

Risks and Limitations of Laser Treatment

Your orthodontist has recommended that you consider laser treatment to enhance your (or your child's) orthodontic treatment. Generally, the use of laser treatment to modify the gums and oral tissues is a safe and predictable procedure. However, as with any procedure, the outcome cannot be guaranteed. You need to be aware of the following possible risks before agreeing to laser treatment.

- Following laser treatment, the level of the gum line may not be perfectly symmetrical. This can often be corrected by a second laser treatment or by treatment by a periodontist (gum specialist).
- Trauma to the oral tissues may result from laser treatment. Minor discomfort may appear following treatment; take over-the-counter pain relief. This is generally a short-term injury that resolves without additional treatment. Rarely, additional dental treatment may be necessary.
- A topical anesthetic will be applied to the gums before the procedure. Has the patient ever had an adverse reaction to local anesthetics?

No ___ Yes ___ Please describe _____

- Protective glasses must be worn by all persons near the laser. Failure to do so may result in permanent eye damage.
- Laser treatment in areas near large blood vessels, (under the tongue, for example) may damage the blood vessels. If damage occurs, additional medical or dental treatment may be necessary.
- The chemicals in tobacco can interfere with healing after laser treatment. Does the patient use any form of tobacco? Yes ___ No ___

I have read and understand the above.

Name Date

I consent to laser treatment for _____

Patient Name

To _____

Procedure

Signature Relationship to Patient Date