



SUNITA MERRIMAN, DDS

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Date: _____

PATIENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

When is the best time of day to reach you? _____

Whom may we thank for referring you? _____

Are you: Minor Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Patient's/Parent's employer: _____

Spouse's name: _____ Spouse's employer: _____

Spouse's work number: _____ Spouse's cell phone: _____

In the event of an emergency, who should we contact (not living with you)? _____

Relationship: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Person responsible for this account: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Birth date: _____ Employer: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

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Is this person currently a patient in our office? Yes No

PRIMARY INSURANCE INFORMATION

Name of insured: _____ Relationship: _____

Insured's date of birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Employer: _____ Work phone: _____

Insurance company: _____

Group # _____ ID#: _____

Do you have any secondary insurance: Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

Name of insured: _____ Relationship: _____

Insured's date of birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Employer: _____ Work phone: _____

Insurance company: _____

Group # _____ ID#: _____

OFFICE POLICIES AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

Thank you for choosing us as your dental care provider. We are committed to your treatment being successful. It is our goal for patients to clearly understand their treatment needs as well as their financial responsibility before their treatment begins. Please understand that payment of your bill is considered part of your treatment.

The following is a statement of our financial policy which we require that you read and sign prior to any treatment.

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Understand that regardless of any insurance status, you are responsible for the balance due on your account. You are responsible for all professional services rendered.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Your health is our main objective. Therefore, it is extremely important for you to keep all your scheduled appointments. As a courtesy to other patients and our office we ask for as much notice as possible. If any appointment is canceled or failed without 48 hours' notice a fee of \$60.00 will be charged. (We understand that emergency situations do arise that may require you to change an appointment and do not consider an occasional true emergency a missed appointment). After 2 consecutive missed appointments, it is our policy not to reschedule you for any further appointments without a discussion of what your health goals are and what your scheduling barriers may be. ***Please help us service you better by keeping scheduled appointments.***

INSURANCE:

Please remember your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance company. We are not a party to that contract.

We believe that our responsibility is to provide you with the treatment that best meets your needs, not to try to match your care to insurance plan limitations. Dental insurance plans do not correspond to individual patient needs, and as such many routine, preventive and necessary dental services may not be reimbursed even though you may need those services. We understand that insurance guidelines can be hard to understand and overwhelming at times. With the information provided to us by you and your insurance company, we can offer some assistance in estimating your insurance reimbursement. However, your insurance company makes the final determination once treatment is completed and the claim is submitted. It is impossible for us to have knowledge and keep track of every aspect of your insurance. **It is ultimately your responsibility to know about the benefits available to you through the Insurance Company that your employer/spouse's employer/you have purchased.**

X-Rays:

If you have current x-rays from a previous dentist it is your responsibility to bring them to your initial appointment or have them transferred to our office. If you do not notify us that you have current films/digital x-rays we will take need to take new ones. Insurance companies have limitations on how often they will pay for x-rays. Therefore, it is important that you let us know if you have had recent ones taken.

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FULL PAYMENT is due at the time of service. If insurance benefits apply, ESTIMATED PATIENT PORTIONS and DEDUCTIBLES are due at the time of service. Any financial arrangements for your treatment must be made before the start of treatment.

Forms of payment available for your convenience are:

- Cash or check
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express
- Third party financing (subject to approval)

After your claim has been filed with your insurance company, we will wait for a maximum of 40 days for the payment. If benefits have not been received within 40 days, the entire balance becomes your responsibility. A refund or an account credit (your choice) will be issued to you if any benefits are received from the insurance company after 40 days.

The office does not render services in the assumption that your charges will be paid by your insurance company.

We add a \$10 billing charge for any statement sent 90 days after charges were incurred.

In the event of a returned check, you are responsible for all bank charges incurred by the office and an additional fee of \$30.00.

Any unpaid balance over 60 days old will be subject to monthly interest of 1.5% (APR 18%). If payment is delinquent, you will be responsible for payment of collection, attorney's fees, and court costs associated with the recovery of the monies due on the account.

I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this Financial Agreement. I have read and understand the above financial and office policy agreement. I have read and understand the Notice of Privacy Practice (HIPAA) posted in this office and will receive a copy of these upon my request.

