



## Consent for Dental Extractions

Dental extraction is the permanent removal of baby or permanent teeth.

### Indications:

- Pain, infection, decay
- Fractured tooth/non-restorable tooth
- Dental crowding/orthodontic treatment

### Benefit:

- Relieve pain
- Remove source of infection
- Facilitate eruption of permanent teeth

### Risks:

- Post-operative discomfort, bleeding, swelling, bruising, persistent numbness (extremely rare with baby teeth)
- Fracture of tooth
- Retained small root fragments (may be left in jaw for resorption or eruption at a later date)
- Loss of adjacent fillings or injury to nearby teeth or soft tissues
- Aspiration or swallowing of tooth

### Alternatives:

- (a) No treatment      (b) Root canal therapy/pulp therapy      (c) Referral to the Oral Surgeon

### Post-Op Instructions:

- Bite on gauze for 30 minutes. If bleeding persists continue to apply pressure.
- Children's Tylenol or Motrin may be given after extraction.
- Soft foods and encourage lots of fluids for 24 hours.
- Limited physical activity immediately after extractions.
- Ice pack or cold washcloth if swelling occurs.
- Numbness of cheek, lip, and tongue may last for 1-3 hours.
- Make sure your child does not bite his/her lip.

### Space Maintenance:

-In some cases a "spacer" may be recommended to hold open the empty space left by a lost tooth. This may help save the position for the developing permanent tooth that will eventually grow into the position.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the parent/guardian of

(child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ (child's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_) hereby consent to tooth extractions in conjunction with dental treatment. I am aware of the benefits/risks involved with this procedure, and I have had the opportunity to have my questions answered. I have read and fully understand the consent.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Extraction Post-Op Instructions for Patients**

1. Your child has had 1 or more teeth taken out or “wiggled”.
2. The gauze needs to stay in place with biting pressure for 30 minutes. If bleeding persists, continue to apply pressure. Oozing from the extraction site is normal for the first 24-48 hours.
3. Give your child the appropriate dose of Children’s Tylenol or Motrin after you take the gauze out. Most children only need this for 24-48 hours. If pain persists after 48 hours- please call the office.
4. Your child should only eat soft foods for 24 hours. Encourage plenty of fluids. A regular diet can be started as tolerated by your child.
5. **NO SPITTING OR DRINKING THROUGH A SIPPY CUP OR STRAW.** This can dislodge any blood clots and start the bleeding process again.
6. A clean mouth heals faster. Once the bleeding stops the rest of the teeth can be gently brushed.
7. Activity may need to be limited...a movie or nap is a good idea.
8. Swelling may occur...use an ice pack or cool washcloth near the area as needed in 15 minute increments.
9. Your child’s cheek, lip and tongue will be numb for approximately 1-2 hours.

Please be careful that your child does not bite or stretch his/her cheek or lip. As this area wakes up it may feel funny.

If you have any questions or should any complications arise please call the office at (617) 328-1700