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CONSENT

Patient _____

Date _____

Orthodontic treatment has some risks and limitations which seldom restrict treatment. Following are some factors that can affect the outcome of orthodontic treatment.

UNPREDICTABLE FACTORS

ROOT RESORPTION—During orthodontic treatment, shortening of root tips can occur. 5% to 10% loss of root length is within normal limit. However, severe resorption can be caused by trauma, impaction, endocrine disorders or idiopathic reasons (unknown).

Early detection by taking x-rays periodically can prevent the possibility of premature tooth loss.

MUSCLE HABITS—Unusual habits such as thumb sucking, lip biting, mouth breathing or tongue thrust swallowing can prevent the teeth from moving to correct position or relapse after treatment. Tongue thrusting habit can cause open bite or root resorption.

PERIODONTAL PROBLEMS—Poor oral hygiene can cause bone loss around the teeth during the treatment. Excellent oral hygiene and prophylaxis by your dentist regularly can help control the situation.

TMJ PROBLEMS—Pre-existing Temporomandibular Joint problems may or may not be corrected by orthodontic treatment.

Possible TMJ problems may develop with trauma, stress, tooth position, bad restoration, habits such as grinding or clenching teeth, and diet.

NONVITAL TOOTH—A dead tooth traumatized before can flare up during Orthodontic movement and may require root canal therapy.

IMPACTED TEETH—Trying to force erupt the impacted teeth (teeth are blocked inside the bone) may not be successful.

FACIAL GROWTH PATTERNS—Unusual facial growth can compromise the result of orthodontic treatment. In severe cases surgical intervention may be indicated to correct the unfavorable growth pattern.

POST TREATMENT TOOTH MOVEMENT—After orthodontic treatment, teeth may shift or settle into natural position. Recrowding of lower front teeth is common until late 20's. Wearing retainers for a long period can prevent or reduce the chance of relapse.

PREDICTABLE FACTORS

ORAL HYGIENE—Excellent oral hygiene such as brushing for five minutes after each meal can prevent decalcification, caries and gingivitis.

CARING FOR BRACES—By avoiding hard food and objects, one can keep the braces intact during treatment. Unusual frequency of breaking braces will delay the treatment indefinitely.

WEARING ELASTICS AND HEAD GEAR—Without your cooperation in wearing elastics or head gear, excessive treatment time or compromised results will occur.

KEEPING APPOINTMENTS—It is very important to keep your appointment in order to finish the treatment time.

I DO UNDERSTAND THE RISKS AND LIMITATIONS INVOLVED, AND CONSENT TO ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT.

PATIENT

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WITNESS