



### General Consent

Thank you for choosing our office for your dental care. We continually work with you to help you achieve excellent oral health. While recognizing the benefits of a pleasing smile and teeth that function well, you should be aware that dental treatment, like treatment of any other part of the body, has some inherent risks. These are seldom great enough to offset the benefits of treatment, but should be considered when making treatment decisions.

Benefits of dental treatment can include: relief of pain, the ability to chew properly, and the confidence and social interaction that a pleasing smile can bring. Nonetheless, there are some common risks associated with virtually any dental procedure including:

1. **Drug or chemical reaction:** Dental materials and medications may trigger allergic or sensitivity reactions.
2. **Long-term numbness (paresthesia):** local anesthetic, or its administration, while almost always adequate to allow comfortable care, can result in transient, or in rare instances, permanent numbness.
3. **Muscle or joint tenderness:** Holding one’s mouth open can result in tenderness or in a predisposed patient precipitate a TMJ disorder.
4. **Sensitivity in teeth or gums, infection, or bleeding.**
5. **Swallowing or inhaling small objects.**

While we follow procedural guidelines which most often lead to clinical success, just like in any other pursuit in health care, not everything turns out the way it is planned. We will do our best to assure that it does. Please feel free to ask questions in regard to all dental procedures that are recommended to you.

### Text and Email Appointment Confirmations

By enrolling in text and email appointment confirmations, you are authorizing TFD to send text and email message appointment reminders to you on your provided cell phone number and email address. You may reply to these messages with the number 1 to confirm your appointment.

You also agree that all individuals associated with your account may receive alerts referencing their appointments. Text message charges from your cell phone carrier may apply.

The text message system is provided by Tuttle Family Dentistry to our patients on an as-is basis. Data obtained from you in connection with the text message system may include, but not limited to, your name, address, cell phone number, email address, dental office and location, future appointment dates and times. Tuttle Family Dentistry is not liable for any delays that may be experienced during the transmission of any messages, as delivery is based on the speed and effectiveness of your wireless provider.

**Opt-In and Opt-Out Policy** You may opt-out of our text message system by sending “STOP” to the text message you have received. You may also contact our office to let us know you would like to opt out. You will no longer receive confirmation via text message or email if you opt-out of this service.

I have read and understand the statement on this page.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if minor patient): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_