Wisdom Teeth Removal

**A. Interpreter / cultural needs**

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**B. Condition and treatment**

The dentist has explained that you have the following condition: *(Dentist to document in patient's own words)*

This condition requires the following procedure. *(Dentist to document - include site and side where relevant to the procedure)*

The following dental treatment will be performed:

Removal of ..............wisdom teeth. *(Oral surgeon/dentist to document number of teeth to be removed)*

**C. Risks of wisdom teeth removal**

There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

**General risks:**

- Bleeding could occur and may require a return to the operating room. Bleeding is more common if you have been taking blood thinning drugs such as Warfarin, Aspirin, Clopidogrel (Plavix or Iscover) or Dipyridamole (Persantin or Asasantin).
- Small areas of the lung can collapse, increasing the risk of chest infection. This may need antibiotics and physiotherapy.
- Increased risk in obese people of wound infection, chest infection, heart and lung complications, and thrombosis.
- Heart attack or stroke could occur due to the strain on the heart.
- Blood clot in the leg (DVT) causing pain and swelling. In rare cases part of the clot may break off and go to the lungs.
- Death as a result of this procedure is possible.

**Specific risks:**

- Infection of the extraction socket (dry socket). This may cause some pain and discomfort, but is usually easily managed by the oral surgeon/ dentist.
- Biting of the numb lip which may cause damage after the teeth have been removed. You will be watched closely by your parent/ carer until the numbness wears off.
- Damage to the Inferior Dental Nerve on each side of the Mandible (lower jaw). This nerve passes very close to the root of the lower wisdom tooth (often in contact with it) and gives feeling to the lower teeth, lower lip and chin on that side.
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- The wisdom tooth root tip may break off in small pieces – less than 1mm - when the tooth is taken out.
- The oral surgeon/dentist may not remove those pieces if there is a chance that the nerves or other structures may be damaged during removal.
- Damage to teeth growing tightly against the wisdom teeth during removal of the wisdom teeth.
- Weakness of the jaw due to removal of the wisdom teeth. The jaw may break during the procedure or during the healing period.
- If the upper teeth are close to the sinuses, removal may cause a hole between the mouth and the sinuses. This may need further surgery.

**D. Significant risks and procedure options**

*(Dentist to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)*

**E. Risks of not having this procedure**

*(Dentist to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)*

**F. Anaesthetic**

This procedure may require an anaesthetic. *(Dentist to document type of anaesthetic discussed)*
G. Patient consent

I acknowledge that the dentist has explained;

- my dental condition and the proposed procedure, including additional treatment if the dentist finds something unexpected. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me.
- the anaesthetic required for this procedure. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me.
- other relevant procedure options and their associated risks.
- my prognosis and the risks of not having the procedure.
- that no guarantee has been made that the procedure will improve my condition even though it has been carried out with due professional care.
- the procedure may include a blood transfusion.
- I understand that other dental procedures may be done if further dental disease is found during the procedure, or to correct other problems in my mouth.
- I understand that if teeth are removed during the dental treatment, that these may be retained for training purposes and then disposed of sensitively.
- if immediate life-threatening events happen during the procedure, they will be treated based on my discussions with the doctor or my Acute Resuscitation Plan.
- a dentist other than the consultant may conduct the procedure. I understand this could be a doctor undergoing further training.

I have been given the following Patient Information Sheet/s:
- About Your Anaesthetic
- Wisdom Teeth Removal

I was able to ask questions and raise concerns with the doctor about my condition, the proposed procedure and its risks, and my treatment options. My questions and concerns have been discussed and answered to my satisfaction.

I understand I have the right to change my mind at any time, including after I have signed this form but, preferably following a discussion with my dentist.

I understand that image/s or video footage may be recorded as part of and during my procedure and that these image/s or video/s will assist the dentist to provide appropriate treatment.

On the basis of the above statements,
1. What is wisdom teeth removal?
Removal of wisdom teeth as listed on the consent form. There will be some pain and swelling following a tooth extraction. This may require painkillers. There will also be bleeding of the socket. This is usually minor and easily controlled by applying pressure.

2. My anaesthetic
This procedure will require an anaesthetic. See About Your Anaesthetic information sheet for information about the anaesthetic and the risks involved. If you have any concerns, discuss these with your doctor.
If you have not been given an information sheet, please ask for one.

3. What are the risks of this specific procedure?
There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

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