

Patient name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Informed Consent for Dental X-rays**

Dental x-rays allow the dentist to diagnose and treat conditions that cannot be detected during a clinical examination. Dental x-ray films detect much more than cavities. For example, x-rays may be needed to assess erupting teeth, diagnose bone diseases, evaluate the results of an injury, or plan orthodontic treatment. If dental problems are found and treated early, before they become visible or painful, dental care is much more comfortable and affordable. Dental x-rays are a part of a comprehensive oral examination.

It is your choice whether or not to have dental x-rays for your child. Please indicate your choice below and let the dentist, hygienist, or staff member know if you change your mind at any time.

- I give consent for dental x-rays as needed.
- I DO NOT give consent for dental x-rays.

### **Informed Consent for Fluoride**

Fluoride is effective in preventing and reversing the early signs of dental caries (tooth decay). Researchers have shown that there are several ways through which fluoride achieves its decay preventive effects. Fluoride incorporates into the tooth structure making it stronger resulting in teeth that are more resistant to acid attacks. Fluoride also acts to repair or remineralize areas in which acid attacks have already begun.

Fluoride not only helps prevent new decay from developing, it also helps protect existing dental work so that fillings are replaced less frequently, decreases sensitivity, makes teeth last longer and saves you money! Fluoride is most effective when applied after the dental cleaning after all the plaque and build up have been removed from the tooth's surface. It is our office protocol to apply fluoride varnish at each routine care appointment for your child to receive maximum benefit.

It is your choice whether or not to have fluoride placed for your child during their dental cleaning appointments. Please indicate your choice below and let the dentist, hygienist, or staff member know if you change your mind at any time.

- I give consent to apply fluoride varnish twice a year.
- I DO NOT give consent to apply fluoride varnish twice a year.

### **Informed consent for Dental Sealants**

Dental sealants are a thin, plastic coating painted on the chewing surfaces of teeth -- usually the back teeth (the premolars and molars) -- to prevent tooth decay.

It is your choice whether or not to have sealants placed for your child during their dental cleaning appointments. Please indicate your choice below and let the dentist, hygienist, or staff member know if you change your mind at any time.

- I give consent for needed sealants
- I DO NOT give consent for sealants.

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