



DENTAL IMPLANT OPTION

A removable prosthesis may be unsatisfactory to me in the short term or long term. A removable prosthesis may require a certain degree of adaptability and may feel somewhat unstable. Dental implants may be utilized to provide additional stability and retention. There are numerous factors which contribute to the success or failure of dental implants. Due to the established negative relationship between cigarette smoking and dental implants, implants will be surgically placed only if I recognize and accept this fact as an additional risk for possible failure.

I understand that there are no guarantees or assurances as to the success or the survival of dental implants or the prostheses placed on the dental implants. Potential surgical complications associated with inserting dental implants include but are not limited to the following: discomfort or pain, swelling, infection of the jawbone, fracture of the jawbone, nerve injuries resulting in altered sensation to the tissue of the face and oral region, numbness, nerve pain, improper healing of the dental implant, infection of the maxillary sinuses which may lead to an opening between the mouth and the sinuses and Infection which may lead to loss of adjacent teeth or implants.

Dentistry and surgery is not an exact science. The short and long term success of restorative reconstruction cannot be assured. I have been encouraged to ask whatever questions that I feel are necessary so as to determine the possible alternatives to implant dentistry.

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