

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CROWN AND BRIDGE PROSTHETICS

I understand that treatment of dental conditions requiring a crown and/or fixed bridgework includes certain risks and possible unsuccessful results, even the possibility of failure. Even though care and diligence are exercised in the treatment of conditions requiring crowns and bridgework and fabrication of same, there are no promises or guarantees of anticipated results or the longevity of treatment. I agree to assume those risks, possible unsuccessful results and/or failure associated with, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Reduction of tooth structure:** In order to restore decayed or otherwise traumatized teeth it is necessary to modify the existing tooth/teeth so that a crown and/or bridge may be placed. Tooth preparation will be done as conservatively as possible.
- 2. Sensitivity of teeth:** Often, after the preparation of teeth for the reception of either a crown or bridge, the teeth may exhibit sensitivity. It may be mild to severe, last for a short period of time or may last for much longer periods. If it is persistent, notify us.
- 3. Crowned or bridge abutment teeth may subsequently require root canal treatment:** There is the possibility that after being crowned teeth may develop conditions known as pulpitis or pulpal degeneration. Usually, this cannot be predetermined. The tooth/teeth may have been traumatized from an accident, deep decay, extensive preparation, or other causes. Should teeth remain appreciably sensitive for a prolonged period of time, it may be necessary to attempt root canal treatment. Infrequently, the tooth/teeth may abscess or otherwise not heal completely. In this event, periapical surgery or even extraction may be necessary.
- 4. Breakage:** Crowns and bridges are subject to chipping and/or breaking. There are many factors that may contribute to this including mastication of excessively hard materials, changes in the occlusal forces exerted, traumatic blows to the mouth, etc. Many times, unobservable cracks may develop in crowns from the aforementioned causes, but the crown/bridge may actually break at a later time for no apparent reason. Seldom does breakage or chipping occur due to defective construction or materials. If this may be the reason, the break should occur soon after placement.
- 5. Uncomfortable or strange feeling:** This may occur because of the differences between natural teeth and artificial replacements. Normally, a patient will become accustomed to this feeling in time.
- 6. Esthetics or appearance:** Patients will be given the opportunity to observe the appearance of a crown or bridge in their mouth prior to final cementation. If satisfactory, this satisfaction will be acknowledged by an entry into the patient's chart to be signed by the patient.
- 7. Longevity of crowns and bridges:** There are many variables that determine how long crowns and bridges can be expected to last. Among these are some of the factors mentioned above. In addition, general health, maintenance of good oral hygiene, regular dental checkups, diet, etc. can affect longevity. Because of this, no guarantees can be made or assumed.

INFORMED CONSENT: I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the nature and purpose of crown and/or bridge treatment and have received answers to my satisfaction. If necessary, I have been given the option of seeking endodontic therapy with a specialist. I voluntarily assume any and all possible risks, including the risk of substantial harm, if any, which may be associated with any phase of this treatment in hopes of obtaining the desired results, which may or may not be achieved. No guarantees or promises have been made to me concerning my recovery and/or results of the treatment to be rendered. The fee(s) for this service have been explained to me. By signing this form, I am freely giving my consent to allow and authorize Dr. Mitchell and/or his designated staff to render any treatment necessary or advisable to my dental conditions, including any and all anesthetics and/or medications. It is a patient's responsibility to seek attention should any undue or unexpected problems occur and to diligently follow any instructions, including the scheduling and attending of all appointments.

PATIENT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE