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CONSENT FOR WISDOM TEETH EXTRACTION

Wisdom teeth or third molars are the last teeth to develop in the jaws. In a large percentage of the population these teeth do not have space to erupt normally into the mouth. The gum tissue around the erupted portion of the tooth can act like a pocket trapping food and thus causing pain, swelling and infection. Many studies have been conducted to show that there is a percentage of these teeth that can develop cysts or tumors around them. Extraction of wisdom teeth can reduce or eliminate the risk of this happening. If you decide not to have your wisdom teeth extracted it is advisable to keep these areas under periodic observation.

When wisdom teeth erupt normally they are harder to clean because of their position in the mouth. They also have a higher chance of developing cavities because they have deeper fissures on the biting surface. Many orthodontists believe that wisdom teeth can cause relapse after orthodontic treatment and advise their removal.

After wisdom teeth extraction:

Swelling and bruising can occur and should not be a cause for concern. There are some risks associated with the removal of wisdom teeth such as pain, excessive bleeding, nausea, infection, damage to adjacent teeth or to fillings or crowns on adjacent teeth. Extraction of wisdom teeth can also cause existing jaw joint problems to worsen or can cause fracture of the jaw. Upper wisdom teeth may be situated very close to the sinus and their removal may cause an opening into the sinus, dislodgement of root into sinus or injury to an adjacent tooth. This may require additional surgery at a future date. Nerve injury during removal of lower wisdom teeth can cause temporary and sometimes permanent numbness or tingling in the lower lip, chin, tongue, and gums. Sometimes a decision may be made to leave a root behind. You will be informed if such a decision is made. Teeth adjacent to the site of the wisdom tooth can become uncomfortable. This usually goes away but sometimes can necessitate observation or treatment of these tooth/teeth. A prescription of medication for the pain and swelling is routine. The chance of the above complications increases with age. Rarely complications may require referral to a specialist.

We advise you to call us, and not your own dentist (if you were referred) if you have any concerns before or after surgery. You can reach Dr. Nair on his cell at 604 818 1211 if you need to.

You have the option of having your wisdom teeth removed by an oral surgeon or a dentist trained in this procedure. Dr. Nair is a general dentist with extensive training in surgery and sedation and performs this procedure routinely.

A recent panoramic radiograph is necessary before we can extract wisdom teeth. Depending on the position of the wisdom tooth and proximity of the nerve as seen on the panoramic radiograph, Dr. Nair may recommend a CT scan.

Patient's name: _____ Age: _____

I hereby give consent to Dr. Nair to extract the following wisdom teeth for myself or my dependent:

Date

Signature of Patient/Parent/Guardian