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## CONSENT

\_\_\_\_\_ for orthodontic treatment of \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE PATIENT NAME

Recognizing that orthodontic treatment is a joint commitment, I understand that in order for the method of treatment to be successful and to minimize any complications, the following conditions are essential:

1. Excellent Oral Hygiene
2. Proper Diet Control
3. Strict adherence to instructions in the wearing of appliances and elastics
4. Cooperation in keeping appointments

Almost all orthodontic patients are of school age, and I also understand that since it is impossible to see everyone after school, some appointments will have to be scheduled during school hours.

### UNPREDICTABLE FACTORS THAT CAN AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT:

**MUSCLE HABITS** - Mouth breathing, thumb, finger, or lip sucking, tongue thrusting (abnormal swallowing) and other unusual habits can prevent the teeth from moving to their corrected positions or relapse after braces are removed.

**FACIAL GROWTH PATTERNS** - Unusual skeletal patterns and Insufficient or undesirable facial growth can compromise the dental results, effect a facial change and cause shifting of teeth during retention. Surgical assistance may be recommended in these situations.

**POST TREATMENT TOOTH MOVEMENT** - Teeth have a tendency to shift or settle after treatment as well as after retention. Some changes are desirable, are not. Rotations and of the lower anterior teeth or slight space in the extraction site or between the upper centrals are common examples.

**TEMPOROMANDIBULAR PROBLEM (TM)** - Possible TM problems may develop with this sliding joint on which the lower jaw moves either before, during or after orthodontic treatment. Tooth position, but or non-symptomatic, pre-existing TM problems can be a factor in this condition. An equilibration (selective smoothing or reshaping the tooth) or other special treatment may be recommended by your dentist to improve occlusal or joint relationship.

**IMPACTED TEETH** - In attempting to move impacted teeth (teeth unable to erupt normally), especially cuspids and third molars (wisdom teeth), various problems are sometimes encountered which may lead to periodontal problems, relapse, or loss of teeth.

**ROOT RESORPTION** - Shortening of root ends can occur when teeth are moved during orthodontic treatment. Under healthy conditions the shortened roots usually are no problem. Trauma, Impaction, endocrine disorders or idiopathic (unknown) reasons also this problem. Severe resorption can increase the possibility of premature tooth loss.

**NONVITAL OR DEAD TEETH** - A tooth traumatized by a blow or other causes can die over a long period of time with or without orthodontic treatment. This tooth may discolor or flare up during orthodontic movement and require endodontic treatment - (root canal).

**PERIODONTAL PROBLEMS (gum disease)** - This condition can be present before or develop during treatment. It could deteriorate during treatment causing loss of bone around the teeth. Excellent oral hygiene and frequent prophylaxis by your dentist can help control this situation.

**UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES** - Swallowing appliances, chipping teething, dislodging restorations.

I CONSENT TO THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND X-RAYS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER TREATMENT, AND TO THE USE OF SAME BY THE DOCTOR IN SCIENTIFIC PAPERS OR DEMONSTRATIONS.

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PATIENT

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ OR HAD READ TO ME THE CONTENTS OF THIS FORM AND DO REALIZE THE RISKS AND LIMITATIONS INVOLVED, AND DO CONSENT TO ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT.

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PARENT - GUARDIAN

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WITNESS