Champlain Periodontal

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Consent for Flap Surgery

The surgical procedure to be performed is called a **flap with osseous recontouring**. The purposes of this procedure are to (1) aid in visualizing and removing plaque, bacteria, and calculus from the tooth surfaces and (2) reduce the depths of pockets to facilitate more effective cleaning by the patient.

Under local anesthetic, gum tissue is reflected and access to the roots and surrounding bone is achieved. Plaque, bacteria, and calculus are removed, any uneven bone is reshaped, and a small amount of gum tissue is removed to reduce the depths of the pockets. The gum tissue is repositioned and sutures are placed.

In some cases, a bone graft is necessary to regenerate lost bone. This is performed during flap surgery. A granular bone material is placed in the area where bone loss has occurred. Sometimes a resorbable membrane is placed to contain the graft. The graft material prevents gum tissue from growing into the space and provides a framework for new natural bone formation. The graft material will eventually be absorbed by your body and replaced with your own new natural bone.

Risks of these procedures are minimal, but may include bleeding, infection, in isolated regions a numbness which is usually temporary, and perforation of the maxillary sinus. Teeth usually appear longer after surgery and spaces at the gum line are larger. Temperature sensitivity may occur, usually resolves after a few weeks, and is controllable. Speech may be affected.

The above procedure is intended to improve the chances of, but not guarantee, controlling your periodontal disease. Of course, the predictability of these procedures will improve with the proper oral hygiene techniques we have reviewed with you.

I understand all of the above and consent to this (these) procedures.

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Signature of patient (or parent/guardian)   Date

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Witness signature   Date