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POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS OF DENTAL TREATMENT

1. **Tooth Sensitivity.** This is possible following any type of dental treatment.
2. **Fracture** of remaining tooth structure and need for additional restoration or possible loss of tooth. For example, large fillings may end up requiring root canal therapy and/or crowns. Fractures may lead to need for extraction and replacement of the missing tooth. (Additional fees not included in our estimate.)
3. **Changes in the bite** may occur, which could possibly lead to joint pain and temporomandibular joint dysfunction.
4. Difficulty eating, drinking or talking may also occur.
5. Specialty care may be required to correct any or all of the aforementioned complications. (Fees not included in our estimate.)

TREATMENT LIMITATIONS

1. Fillings, bondings, crowns and other restorations are man-made and not as durable as your natural teeth. These restorations will wear out with use and will require the need for replacement over time. The most common cause of failure of any restoration is recurrent decay. *Even when a tooth has a crown placed, decay is still possible. Proper oral hygiene is required to maintain the integrity of this restoration, especially at the junction of the tooth and the crown.* Failure of a restoration due to recurrent decay most often requires complete replacement of the restoration.
2. Root canal therapy has been responsible for saving many teeth and providing many more years of good service. However, even after completion of endodontic therapy, a tooth may still remain uncomfortable. Teeth that have been treated with root canal therapy may become brittle and are weaker than healthy teeth which may lead to fracture and possible loss of the tooth. Teeth that have had root canal therapy may re-abscess in the future and require further treatment with a specialist or possibly extraction.
3. Removable prosthetics (dentures, partial dentures, implant borne prosthetics) may have poor fit due to poor supporting bone or tissue changes. Three free adjustments will be made, then office visit fees will be incurred thereafter.

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS OF DELAYING OR AVOIDING TREATMENT

1. Continued breakdown of teeth and gums.
2. Loss of teeth, which can lead to poor nutrition and medical complications.
3. Infection and decline of overall health.
4. Cosmetic deficiencies.

Note: Oral surgery (tooth extractions, electrosurgery, bony recontouring, periodontal surgery, endodontic surgery) may cause pain, swelling, bleeding, infection, loss of additional teeth, loss of prosthetics already present or adjacent to the area of surgery, sensitive teeth, devitalized teeth, nerve damage – numbness temporary or permanent, and/or dry sockets. Further procedures both in our office and/or with a specialist may be necessary.

Potential complications which generate additional fees are not included in our estimate.

I have read and understand the above information.

Signature of Patient

Date

Signature of Staff Member