

# **DI LORETO DENTAL CARE, PC**

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## **HELPFUL INFORMATION CONCERNING SURGICAL REMOVING OF TEETH AND SEDATION**

Your comfort, care and understanding of planned surgery are important to all of us who wish to help you in this office.

**IN GENERAL**—Teeth may become trapped (impacted) where there is not enough space in the bone of the jaws. Some badly decayed or broken teeth have little or no structure remaining above the gum. For those situations, surgical removal is necessary and is an operation made painless through anesthesia and sometimes helped further with sedation.

Surgery may require incision of soft tissues, removal of bone division of roots and closure using sutures. After such an operation, a degree of discomfort, some oozing of blood, swelling, limitation of jaw function and skin discoloration can be expected for several days. Medication and specific instructions for your early home care are important in order to foster healing and prevent possible complications, such as infection or dry socket.

**LOWER TEETH**—It is common for embedded or impacted teeth to develop roots which are in contact with major nerves and that pass through and around the jaw. The relationship may occasionally lead to a prolonged numb sensation in the lower lip or chin and more rarely to the tongue on that side. Usually this is temporary, lasting on some occasions for weeks or months.

**UPPER BACK TEETH**—The roots of these teeth often project into the sinus and during extraction there is a possibility of a fractures root entry or of the creation of an opening through the tooth socket. Roots can be removed surgically. When the sinus is healthy, there generally is uneventful healing of the openings. If the sinus is one that contains infection or the bone defect is large, a fistula or communication between mouth and sinus can result. An operation may be necessary to close such an opening. The sinus situation is always carefully respected in order to keep unavoidable problems to an absolute minimum.

**SEDATION**-- If sedation is used to make your operation less stressful, an agent may be injected into a vein in your arm or you may inhale a gasoxygen mixture. The sleepy or relaxing effects of the drugs used for this purpose may last for several hours after the completion of the appointment. Therefore, you must not drive or engage in hazardous activities. Occasionally, the injection site in the arm may appear bruised or feel firm or irritated for several days with general uneventful recovery.

## **OUR CONCERN IS FOR YOUR WELFARE, BOTH DURING YOUR PROCEDURE AND THROUGHOUT YOUR RECOVERY.**

I have read and understand the information presented above regarding removal of teeth and use of sedation.

**PATIENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_