

Perio Treatment Consent Form (FMD, SRP's and perio maintenance):

1. Perio Claim Denials:

EVERYONE PLEASE READ!!! ALL PATIENTS MUST KNOW THIS...

-You're dental insurance will likely deny claims for "deep cleaning" procedures.

-All dental insurance companies have been known to illegitimately deny claims for "deep cleaning" because they are not primarily interested in your dental health.

-The dental insurance company contract says they only pay if they see obvious bone loss on your xrays.

-Often times they even deny claims for patients that have obvious bone loss on their xrays. Dr. Ali Miamee has many cases where he shows the insurance company that bone loss is obvious on the xrays, but the insurance company still denies the claim.

-If your insurance company does not pay the claim then the patient is responsible for the full fee of the procedure.

-So if you receive a EOB (Explanation of benefits) document from the insurance company that says they denied your insurance claim, then you should call them immediately and let them know you will not tolerate this type of injustice. If you call them and complain strongly they may reconsider and pay the claim.

-Lastly, you should request a pre-determination to be done by our office prior to scheduling your "deep cleaning" appointment. The pre-determination process will eliminate any doubt as to what the insurance company will do with your claim. We send them a pre-determination request and they respond 2-3 weeks later in writing. Please inform our office you want a pre-determination and then follow up with the front desk to get the response before scheduling.

2. Different types of cleanings, as dictated by the ADA:

(a)

Prophy cleaning (preventative cleaning) is ONLY for patients that do not exhibit periodontal disease. This means they have pocket depths of 3mm or less.

(b)

Perio patients will receive only perio procedures which include:

(1) Full mouth debridement - scaling above the gums only!

(2) Perio maintenance is scaling above and below the gums but without anesthesia; and only after SRP is performed.

(3) Deep cleaning (SRP) is above & below the gum line with root planing and the option for anesthesia, in cases that would be painful.

3. Potential risks of treatment:

I understand that symptoms of TMJ are possible subsequent to routine dental treatment, wherein the mouth is held in the open position. Although symptoms of Temporomandibular joint dysfunction are usually temporary in nature and well tolerated by most patients, I understand that treatment may be needed and the costs are my responsibility. Additionally, I understand that antibiotics, analgesics, and other medications may cause adverse reactions, some of which are, but not limited to, redness and swelling of tissues, pain, itching, vomiting, dizziness, miscarriage, or cardiac arrest. Occasionally, injection of a local anesthetic may cause prolonged, persistent anesthesia, numbness, and/or irritation to the area of injection.

4. Hygiene and cleanings:

The long term success of any dental treatment and status of my oral condition depends on my efforts at proper oral hygiene (i.e brushing and flossing) and maintaining regular recall interval visits every 3-4 months.

5. Periodontal Treatment:

I understand that if I have a condition causing gum inflammation and/or bone loss, which can lead to the loss of my teeth and/or gums.

I understand that dentistry is not an exact science, and therefore, ethical practitioners cannot guarantee results. I acknowledge that no guarantee or assurance has been made by anyone regarding the dental treatment which I have requested. I realize that my treatment plan is an estimate and can change due to unforeseen circumstances. I understand that each dentist is an individual practitioner and is individually responsible for the dental care rendered to me.

Legal Fees:

The dental company is entitled to claim legal fees and lost wages incurred for any situation where legal action against the dental company is initiated and ultimately unsuccessful.