



Informed Consent and Authorization for Treatment

Saban Community Clinic (SCC) is dedicated to providing the best possible care for its patients. Basic general dentistry is provided to patients, which includes x-rays, exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions, limited dentures, and in some cases, root canal therapy (only when the tooth can be restored with a small filling afterwards and at the discretion of the treating dentist).

The Clinic does **NOT** provide the following services: crowns, bridges, veneers, implants, periodontal surgeries, braces, bleaching, and other cosmetic procedures.

I understand that SCC can only provide basic general dental care and I give my consent to have the procedures listed in my treatment plan. I further understand that dentistry, like other medical sciences, cannot guarantee the outcome of the treatment rendered which I have requested and authorized. I acknowledge that no guarantee or assurance has been made by anyone regarding my dental treatment. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that all medications, including local anesthetic, may cause **allergic reactions** that include, but are not limited to: redness, swelling, pain, itching, vomiting, and/or anaphylactic shock (a severe allergic reaction).

I understand that during treatment, it may be necessary to change or add to the procedures diagnosed because of conditions found while treating me. The most common is the need for root canal therapy when tooth decay reaches the nerve. I understand that thermal sensitivity can be expected after a tooth is restored but if the sensitivity persists, root canal therapy may be indicated. I understand that SCC may not provide this procedure and I will be referred to another clinic or private dentist at my own expense.

If I am referred for dental treatment beyond SCC's scope of practice, I acknowledge that I am fully responsible for following through with the referral and failure to do so could lead to further complications and possibly death.

ANESTHETIC INJECTIONS

The sensory nerves that must be anesthetized to numb the teeth we are treating are located behind, adjacent to, or underneath the muscles that open and close your mouth. Occasionally, a muscle fiber can react to this procedure by going into a spasm (also called a trismus) which can result in pain and limited mouth opening beginning either right after the dental treatment or up to several days later. If this happens, you must let your dentist know immediately. Treatment for this problem may include antibiotics, anti-inflammatory medication, physical therapy, home exercises, muscle injections to help break the spasm, light sedation in order to increase mouth opening, or a combination of these procedures. Though every precaution is taken to minimize the risk of this type of spasm occurring, there is no way to predict if or when it may occur.

WARNING: Restorative materials such as composite and amalgam filling, crowns, orthodontic appliances such as brackets and wires, and other materials used in dental treatment contain chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Name of Patient _____ Date _____

Signature of Patient/Guardian _____ Date _____