

Consent for Biopsy Procedure

I have been informed that there is/are suspicious area(s) in my mouth and a biopsy is recommended. I understand that a biopsy is a surgical procedure whereby a sample of tissue is taken for microscopic study to determine if it is normal. Depending on my specific situation, the Periodontist may:

- Remove the suspected tissue totally. If the biopsy report is suspicious, it may be necessary to return to the area to remove additional tissues to obtain a margin of safety, or
- Remove only enough tissue to get a good sample, leaving the remaining tissue behind. This is usually done when the lesion is large, it is suspected to be benign, or the removal of all of it at this time would be unnecessarily difficult. However, if the biopsy report is suspicious, the entire lesion may have to be removed later.

Principal Risks and Complications: I understand that a biopsy requires an incision(s) in my mouth which will require stitches, and sometimes the removal of bone tissue. It has been explained that there are certain risks associated with the surgery, including (but not limited to):

- Post-operative discomfort and swelling that may require several days of home recuperation. Prolonged bleeding.
- Post-operative infection, requiring additional treatment, including antibiotic therapy and/or surgery.
- Restricted mouth opening for several days, weeks or longer; injury to the jaw joint (TMJ), which in remote instances, may be permanent and/or require additional treatment.
- Injury to other soft tissues of the mouth, including gums, cheek, palate, lips, throat and tongue.
- Stretching of the corners of the mouth with resultant cracking and bruising.
- Injury to sensory nerve branches in the area of the biopsy which may result in pain or a tingling or numb feeling in the lip, chin, tongue, cheek, gums or teeth. Usually this disappears slowly over several weeks or months, but occasionally the effects may be permanent.
- Opening of the sinus (a normal cavity situated above the upper teeth) requiring additional surgery
- If bone tissue is removed, healing may take longer, some complications may be more likely (for example, bleeding), and the biopsy report may take longer due to special processing requirements.
- There is always a possibility of the lesion recurring in the same area, even when it appears to be totally removed.
- Reactions to medications, anesthetics, sutures, etc.

I understand that during the course of the procedure(s), unforeseen conditions may be revealed that necessitate a change in treatment plan, or additional treatment, in which case the Periodontist will explain to me the change and the reason for it. I authorize the Periodontist to perform treatment, which was not originally planned if the Periodontist deems it is necessary in the exercise of professional judgment.

No Warranty or Guarantee: I hereby acknowledge that no guarantee, warranty or assurance has been given to me that the proposed treatment will be successful. I recognize that, as noted above, there are risks and potential complications.

Publication of Records: I authorize photographs and radiographs of my care and treatment during or after its completion to be used for the advancement of dentistry and or reimbursement purposes. My identity will not be revealed to the general public, however, without my permission.

I certify that I have read, understood, and consent to the terms put forth in this document: