INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR DENTAL TREATMENT.

FILLINGS:

**BENEFITS:**
- Eliminate decay.
- Relieve pain.
- Fill in a hole or a space in a tooth.
- Cover eroded areas.
- Protect a sensitive tooth.

**POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:**
- Tooth may abscess from filling, may fracture tooth, tooth may be sensitive to temperature change, toxicity from silver filling is alleged by some, filling may fall out.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE OR POSTPONING:**
- May lose the tooth.
- Tooth may fracture.
- Decayed will get larger.
- Pain will get worse.
- May result in need a root canal.

**ALTERNATIVES:**
- Temporary filling, extraction.

BONDED FACINGS:

**BENEFITS:**
- Aesthetics — they look nicer.
- Cover crooked teeth.
- Close spaces and gaps.
- Cover discolored teeth.

**POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:**
- Edges can stain after a time and need to freshened up (additional fee).
- Breakage may occur, resulting in need for a remake, difficult to remove.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE OR POSTPONING:**
- None (other than appearance).

**ALTERNATIVES:**
- Crowns.

LOCAL ANESTHETICS:

**BENEFITS:**
- Avoid pain, during treatment and procedures.

**POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:**
- Prolonged numbness may extend beyond normal, nerve damage, bruising (hematoma), in rare instances, possible complications may include all those applicable to General Anesthesia, including allergic reactions up to and including death. (separate detail information sheet is available upon request).

**CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE OR POSTPONING:**
- Mild to severe pain during and after treatment.

**ALTERNATIVES:**
- Willingness to accept pain during and after treatment.

CROWNS-CAPS:

**BENEFITS:**
- Make you look nicer (cosmetic).
- To repair a tooth that is badly broken down.
- To prevent a tooth from fracturing.
- To restore a tooth that has been broken.
- To eliminate a space where food is being trapped.
- To hold a false tooth in place as part of a bridge.
- To make a solid structure to attach a partial denture.
- To splint loose teeth together to strengthen them.
- The tooth no longer can be filled.

**POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:**
- Porcelain portion of the crown may fracture, crown may come off and need to be recemented, tooth may abscess and require further treatment (may not show up until later), future decay may require a filling or a new crown.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE OR POSTPONING:**
- Tooth will probably fracture.
- Tooth may need to be extracted.
- May need a root canal in addition to the crown.
- May need bridge work or dentures.

**ALTERNATIVES:**
- Extraction, temporary crown, steel crown.

BRIDGE WORK:

**BENEFITS:**
- Make you look nicer.
- To replace missing teeth.
- Missing teeth are not removable.
- Some of the same advantages as crowns.
- Can improve chewing efficiency.

**POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:**
- Same as crowns.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE OR POSTPONING:**
- Teeth will drift and lean over.
- May lose back teeth due to shifting.
- Periodontal problems (gum disease).
- Can reduce chewing efficiency.

**ALTERNATIVES:**
- Partial, temporary partial, no teeth in spaces.
PARTIAL (removable bridge work):

**BENEFITS:**
Cost.

**POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:**
Can wear on teeth.
Can rock or stress teeth — may loosen natural teeth.
Metal clasps are sometimes visible.
Decay can occur under clasps.
Usually some movement from the partial.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE OR POSTPONING:**
Same as bridge work.

**ALTERNATIVES:**
Bridge work, temporary partial, keep spaces without teeth placement.

**ROOT CANAL:**

**BENEFITS:**
Eliminate infection.
Relieve pain.
Save tooth.

**POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:**
Undiagnosable root fracture means failure and extraction.
Undiagnosable auxiliary canal means failure and extraction.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING WORK DONE OR POSTPONING:**
Extraction of tooth.

**ALTERNATIVES:**
Extraction.
Bridge work.