



Consent For Dental Surgical Treatment For Patients Who Have Taken Bisphosphonate Drugs (For the treatment of Osteoporosis)

You should know there is a risk of future complications associated with dental treatment. Bisphosphonate drugs appear to adversely affect the ability of bone to heal properly. This risk is increased after surgery including extractions, implant placements, or other procedures that might cause even mild trauma to bone. Osteonecrosis may result. This is a smoldering, long-term, destructive process in the jawbone that is often difficult or impossible to eliminate.

Antibiotic therapy may be used to help control possible postoperative infection. Despite all precautions, there could be delayed healing or osteonecrosis (loss of bony and soft tissues). Should this occur, treatment may be prolonged and difficult, and may involve ongoing therapy, which could include hospitalization and long-term antibiotics. Even if there is no immediate complication from the dental treatment rendered, the area is always subject to spontaneous breakdown and infection. Thereby, long-term postoperative monitoring may be required.

Additional information can be found at www.ada.org and search for “bisphosphonate medication.”

I have read the above paragraphs and understand the possible risks of undergoing my planned treatment.

Patient's Signature and Date

Doctor's Signature and Date

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