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General Consent for the future use of Local Anesthetic

Over the course of your treatment in our office, you may need a procedure which requires the use of a local anesthetic. Local anesthetics are used to reduce pain and make your treatment comfortable. They also give the doctor or hygienist a field to work in that is stable, due to the absence of pain. Local anesthetic is safe and effective; however, some of the risks involved that you should be aware of before treatment are:

1. You may experience soreness, bruising and discomfort. These symptoms may require medication but should resolve in a few days.
2. Because we are dealing with the nerves, vessels, muscles, and tendons in your mouth, you may experience some alteration of the normal nerve sensation (including: itching, burning, numbness, or pain); also signs and symptoms of hematoma (including: edema or swelling and bruising) for a short period of time, although rarely, these effects may be indefinite.
3. Reactions to anesthetic may also include, but are not limited to lightheadedness, nervousness, apprehension, euphoria, confusion, dizziness, drowsiness, tinnitus, blurred or double vision, vomiting, sensations of heat, cold or numbness, twitching, tremors, convulsions, unconsciousness, respiratory depression and arrest. These reactions are generally very brief or may not occur at all.

If you experience any of these symptoms, please tell us immediately. We invite you to ask any questions regarding material you have read. By signing below you acknowledge that you have read this document, understand the information, have had all of your questions answered to your satisfaction, and are giving consent for the use of local anesthetics to be used in your treatment.

Print Patient Name

Date

Patient Signature