

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR IMPLANTS CONSENT

- 1) List all consequence of no treatment: - multiple relines for dentures, bone resorption, teeth drifting, collapse of vertical height, reduced function and aesthetic. (4)
- 2) Implants vs Bridges - dis-used bony atrophy at pontics, cutting of sound teeth, poor periodontal health.
- 3) Financial considerations - long term maintenance fee, aesthetic abutments.
- 4) Best Treatment Alternatives - Types of Implants and abutment used.
- 5) Prognosis/post-operative complications - pain, swelling, infections, damage to tissues and teeth, good oral hygiene, general health and social habits. Special attention to mal-nutrition and slow healers.
- 6) Extra fee for 'back door' procedure - fractured screws, abutment, wear and tears. No permanent guarantee should be stressed.
- 7) Expected Benefits

FORMAT AND CONTENT OF IMPLANTS CONSENT

For crisis management purposes, long listed pages were designed to protect surgeons. A simple information leaflet pointing out the risks and outcomes of the procedure together with basic instructions to patient is sufficient for general purpose.

Patient is instructed to take consent home and read carefully for a few days and review with dentist before signing it.

The purpose and format of consent is to evidence the fact that the patient acknowledges full understanding of these key points: -

- 1) Express understanding and agree to the treatment plan, alternatives, non-treatment risks.

- 2) Success is not guaranteed and further surgeries may involve costs.
- 3) Risks and complications do exist.
- 4) Avoid smoking and heavy alcohol and sugar consumption.
- 5) Implants parts may break and require cost for procedures.
- 6) Authorisation to perform LA, IV, GA sedations.
- 7) No driving for 24 hours after surgeries.
- 8) Approval to modify designs, plans by surgeons
- 9) Report accurately medical conditions and health status.
- 10) Authorise to take photos, X-rays for records.
- 11) To improve patients recall and recognition of the warnings, the document is duly signed with witness and copies for retention. (5)
- 12) Approvals for photos and video for studies and researches purposes.

12 CONSENT KEY POINTS USED IN ENGLAND

- 1) Obtain consent before any treatment
- 2) Ensure patient is capable and competent to weight information
- 3) Patient may be partially competent and make certain decision only
- 4) Review consent periodically
- 5) Seek consent from parents for children under 18
- 6) Seek colleagues' consent if unable to perform certain procedures
- 7) Sufficient information on risk / benefits
- 8) Require patient's voluntary action, not duress
- 9) Signature is needed but not necessarily valid if patient confused
- 10) Competent patient is also entitled to refuse treatment
- 11) No one can act for incompetent adults
- 12) Advanced refusal is valid for incompetent patients if they were refused same treatment before (6) **DA**

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