Patient name

Date

Patient/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

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CERTIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is complete and correct. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my doctor if I, or my minor child, ever have a change in health or insurance arrangements.

I certify that I, and/or my dependent(s), have insurance coverage with _____
(name of insurance company)

and assign benefits directly to Dr. Merriman's office all insurance benefits, if any, otherwise payable to me for services rendered. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges whether paid by insurance or not. I authorize the use of my signature on all insurance submissions. The above-named doctor may use my health care information and may disclose such information to the above-named Insurance Company (ies) and their agents for obtaining payment for services and determining insurance benefits or the benefits payable for related services. This consent will remain valid until I revoke it in writing.

Signature of responsible party

Date

Please print name of responsible party

Relationship to patient

Date: _____

GENERAL CONSENT

I hereby voluntarily consent to dental examinations, treatments and/or procedures including x-rays, which are deemed necessary in the opinion of my dentist. I understand that above procedures may be performed by dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants. I understand that no guarantees or warranties have been made to me concerning the results of the examinations, treatments or procedures. I understand that successful treatment often depends upon my cooperation in following my doctor's instructions. I agree to fully follow my doctor's instructions and to fully cooperate in my care, including keeping any necessary additional appointments with my doctor, to enhance the possibility of successful treatment outcomes. I understand that Dr. Merriman is available to patients once treatment has begun when the office is open and is available for after-hours consultation or care in the event of an emergency.

Permission to Photograph

I authorize Dr. Merriman to take photographs and/or videos of my face, jaws, and teeth. I understand that the photographs and/or videos will be used as a record of my care, and may be used for educational purposes in lectures, demonstrations, and professional publications. I further understand that if the photographs and/or videos are used in any



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publication, or as part of a demonstration, all reasonable attempts will be made to conceal my identity.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this statement and agree to the contents.

Signature of responsible party

Date

Please print name of responsible party

Relationship to patient

AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT FOR MINOR CHILD:

Signature of Person Authorized to Consent: _____
(Parent/Legal Guardian)

Print name and relationship to patient: _____

PATIENT MEDICAL HISTORY

Patient name: _____

Physician: _____ Office phone: _____

Date of last exam: _____ Medical alert: _____

1. Are you under medical treatment now? Yes No
2. Have you ever been hospitalized for any surgical operation or serious illness? Yes No
3. Do you/have you in the past used cocaine and/or other drugs? Yes No
4. Do you wear contact lenses? Yes No
5. Are you taking any medication(s) including non-prescription medicine? Yes No
If yes, what medication(s) are you taking? _____
6. Are you allergic to or have you had any reactions to the following:
 Local anesthetics Sulfa drugs Iodine
 Penicillin (or other antibiotics) Barbiturates Aspirin
 Sedatives Other: _____
7. **Women Only:** Are you pregnant or think you may be pregnant? Yes No

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Are you nursing? Yes No

Are you taking birth control pills? Yes No

8. Do you have **or** have you had any of the following?

- High blood pressure Heart murmur Easily winded
- Heart attack Angina Stroke
- Rheumatic fever Frequently tired Hay fever/allergies
- Swollen ankles Anemia Tuberculosis
- Fainting/seizures Emphysema Radiation therapy
- Asthma Cancer Glaucoma
- Low blood pressure Arthritis Recent weight loss
- Epilepsy/convulsions Joint replacement or Liver disease
- Leukemia implant Heart trouble
- Diabetes Hepatitis/jaundice Respiratory problems
- Kidney disease Sexually transmitted Other _____
- AIDS or HIV infection disease
- Thyroid problem Stomach
- Heart Disease troubles/ulcers
- Cardiac pacemaker Chest pains

Miscellaneous

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None of the above conditions/No medical conditions_____ (please initial)



