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### **Informed Consent for Extraction**

Extraction of teeth is an irreversible process and, whether routine or difficult, is a surgical procedure. As in any surgery, there are some risks. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Swelling and/or bruising and discomfort in the surgery area.
2. Stretching of the corners of the mouth resulting in cracking or bruising.
3. Possible infection requiring additional treatment.
4. Dry socket jaw pain beginning a few days after surgery, usually requiring additional care. This is more common with lower extractions, especially wisdom teeth.
5. Possible damage to adjacent teeth, especially those with large fillings or caps.
6. Numbness or altered sensation in the teeth, gums, lip, tongue and chin, due to the closeness of tooth roots (especially wisdom teeth) to the nerves which can be bruised or damaged. In most cases, sensation returns to normal, but in rare cases, the loss may be permanent.
7. Trismus, or limited jaw opening due to inflammation or swelling, most common after wisdom tooth extraction. Sometimes this is a result of jaw joint discomfort (TMJ), especially when a TMJ disorder already exists.
8. Bleeding - significant bleeding is not common, but persistent oozing can be expected for several hours.
9. Sharp ridges or bone splinters may form later at the edge of the socket. These usually require additional surgery to smooth or remove.
10. Incomplete removal of tooth - to avoid injury to vital structures such as nerves or sinus, sometimes small root tips may be left in place.
11. Sinus involvement - the root can be displaced into the sinus or an opening may occur into the mouth which may require additional care.
12. Jaw fracture - while quite rare, it is possible in difficult or deeply impacted teeth.



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Most procedures are routine and serious complications are not expected. Those which do occur are most often minor and can be treated.

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