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Patient's Name

Date

You have the right to be informed about your diagnosis and planned surgery so that you can decide whether to have a procedure or not after knowing the risks and benefits.

Your diagnosis is: _____

Your planned treatment is: _____

Alternative treatment methods include: _____

Please initial each paragraph after reading. If you have any questions, please ask your doctor BEFORE initialing.

____ 1. Taking teeth out is a permanent process. Whether the procedure is easy or difficult, it is still a surgical procedure. All surgeries have some risks. They include the following and others:

- A. Swelling, bruising and pain.
- B. Stretching of the corners of the mouth that may lead to cracking or bruising.
- C. Possible infection that might need more treatment.
- D. Bleeding – oozing can often happen for several hours, but a lot of bleeding is not common.
- E. Numbness, pain, or changed feelings in the teeth, gums, lip, chin and/or tongue (including possible loss of taste). This is due to the closeness of tooth roots (mainly with wisdom teeth) to the nerves which can be injured or damaged. Usually the numbness or pain goes away, but in some cases, it may be permanent.
- F. Dry socket - jaw pain beginning a few days after surgery, usually needing additional care.
- G. Possible damage to other teeth close to the ones being taken out, more often those with large fillings or caps.
- H. Trismus – you can only open your mouth a little. This is most common after wisdom teeth are taken out. Sometimes it happens because of jaw joint problems (TMJ), mainly when TMJ disease is already there.
- I. Sharp ridges or bone splinters may form later at the edge of the hole where the tooth was taken out. These may need another surgery to smooth or remove.
- J. Sometimes tooth roots may be left in to avoid harming important things such as nerves or a sinus (a hollow place above your upper back teeth).

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- K. The roots of the upper back teeth are often close to the sinus and sometimes a piece of root can get into the sinus. An opening may occur from the sinus into the mouth that may need more treatment.
- L. It is very rare that the jaw will break, but it is possible in cases where the teeth are buried very deep in their socket.

_____ 2. I understand I will be receiving local anesthetic (Lidocaine, Novacain, etc). An injection is given in the area to be worked on. Although very rare, this can result in bleeding, swelling, numbness, or an allergic reaction.

_____ 3. I understand that my doctor can't promise that everything will be perfect. I have read and understand the above and give my consent to surgery. If my doctor finds a different condition than expected and feels that a different surgery or more surgery needs to be done, I agree to have it done.

_____ 4. I have given a complete and truthful medical history, including all medicines, drug use, pregnancy, etc. I certify that I speak, read, and write English. All of my questions have been answered before signing this form.

Patient's (or Legal Guardian's) Signature Date

Doctor's Signature Date