

## PRIVACY

### Our Privacy Policy

We are very concerned with protecting your privacy. While the law requires us to give you this disclosure, please understand that we have, and always will respect the privacy of your health information.

There are several circumstances in which we may have to use or disclose your healthcare information.

- We may have to disclose your health information to another healthcare provider or facility if it is necessary to refer you to them for the diagnosis, assessment, or treatment.
- We may have to disclose your health information and billing records to another party if they are potentially responsible for the payment of your service.
- We may need to use your health information to remind you of your appointments.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices as described in that notice. If we make a change to our privacy practices, we will notify you in writing when you come for treatment or by mail. Please feel free to call us at any time for a copy of our privacy notices.

### Your right to limit uses or disclosures

You have the right to request that we do not disclose your health information to specific individuals, companies or organizations. If you would like to place any restrictions on the use or disclosure of your health information, please let us know in writing. We are not required to agree to your restrictions. However, if we agree with your restrictions, the restriction is binding upon us.

### Your right to revoke your authorization

You may revoke your consent to us at any time. Your revocation must be in writing however. We will not be able to honor your revocation request if we have already released your health information before we receive your request to revoke your authorization. If you were required to give your authorization as a condition of obtaining insurance, the insurance company may have a right to your health information if they decide to contest any of your claims.

## TREATMENT CONSENT

I authorize Dr. Sperry and /or such associates or assistants as he may designate to perform those procedures as may deemed necessary or advisable to maintain my dental health or the dental health of any minor or other individual for which I have responsibility, including arrangement and/or administration of any sedative (including nitrous oxide), analgesic, therapeutic, and/or other pharmaceutical agent(s), including those related to restorative, palliative, therapeutic or surgical treatments.

I understand that the administration of local anesthetic may cause an untoward reaction or side effects, which may include, but are not limited to bruising, hematoma, cardiac stimulation, muscle soreness, and temporary or rarely, permanent numbness. I understand that occasionally needles break and may require surgical retrieval.

I understand that as part of the dental treatment, including preventive procedures such as cleaning and basic dentistry, including fillings of all types, teeth may remain sensitive or even possible quite painful both during and after completion of treatment. After lengthy appointments, jaw muscles may also be sore or tender. Gums and surrounding tissues may also be sensitive or painful during and/or after treatment. Although rare, it is also possible for the tongue, cheek or other oral tissues to be inadvertently abraded or lacerated (cut) during routine dental procedures. In some cases, sutures or additional treatment may be required.

I understand that as part of dental treatment items including but not limited to crowns, small dental instruments, drill components, etc. may be aspirated (inhaled into the respiratory system) or swallowed. This unusual situation may require a series of x-rays to be taken by a physician or hospital and may in rare cases, require bronchoscopy or other procedures to ensure safe removal.

I do voluntarily assume any and all possible risks, including the risk of substantial and serious harm, if any, which may be associated with general preventive and operative treatment procedures in hopes of obtaining the potential desired results, which may or may not be achieved, for my benefit or the benefit of my minor child or ward. I acknowledge that the nature and purpose of the foregoing procedures have been explained to me if necessary and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions.

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Patient Name

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Signature of patient or responsible party

Date