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ENDODONTICS, IMPLANTS, PERIODONTICS

CONSENT FOR USE OF LOCAL ANESTHESIA

Local anesthesia is used in dental procedures to numb the area requiring treatment. These anesthetics are often referred to as Novocaine, but can also include other numbing medications such as Lidocaine, Septocaine, and other medications ending with -caine.

There are risks to the use of local anesthesia. These risks are very rare, however, it is important for patients to know and understand all risks associated with treatment. Local anesthesia may affect the body by causing dizziness, nausea, vomiting, accelerated heart rate, slow heart rate, or various types of allergic reactions. Any or all of these may require additional medical management or hospitalization. Restricted mouth opening during recovery sometimes related to muscle soreness at the site of the injection may occur. Due to the fact that local anesthesia is administered with a very fine needle, the needle may break off in the soft tissue; this instance is very atypical, but is a risk. Local anesthesia may cause prolonged numbness, which in some patients may result in injury from biting or chewing. Injury to nerves can result causing pain, numbness, tingling, or sensory disturbances to the chin, lip, cheek, gums or tongue. This may persist for several weeks, months, or in rare cases, be permanent.

I accept the use of local anesthetic by Dr. Stephanie L. Mullins for my dental procedures and have asked any questions and received clarification for any concerns about its use.