



Local Anesthetic Consent Form

We strive to make endodontic care as comfortable as possible. One of the strategies we employ is the use of dental anesthetics. Although the use of local anesthetics is a safe, well-established procedure to control pain, adverse reactions can occur. These reactions include, but are not limited to, the following items:

1. Rapid heartbeat – The anesthetic may make your heart race for a few minutes after the anesthetic is administered; it usually is short lived. If you have high blood pressure, please let our staff know.
2. Fainting – can be associated with a rapid pulse, usually associated with fear.
3. Hyperventilation – This is characterized by rapid breathing, lightheadedness, tingling in the hands, and possible tightness in the chest. It is also usually associated with fear.
4. Allergic Reactions – These are extremely rare with the anesthetics we use. They can be characterized by swelling, redness, or anaphylactic reactions that involve trouble with breathing. If you have experienced an adverse reaction to an anesthetic before, please let us know.
5. Toxicity Reactions – These occur from overdose or rapid absorption of the anesthetic into your blood stream. We will never administer more anesthetic than is recommended for your body size, but, it is important to understand that everyone has a different tolerance to medications.

Complications that can arise from the use of a local anesthetic include:

1. Numbness to additional areas of the face can occur due to variations in nerve anatomy. These areas will start to feel normal after the anesthetic wears off, usually in 1 to 4 hours.
2. Paresthesia can occur when a nerve is traumatized during the administration of anesthetic. This may result in a lingering feeling of numbness or tingling, burning, or pain. Although rare, it most often occurs when numbing the lower back teeth. In most cases, the symptoms of paresthesia gradually diminish with time, but, in some rare cases they may be permanent. Unfortunately, the only alternative to avoid this risk is to have the dental work completed without anesthetic (most people accept the risk!). If you experience symptoms of paresthesia after dental work, please inform us as soon as possible because early treatment is essential for certain cases of paresthesia.



Please let us know if you have had any type of allergic or adverse reaction to dental anesthetics in the past. Fortunately, complications related to the use of dental anesthetics are rare.

I, _____ consent to the use of dental anesthetics during my endodontic procedure.

Patient or Guardian Signature

Date _____