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Patient's rights and liability concerning dental appointments and recommended treatment.

You have the right and obligation to make decisions regarding your healthcare. Your dentist can provide you with the necessary information and advice, but as a member of the healthcare team, you must participate in the decision making process. It is our desire to provide you with the highest quality of dental care.

By not following through with recommended treatment, you are assuming a risk to your health. Studies have shown strong links between oral health and general health conditions including but not limited to heart disease, diabetes, and osteoporosis. Researchers have found that the most common strain of bacteria in dental plaque can cause blood clots when they escape into the bloodstream. Possible risks and complications of refusing or delaying recommended treatment could include but are not limited to infection, abscess, pain, additional tooth decay, etc. These potential risks and complications could result in additional medical or dental treatment or procedures, tooth loss, hospitalization, blood transfusions, or very rarely, permanent disability or death.

I understand that I am responsible for making and keeping follow up visits and that when given a diagnosis, and recommended treatment plan from doctor based on the diagnosis, it is what the doctor believes to be in the best interest of my health. Once the doctor's recommendation is given to me, I assume responsibility for the liability for any and all injuries and damages I may sustain should I choose not to schedule to complete treatment.

Patient Signature

Date

Witness

Date