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Consent for Crowns and Bridges

I understand that treatment of dental conditions requiring **Fixed Crowns or Bridgework** includes certain risks and possible unsuccessful results. Even though care and diligence is exercised in the treatment of conditions requiring crown and bridgework, there is no 100% guarantee of anticipated results or the longevity of the treatment. Nevertheless, I agree to assume the risks, possible unsuccessful results and/or failure associated with, but not limited to the following:-

Reduction of tooth structure: In order to replace decayed or otherwise traumatized teeth it is necessary to modify the existing tooth or teeth so that crowns (caps) and/or bridges may be placed upon them. Tooth preparation will be done as conservatively as possible, but is irreversible in nature.

Sensitivity of teeth: Sometimes, after the preparation of teeth for the reception of crowns and bridges, the teeth may exhibit sensitivity, which can range from mild to severe. This sensitivity may last only for a short period of time or may last for much longer periods. If sensitivity is persistent, you should notify us so that the cause of the sensitivity may be diagnosed.

Bridge abutment teeth may require root canal treatment subsequently: Teeth after being crowned may develop a condition known as pulpitis or pulpal degeneration. Usually, this cannot be predetermined. The tooth or teeth may have been traumatized from an accident, deep decay, extensive preparation, or other causes. It is sometimes necessary to do root canal treatments in these teeth, particularly if teeth remain considerably sensitive for a long period of time following crowning.

Breakage: Crowns and bridges may possibly chip or break. Many factors can contribute to this situation such as chewing excessively hard materials, changes in biting forces exerted, traumatic blows to the mouth, etc. Unobservable cracks may develop in crowns/bridges from these causes, but crowns/bridges may not actually break until chewing soft foods, or for no apparent reason. Breakage or chipping seldom occurs due to defective materials or construction unless it occurs soon after placement.

Uncomfortable or strange feeling: This may occur because of the differences between natural teeth and the artificial replacements. Most patients become accustomed to this feeling in time. Very occasionally, muscle soreness or tenderness of the jaw joints (TMJ) may persist for indeterminable periods of time following placement of the crown or bridgework.

Aesthetics or appearance: Patients will be given the opportunity to observe the appearance of crowns or bridges in their mouths prior to final cementation. If satisfactory, this fact will be acknowledged in the patient's record.

Longevity of crowns and bridges: There are many variables that determine how long crowns and bridges can be expected to last. Among these are some of the factors mentioned in preceding paragraphs. In addition, general health, good oral hygiene, regular dental checkups, diet, etc, can affect longevity. Because of this, 100% guarantees cannot be given or assumed to be given concerning how long crown and bridgework will last. The 5 Year Guarantee includes any fracture of crown or bridgework under normal use, but does not include; failure due to underlying tooth fracture, secondary decay, trauma or accidental damage or fracture caused by inappropriate use (i.e. opening bottles) or de-bonding (loosening) or subsequent need for root canal treatment.

It is the patient's responsibility to seek attention from the dentist should any undue or unexpected problems occur. The patient must diligently follow all instructions, including the scheduling and attending of all appointments. Failure to attend the cementation appointment may result in failure of the crown or bridge to fit properly and an additional fee may be incurred.

Informed Consent: The nature and purpose of crown and bridgework has been explained to me, and I have had an opportunity to have my questions answered. I understand that dentistry is not an exact science and success with treatment cannot be 100% guaranteed. In view of the above information I am giving my consent to Dr Martin Hako and/or associates, as necessary, to render any treatment necessary and/or advisable to my dental condition, including any anaesthetics and/or medications. I will follow all treatment and post-treatment instructions as explained and directed to me.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Patient Name: _____

Please note: side effects and complications are uncommon to rare and we at Priory Dental Care would hope our rate is even less than the norm, due to the techniques and materials we use. Also bear in mind the complications are no different to any crowns and bridges you may have had previously, it's just you are now aware of them.