatment or oral surgery. Please read this form carefully and ask about anything that you do not understand. We will be pleased to explain it.

2. In general terms the dental treatment of procedure(s) will include:

- A. Radiographs (x-ray) of the teeth and jaws.
- B. Cleaning of the teeth and application of topical fluoride.
- C. Application of plastic "sealants" to the grooves of the teeth.
- D. Use of local anesthetics to numb the teeth and tissues.
- E. Treatment of diseased or injured teeth with dental restorations (fillings).
- F. Replacement of missing teeth with dental prosthesis.
- G. Removal (extractions) of one or more teeth.
- H. Treatment of diseased or injured oral tissues (hard and/or soft)
- I. Treatment of malposed (crooked) teeth and/or oral developmental or growth abnormalities.
- J. Use of physical restraint or restraining devices to safely accomplish the necessary dental procedures.
- K. Use of sedative drugs to control apprehension and/or disruptive behavior.
- L. Use of General Anesthesia to accomplish necessary treatment.
- M. Other: _____

The nature and purpose of the treatment and procedures have been explained to me in general terms by Dr. Shaw. Alternate procedures or methods of treatment, if any, have also been explained to me, as have their advantages and disadvantages, the risks, consequences and probable effectiveness of each, as well as the prognosis if no treatment is provided.

I am advised that though good results are expected, the possibility and nature of complications cannot be accurately anticipated and that, therefore, there can be no guarantee as expressed implied either as to the result of the treatment or as to cure. I further authorize the doctor to perform other service(s) that in her judgment are advisable for my child or legal ward, with the exception of (if none so state): _____

3. I also authorize the dental staff to use photographs, radiographs, other diagnostic materials and treatment records for the purpose of teaching, research, and scientific publications.

4. Although their occurrence is not frequent, some risks and complications are known to be associated with dental or oral surgery procedures. The most common complications associated with pediatric dental treatment include nausea following administration of topical fluoride and children biting and injuring their tongue or lip following the administration of local anesthesia. Less common complications include the risks of numbness, infection, swelling, prolonged bleeding, discoloration, vomiting, allergic reactions, swallowing or aspiration of a crown form, an extracted tooth or gauze packaging; injury to treatment site and fracture of a tooth root which may require additional surgery for its removal. For children with heart disease, the risk of sub-acute bacterial endocarditis (heart infection) following dental treatment exists, therefore antibiotics will be prescribed before and following treatment, to minimize the risk.

I further understand and accept that complications may require additional medical, dental or surgical treatment and may require hospitalization.

Additional risks include:

I hereby state that I have read and understand this consent form, that I have been given an opportunity to ask questions I might have, and that all questions about the procedure(s) have been answered in a satisfactory manner; and I understand further that I have the right to be provided with answers to questions which may arise during the course of my child's treatment.

I further understand that I am free to withdraw my consent at any time, and that this consent will remain in effect until such time that I choose to terminate it.

Patient's name: _____

Signature of parent of guardian: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am/pm

Relationship to patient: _____ Witness: _____

I certify that I explained the above procedures to the parent or legal guardian before requesting their signature.