

CONSENT TO PROCEED

I authorize Dr. Hammond and/or Dr. Ellis and such assistances as they may designate to perform those procedures as may be deemed necessary or advisable to maintain my dental health or the dental health of any minor or other individual for which I have responsibility, including arrangement and/or administration of any sedative (including nitrous oxide), analgesic, therapeutic, and/or other pharmaceutical agent(s), including those related to restorative, palliative, therapeutic, or surgical treatments.

I understand that the administration of local anesthetic may cause an unpleasant reaction or side effects, which may include, but are not limited to bruising; hematoma; cardiac stimulation; muscle soreness; and temporary or rarely, permanent numbness. I understand that occasionally needles break and may require surgical retrieval.

I understand that as part of dental treatment, including preventive procedures such as cleanings and basic dentistry including fillings of all types, teeth may remain sensitive or even possibly quite painful both during and after complication of treatment. After lengthy appointments, jaw muscles may also be sore or tender. Gums and surrounding tissues may also be sensitive or painful during and/or after treatment. Although rare, it is also possible for the tongue, cheek, or other oral tissues to be inadvertently abraded or lacerated (cut) during routine dental procedures. In some cases sutures or additional treatment may be required.

I understand that as part of dental treatment items including but not limited to crowns, small instruments, drill components, etc. may be aspirated (inhaled into the respiratory system) or swallowed. This unusual situation may require a series of x-rays to be taken by a physician or hospital and may, in rare cases, require bronchoscopy or other procedures to ensure safe removal.

I do voluntarily assume any and all possible risks of substantial and serious harm, if any, which may be associated with general preventive and operative treatment procedures in hopes of obtaining the potential desired results, which may or may not be achieved, for the benefit of my minor child or ward. I acknowledge the nature and purpose of the foregoing procedures have been explained to me and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions.

Patient Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Patient, legal guardian, or authorized agent of patient)

Witness: _____ Date: _____