

GENERAL DENTAL INFORMED CONSENT

Texas Mobile Dentists, Inc. would like for the patient/POA to have general knowledge of dental procedures. We ask that you review the procedures listed and want you to know that we will have you sign an informed consent prior to each dental procedure. A treatment plan for all restorative work, which includes estimated fees and treatment specific authorization, will be presented to you for your review and signature at the time treatment is recommended.

- 1. Low Dose X-rays:** Low dose x-rays are an important tool to aid the dentist in detecting potential issues and disease not visible to the naked eye. We utilize protective shields and aprons for patient safety. Low dose x-rays are required for all new patients of record and will be taken every 6 months for geriatric patients who are at high risk of oral disease.
- 2. Drugs and Medication:** Antibiotics and analgesics and other medications can cause allergic reactions causing redness and swelling of tissues, pain, itching, vomiting, and/or anaphylactic shock (severe allergic reaction).
- 3. Changes in Treatment:** During treatment it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions found while working on the teeth that were not discovered during examination. The presence of dental tooth decay, gum disease, or any dental infection has been shown to affect many other body parts, such as joints and the heart, so it is important to treat any dental infection as soon as possible.
- 4. Extractions:** Alternatives will be explained to you (root canal therapy, crowns, and periodontal surgery, etc.) The removal of teeth does not always remove all the infection, if present, and it may be necessary to have further treatment. Some of the risks are pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry socket, loss of feeling in teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissue (paresthesia) that can last for an indefinite period of time (days or months) or fractured jaw. Further treatment by a specialist or even hospitalization may be needed if complications arise during or following treatment which would be your financial responsibility.
- 5. Crowns and Bridges:** Sometimes it is not possible to match the color of natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. You may wear temporary crowns, which may come off easily so avoid sticky food and candies. You will need to be careful to ensure that they are kept on until the permanent crowns are delivered. The final opportunity to make changes to a new crown, or bridge (including shape, fit, size, or color) must be done at the preparation appointment.
- 6. Dentures (complete and partials):** Removable prosthetic appliances include risks and possible failures. This includes gum tissue pressure, jaw ridges not providing adequate support and/or retention, excessive saliva or excessive dryness of the mouth, and general psychological, behavioral, and physical problems interfering with success. We are not responsible for failures of these types. Breakage is possible by dropping the dentures or chewing on foods that are excessively hard. Full dentures become loose when there is a change in gum tissues. Our obligation is to create a functioning, well fitting device. Patients must wear the device consistently in order for the dentist to make appropriate and accurate adjustments. Any denture fit issues must be brought to our attention within 30 days of the final denture delivery. Adjustments after 30 days are an additional charge. No refunds/cancelations are possible after the case has been sent to the lab for final processing.
- 7. Immediate/Interim Dentures:** After the extractions and delivery of the prefabricated immediate denture, there is fast bone loss resulting in space between the dentures and gums. This leads to rapidly increasing looseness and sore spots which must be adjusted frequently. The dentist may recommend a soft or hard reline (additional charge) if the patient experiences discomfort during the healing period to improve fit.
- 8. Endodontic Treatment (Root Canal):** There is no guarantee that root canal treatment will save a tooth. Complications can occur from the treatment and occasionally metal objects are cemented in the tooth or extend through the root, which does not necessarily affect the success of the treatment. Occasionally additional surgical procedures may be necessary following root canal treatment (apicoectomy).
- 9. Periodontal Loss (Tissue & Bone):** This is a serious condition, causing gum and bone infection or loss and can lead to the loss of teeth. Alternative treatment will be explained to you (gum surgery, replacements, and/or extractions). Any dental procedure may have a future adverse effect on your periodontal condition.
- 10. Complaints:** Please contact us directly at (866) 988-4504 or email info@texasmobiledentists.com with any complaints or issues. A manager will handle the complaint and address any issue you may have to your satisfaction. Complaints concerning dental services can be directed to: Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, 333 Guadalupe Tower 3, Suite 800, Austin, Texas 78701-3942 or by calling (512) 463-6400.
- 11. Community Liability:** The community where patient resides is not responsible in any way for services provided by Texas Mobile Dentists, and accordingly, the community has no liability whatsoever for any claims that a patient may have against Texas Mobile Dentists in connection with such services.