

Sinus: The roots of the upper teeth lie very close to the sinus. Manipulation of the teeth during surgery may make a hole into the sinus. Small holes usually repair themselves. Larger holes may require another procedure to close the hole.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLICATIONS RESULTING FROM REMOVAL OF TEETH

Any operation carries some risk. This is reduced by pre-operative appraisal of your physical condition, by careful preparation of instruments and facilities, and by the skill of the operator.

The wound remaining after a tooth is removed may be large, and healing may be delayed because the body is unable to build normal tissue as with a small wound. Fortunately, in the upper jaw, healing usually proceeds uneventfully. In the lower jaw, however, 80-90% of the tooth sockets will heal promptly while 10-20% will take longer and might need some type of dressing every few days. For this reason, it is not wise for patients to leave at once on a long trip or go where they could not secure good care by a dentist.

There is often some bleeding afterward, but this will usually be slight. Instructions will be given to tell you what to do if more serious bleeding should occur.

Swelling is also a complication that may occur. Instruction will also be given that explains how to reduce swelling.

Lower teeth, especially molars, often rest on the sensory nerve on the lower jaw. Sometimes, in spite of all precautions, this nerve is bruised, slightly torn, or even cut in two. The result will be numbness of the lower lip, chin and all the teeth on that side. This effect does not last more than a few weeks in most cases, improving as the nerve repairs itself and regenerates. Very rarely it may last as long as two years or longer.

Upper molars lie against the wall of the maxillary sinus. Occasionally during surgery, the thin wall of bone cracks creating a hole into the sinus. As a rule this requires little treatment for correct healing.

Sometimes adjacent teeth are weakened or damaged as a result of tooth removal; therefore, they must be considered on probation for a period of three to six months.

Small root tips and/or bone chips might remain after tooth removal in spite of every effort to fully remove them. They will either remain in place with no complications or gradually work their way to the gum surface at which time they can easily be removed.

An extreme rare complication of tooth removal is jaw fracture. If a fracture should occur during tooth removal, all necessary procedures will be accomplished in order to repair the fracture.

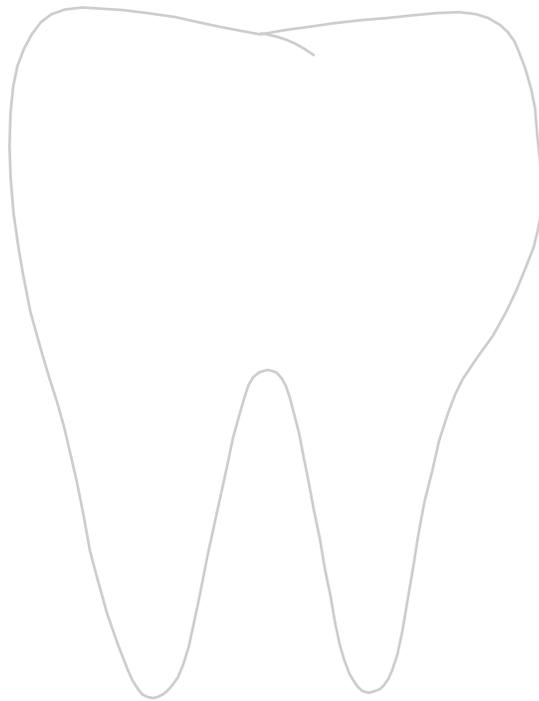
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I have carefully read and understood this information sheet as well as verbal instructions explained to me _____ Date: _____

Signature

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