

I understand that treatment of dental conditions requiring **Crowns and/or Fixed Bridgework** includes certain risks and possible unsuccessful results, including the possibility of failure. Even though care and diligence is 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 the treatment. Nevertheless, I agree to assume the risks, possible unsuccessful results and/or failure associated with, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Reduction of Tooth Structure:** In order to replace decayed or otherwise traumatized teeth it is necessary to modify the existing tooth or teeth so that crowns (caps) and/or bridges may be placed upon them. Tooth preparation will be done as conservatively as possible.

- 2. Injury:** During the reduction of tooth structure or adjustments done to temporary restorations, it is possible for the tongue, cheek or other oral tissues to be inadvertently abraded or lacerated (cut). In some cases sutures or additional treatment may be required.

- 3. Local Anesthesia:** In order to reduce tooth structure without causing undue pain during the procedure, it will be necessary to administer local anesthetic. Such administration may cause reactions or side effects which include, but are not limited to, bruising, hematoma, cardiac stimulation, temporary or, rarely permanent numbness of the tongue, lips, teeth, jaws and/or facial tissues, and muscle soreness.

- 4. Sensitivity of Teeth:** Often, after the preparation of teeth for the reception of either crowns or bridges, the teeth may exhibit sensitivity, which can range from mild to severe. This sensitivity may last only for a short period of time or may last for much longer periods. If sensitivity is persistent, Gunnerson Dental should be notified immediately such that all possible causes of the sensitivity may be ascertained.

- 5. Crowned or Bridge Abutment Teeth May Require Root Canal Treatment Subsequently:** Teeth after being crowned may develop a condition known as pulpitis or pulpal degeneration. Usually, this cannot be predetermined. The tooth or teeth may have been traumatized from an accident, deep decay, extensive preparation, or other causes. It is often necessary to do root canal treatment in these teeth, particularly if teeth remain appreciably sensitive for a long period of time following crowning. Infrequently, the tooth (teeth) may abscess or otherwise not heal completely. In this event, periapical surgery or even extraction may be necessary.

- 6. Breakage:** Crowns and bridges may possibly chip or break. Many factors can contribute to this situation such as chewing excessively hard materials, changes in biting forces exerted, traumatic blows to the mouth, etc. Unobservable cracks may develop in crowns for these causes, but crowns/bridges may not actually break until chewing soft foods, or for no apparent reason. Breakage or chipping seldom occurs due to defective materials or construction unless it occurs soon after placement. If an occlusal guard (night guard) is recommended or made but not worn by the patient, there will be an increased risk of breakage or fracture of the crown/fixed bridgework.

- 7. Esthetics or Appearance:** Patients will be given the opportunity to observe the appearance of crowns or bridges in their mouths prior to final cementation. If satisfactory, this fact will be acknowledged by the patient's signature (or signature of legal guardian) on the back of this form where indicated.

- 8. Longevity of Crowns and/or 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 in preceding paragraphs. In addition, general health, good oral hygiene, regular dental checkups, diet, etc., can affect longevity. Because of this, no guarantees can be made or assumed to be made concerning how long crown and bridgework will last.

It is the patients responsibility to seek attention from the dentist should any undue or unexpected problems occur. The patient must diligently follow any and all instructions, including the scheduling and attending of all appointments. Failure to keep the cementation appointment can result in ultimate failure of the crown/bridge to fit properly and an additional fee may be assessed.

Informed Consent: I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the nature and purpose of **Crown and/or Bridge Prosthetics** and have received answers to my satisfaction. I understand that my crown is being processed in an in-house lab and there may be additional fees for higher quality materials and patient convenience involved in the production of my crown. I do voluntarily assume any and all possible risks including, but not limited to, those listed above, including risk of substantial harm, if any, which may be associated with any phase of this treatment in hopes of obtaining the desired potential results, which may or may not be achieved. No promises or guarantees have been made to me concerning the results. The fee(s) for this service have been explained to me and are satisfactory. By signing this document, I am freely giving my consent to allow and authorize Gunnerson Dental and/or their associates or agents to render any treatment necessary and/or advisable to my dental condition(s), including prescribing and administering any and all anesthetics and/or medications. I understand it is my responsibility to inform the doctor of ALL the medications I am currently taking as well as any allergies.

-Warranty Information-

Gunnerson Dental Warranties all the treatment done by the Dentist and associates at this practice. The warranty is valid when all diagnosed treatment that involves/carries decay is completed within 60 days of starting the restorative work. This is to ensure that decay does not spread to restorations that have already been completed. Patients are also required to attend regular 6 months hygiene visits so the doctor who performed the treatment can check the work and make sure it is being taken care of adequately. Patients who have been diagnosed with periodontal disease are required to attend the prescribed periodontal maintenance visits in order to maintain their warranty. In the instance that any previous work needs to be addressed a discount may be applied depending on how recently the work was done. If the doctor has not been given the chance to examine the work we cannot ensure that there hasn't been other damage or extenuating circumstances that may have affected the integrity of the work.

Sign Form

To the best of my knowledge, the questions on this form have been accurately answered. I understand that providing incorrect information can be dangerous to my (or patients') health. It is my responsibility to inform the dental office of any changes in medical status.

I consent to use Electronic Records and Signatures.: []

Relation to Patient:

I certify that I have explained to the patient and/or the patient's legal representative the nature, purpose, benefits, known risks, complications, and alternatives to the proposed procedure. The patient and/or patient's legal representative has voiced an understanding of the information given. I have answered all questions to the best of my knowledge, and I believe that the patient and/or legal representative fully understands what I have explained.

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