

# HOLDBROOK PEDIATRIC DENTAL LLC

## POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS FROM TOOTH EXTRACTIONS

### Infection

This is possible with any extraction procedure and may require further treatment and/or medications if it does occur.

### Swelling, Bruising, and Pain

These can occur with any extraction and vary from patient to patient and from one surgery to another.

### Trismus

This is a limited opening of the jaws due to inflammation and/or swelling in the muscles.

### TMJ Dysfunction

This means the jaw joint may not function properly and, although rare, may require treatment ranging from use of heat and rest to further surgery.

### Bleeding

Although significant bleeding can occur during or after an extraction, it is not common. Some bleeding is, however, usual for most extractions.

### Drug Reaction

A reaction is possible from any medication given and could include nausea, rash, antihypertensive shock and/or death.

## ANESTHESIA

### Local Anesthesia

Certain possible risks exist that swelling, bruising, infection, nerve damage, idiosyncratic or allergic reactions.

## ALL TOOTH EXTRACTIONS

### Dry Socket

This is significant pain in the jaw and ear due to loss of the blood clot and is possible with any extraction. This may require additional office visits to treat.

### Damage to other fillings and/or teeth

Due to the close proximity of teeth, it is possible to damage other teeth and/or fillings when a tooth is removed. This may require further restorative treatments to the teeth.

### Sharp Ridges or Bone Splinters

Occasionally, after the extraction, the edge of the socket will be sharp or a bone splinter will come out through the gum. This may require another surgery to smooth or remove the bone splinter.

### Incomplete Removal of Tooth Fragments

There are times the doctor may decide to leave in a fragment or root of a tooth in order to avoid doing damage to adjacent structures such as nerves, sinuses, etc.

## LOWER TEETH

### Numbness

Numbness, pain or altered sensations in the teeth, gums, lip, tongue (including possible loss of taste sensation) and chin, due to the closeness of tooth roots to the nerves which can be bruised or damaged. Almost always, sensation returns to normal but in rare cases, the loss may be permanent.

## UPPER TEETH

### Sinus Involvement

Due to the location of the root (especially the upper back teeth) to the sinus, it is possible an opening may develop from the sinus to the mouth or that a root may be displaced into the sinus. A possible sinus infection and/or permanent opening from the mouth to the sinus could develop and may require medications and/or later surgery to correct.

### Jaw Fracture

While quite rare, it is possible in difficult extractions.

## OTHER OR ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS

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I have read/or discussed the preceding risks that may occur in connection with this procedure. I have been presented with all alternative treatment options to extraction(s). I have been given and understand sufficient information to give my consent to the above surgery.

**Patient/Legal Representative Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_