Informed Consent for Dental Treatment

X-rays:

Cleaning:
Proposed treatment: involves thorough cleaning of teeth to help heal inflamed or infected gum tissue. It involves removal of soft plaque build-up and harder calculus deposits above and below the gum line. Benefits of treatment: healthy oral environment; also, reduction/elimination of bleeding, odor, and periodontal disease. Alternatives of treatment: referrals for periodontal (gum) surgery according to the severity of condition. Common risks: bleeding, soreness, swelling, infection of tissue, hot and cold sensitivity, stiff or sore jaw joint. Consequences of not performing the treatment: discontinued of interrupted treatment could result into further inflammation and infection of gum tissues, lead to more tooth decay, and deterioration of surrounding bone structure which could lead to tooth loss.

Anesthetic:
Proposed treatment: injection of anesthetic to surrounding oral tissues. Benefits of treatment: numbness of tissue and muscle surrounding area of treatment to eliminate pain sensation. Alternatives of treatment: dental restorations performed with no anesthetic resulting in severe sensitivity and pain. Common risks: allergic reaction, irritation to nerve tissue, stiff or sore jaw joint, swelling of tissue, bruising, and may cause temporary or permanent paralysis. Consequences of not performing the treatment: severe pain and sensitivity.

Fillings:
Proposed treatment: to remove dental caries and replace with filling material to regain proper tooth anatomy. Benefits of treatment: restore tooth structure for proper function. Alternatives of treatment: temporary filling, crown, extraction. Common risks: allergic to filling material, tooth sensitivity, filling may come out. Consequences of not performing the treatment: further spread of decay, requiring root canal treatment or severe destruction resulting in tooth loss.

Root canal treatment and Pulpotomy:

Crown and bridge:
Proposed treatment: to strengthen a tooth damaged by decay or previous restoration, and protect a tooth that has had root canal treatment. Improve the biting surface, appearance of damaged, discolored, poorly spaced and/or missing teeth. Benefits of treatment: to restore or improve the appearance and strength of teeth. Alternatives of treatment: extraction or Orthodontic treatment (only in proper spacing, not damaged teeth). Common risks: irritation to surrounding tissue, inflammation, irritation to nerve tissue, stiff or sore jaw joint, sensitivity to hot and cold, also possible root canal treatment. Consequences of not performing the treatment: further destruction, nerve exposure, loss of tooth function, root canal treatment.

Extraction:

I have read and understand the entire information on this consent from, which includes x-rays, cleaning, anesthetic, fillings, root canal treatment, pulpotomy, crown, bridge, and extraction. All my questions were answered to my full understanding and satisfaction.

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Signature of patient, parent, or legal guardian.                     Date