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**Surgical Extraction Informed Consent**

I have recommended that one or more of your teeth be extracted based upon your symptoms, my examination of your mouth, the treatment plan I have discussed with you, and your choice. This procedure is known as a surgical extraction because an incision will be made in gum tissue or bone will be removed to gain access to the tooth. I nevertheless, want you to be aware of the commonly known risks and side effects of this procedure.

They are:

You may experience pain, swelling or bleeding for a time after the extraction. I will advise you as to how to manage these problems which, should they occur, should last only a few days. Of course, should any of these problems be more severe or last longer than a few days, you should call the office as soon as possible.

You may experience an infection following the extraction. I will advise you what to look for as a sign of infection. If any of these signs occur, you should call or see me as soon as possible. Infections can involve aggressive bacteria and in some cases may require hospitalization to successfully treat.

Teeth adjacent to the tooth being extracted may be chipped or damaged during the extraction.

Nerves which supply sensation to your mouth, chin, lips, tongue and gum tissue may run near the area of the extraction. After the extraction, you may experience some alteration of normal nerve sensation (itching, burning or tingling for example) for a short or indefinite period of time. In some rare instances, you may experience a total lack of sensation for a period of time which could be indefinite.

For teeth in the upper arch, there is a risk that following the extraction a hole or pathway may be present between the sinus and the oral cavity. This is because the roots of some of the upper teeth end just below the floor of the sinus and sometimes actually go through the floor of the sinus. If this occurs during the procedure, I may need to make a surgical repair of the hole and may place you on antibiotics and decongestants to reduce the risk of a sinus infection.

You may also experience a painful condition known as dry socket. This occurs when the protective blood clot in the socket where the tooth was removed is dislodged, exposing and irritating nerve endings. This may be caused by failing to closely follow the post-operative instructions I have given you. Although the condition is temporary and not harmful, it is painful. It is readily treated and you should seek treatment from me. I will place medicine in the socket that will soothe and protect it while alleviating the pain.

Occasionally, small pieces of bone may come loose after an extraction is done. Usually, they will work themselves out like a small sliver. If, however, a larger piece is apparent, please call Dr. Rheuben right away.

I invite your questions concerning the risks discussed and contained in this document. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read this document, understand the information presented and have had all of your questions answered satisfactorily.

Tooth (Teeth) to be removed today: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_