

# GENERAL DENTISTRY CONSENT FORM

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Dentistry is not an exact science and reputable practitioners cannot properly guarantee results. Despite the most diligent care and precaution, unanticipated complications or unintended results, although rare, may occur. A treatment plan is based on the best evidence available during the examination. There is no guarantee that this plan will not change. During treatment, it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions that were not evident during examination, but were found during the course of treatment. For example, root canal treatment may be needed during routine restorative procedures. Any change in treatment plan may result in additional fees.

Guarantees and assurances cannot be made by anyone regarding the dental treatment which you have requested and authorized. It is essential that you keep your appointments and cooperate in your treatment to help insure the best possible result. Please read the following and initial and sign where noted.

## SERVICES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

### **1. FILLINGS**

Care must be exercised in chewing on filled teeth, especially on large fillings and during the first 24 hours, to avoid breakage. A more extensive restorative procedure than originally diagnosed may be necessary, due to more decay than anticipated. Sensitivity can occur following a newly placed filling and will usually go away with time.

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### **2. CROWNS, BRIDGES AND LAMINTES**

These restorations involve permanent alteration of the tooth structure. It is not always possible to match the color of the natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. Temporary restorations may come off easily. Care must be taken to insure that they are kept on until the permanent restorations are delivered. The final opportunity to make changes to the new crowns, bridges or laminates (including the shape, fit, size and color) will be before cementation. It is necessary to keep the appointment for permanent cementation. Excessive delays may allow for tooth movement, necessitating the remaking of the restoration and additional charges may be incurred.

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### **3. DENTURES (FULL AND PARTIAL)**

The wearing of dentures can be difficult. Sore spots, altered speech and difficulty in eating are common problems. Due to jaw ridge loss, retention of full dentures can be a problem. Immediate dentures may require considerable adjusting and several relines. A permanent reline will be needed later (this is not included in the denture fee). You are responsible to return for delivery of the dentures. Failure to do so may result in poorly fitting dentures and remakes will require additional charges. Failure to wear partial dentures every day will likely lead to tooth movement, resulting in a partial that no longer fits.

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