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PATIENT SLEEP HISTORY

How many hours do you sleep every night? _____

What time do you go to bed? _____ What time do you wake up? _____

Do you snore/wake up gasping for breath? Yes No

Does your bed partner snore/wake up gasping for breath? Yes No

Do you wake up tired? Yes No

Do you suffer from excessive daytime sleepiness? Yes No

Have you been diagnosis with high blood pressure? Yes No

Have you been diagnosis with GERD? Yes No

Have you been diagnosis with obesity? Yes No

Have you been diagnosis with diabetes? Yes No

Have you been diagnosis with depression/mood disorder? Yes No

Have you had a history of a stroke? Yes No

Are you in any stage of menopause? Yes No

Have you ever been diagnosed with a Sleep Disorder - Insomnia/Obstructive Sleep Apnea/Restless Leg Syndrome, etc. ? Yes No

If so, what and when? _____

Do you grind/clench your teeth when sleeping or awake? Yes No

I certify that I have read and understand the above information. To the best of my knowledge, the above questions have been accurately answered. I understand that providing incorrect information can be dangerous to my health.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Patient, parent or guardian

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PATIENT DENTAL HISTORY & QUESTIONNAIRE

Patient name: _____

Date of last dental exam: _____ Medical alert: _____

1. Are your teeth sensitive to hot or cold liquids/foods? Yes No
2. Are your teeth sensitive to sweet or sour liquids/foods? Yes No
3. Do you feel pain in any of your teeth? Yes No
4. Do you bite your lips or cheeks frequently? Yes No
5. Have you ever had any difficult extractions in the past? Yes No
6. Have you ever had prolonged bleeding following extractions? Yes No
7. Do you have trouble chewing your food? Yes No
8. Do you chew on one side of your mouth? Yes No
9. Do you have loose teeth or broken fillings? Yes No
10. Are you missing any teeth? Yes No
11. Are you a mouth breather? Yes No
12. Do you have any sores or lumps in or near your mouth? Yes No
13. Have you had any head, neck or jaw injuries? Yes No
14. Have you ever experienced any of the following problems in your jaw?
 - Clicking or popping? Yes No
 - Pain (joint, ear, side of face)? Yes No
 - Difficulty in opening or closing? Yes No
 - Difficulty in chewing? Yes No
15. Have you noticed that your teeth have chipped/shifted in the past few years? Yes No
16. Do you have frequent headaches? Yes No
17. Do you clench or grind your teeth? Yes No
18. Have you had any orthodontic work? Yes No
19. Do you wear any kind of retainer during the day/night? Yes No
20. Do you have bad breath? Yes No
21. Do your gums bleed while brushing or flossing? Yes No
22. Do you use a rotary toothbrush? Yes No
23. Have you ever had instruction on the correct method for brushing your teeth Yes No

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24. Have you ever had periodontal treatment for:
- Debridement/deep cleaning? Yes No
Periodontal/gum surgery? Yes No
25. Do you brush your teeth and gums too hard? Yes No
26. Do you enjoy smiling and showing your gums? Yes No
27. Are you happy with the way your teeth look? Yes No
28. How would you describe your smile?
 Great Average I don't smile much I never really thought about it
29. Are you pleased with the color of your teeth? Yes No
30. Have you ever whitened your teeth? Yes No
31. Do you have unsightly crowns or fillings? Yes No
32. Are your teeth too short or too long? Yes No
33. Are there any gaps between your teeth that you do not like? Yes No
34. Are you interested in cosmetic dentistry which may include Invisalign or Orthodontics (braces) as an option? Yes No
35. Is there anything about your smile that you would want to change if you could? Yes No

Please describe: _____

36. Do you drink: Coffee Tea Red wine
If yes, how much, and how often, per week? _____
37. Do you currently smoke: Cigarettes? Yes No Cigars? Yes No
If so, how many per day? _____
How many years have you smoked? _____
38. If you have quit smoking in the past, how many years did you smoke? _____
39. When did you quit and how much were you smoking per day then? _____
40. Do you/have you in the past used cocaine and/or other drugs? Yes No
41. Have you ever been treated for substance abuse? Yes No
42. Do you currently have or in the past had an eating disorder? Yes No
43. Do you have anxiety about your dental visits? Yes No

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44. What is the reason for your visit today? _____

45. What was done at your last dental visit? _____

46. Do you have any dental problems now? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

47. Do you brush, floss, or use any dental aides? Yes No

Please list: _____

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