

Consent for Dental Treatment at the Poulsbo Dental Center

I, _____ hereby authorize
Patient Name

Dr. Brian Thornton, Dr. Jennifer Thornton and Dr. Eldon Larson and their staff members to perform the procedures listed on my treatment plan.

I understand that even with the best of intentions, sometimes treatment needs expand as decay can be hidden inside the tooth. In such situations, the dentist may need to make the decision to proceed with a larger restoration (ie larger filling or a crown) than was originally planned. Also, teeth don't always act predictably, and additional treatment may sometimes be necessary such as a root canal and sometimes even extraction. Our office strives to do what we can to avoid such complications, but on rare occasions, situations do arise. In some individuals, jaw tenderness or tooth discomfort may be present after longer appointments. If this affects you, be sure to let your provider know so that they can recommend a homecare regimen. A complimentary follow-up visit to check the bite can be scheduled to help ease the discomfort.

Very rarely, more serious complications from dental treatment can arise including nerve injury, allergic reaction and life threatening situations. Providing us with accurate health history, medication/supplement and physician information helps our doctors do the best we can to minimize the chance of having complications to the best of our ability.

We ask parents/guardians of children to not leave the building while their children are treated. There are several reasons for this: 1) Information on child's dental status can be accurately communicated from the dentist to the parent/guardian 2) We update health information at each appointment and need to be aware of changes 3) Sometimes decisions need to be made regarding what type of filling to be done or we need consent to perform additional procedures than were originally scheduled 4) Behavior management sometimes becomes an issue and the patient needs the parent present.

For our patients with dental insurance, we do our best to obtain accurate estimates on our treatment plans from the insurance company. However, sometimes these are not completely accurate due to a change in the treatment needed, an insurance denial or incorrect insurance information. Please keep us informed of any changes to your insurance plan. It is our goal to keep our estimates as accurate as possible.

Please don't hesitate to ask the doctor or team member if you have any questions.

Patient, Parent or Guardian

Date