BISPHOSPHONATE CONSENT

Having been treated previously with Bisphosphonate drugs I know that there may be a risk of future complications associated with dental treatment. Such complications are relatively rare and occur more often with intravenous bisphosphonates than oral bisphosphonates.

Bisphosphonate drugs appear to adversely affect the ability of bone to heal normally. This risk is increased after dental surgery where bone is affected such as removal of teeth and dental implants. If healing does not occur, bone may remain exposed, pain may be present and infection may develop. This may result in loss of bone or jaw fractures. This is a long-term destructive process in the jawbone (osteonecrosis) that is often very difficult to manage. If osteonecrosis should occur, treatment may be prolonged and complex and require special experience in management.

Even if there are no immediate complications from the proposed dental treatment, the area may be subject to spontaneous breakdown and infection. Even minimal trauma from a toothbrush, chewing hard food, or denture sores may trigger a complication.

I have read the above paragraphs and understand the possible risk of undergoing any planned treatment. I understand and agree to the treatment plan and procedures to be performed.

I understand the importance of my health history and affirm that I have given any and all information that may impact my care. I realize that, despite all precautions that may be taken to avoid complications, the complications described above may still occur.

I certify that I have read and fully understand this consent for dental treatment, have had my questions answered.