

## Re: NTI consent

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The form seems to be much more of a "patient instruction" and "fee agreement" than a "consent form" (which implies consent to treatment based upon the disclosed/written explanation of the treatment plan and its known risks and benefits.

I think the form opens the door to some discussion... if anyone wishes.

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In article <lvmlc0ha7c37bg73v8bjf8j87p020sdq72@4ax.com>, "Joel M. Eichen, D.D.S." <joeleichen@yahoo.com> wrote:

> On Sat, 12 Jun 2004 06:40:42 GMT, The Webby  
> <nospamatthetmjatroepidemic@san.rr.com> wrote:  
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> > In article <dbekc058v93kd5geeav2uig36afsvfpd8q@4ax.com>,  
> > "Joel M. Eichen, D.D.S." <joeleichen@yahoo.com> wrote:  
> >  
> > > This is from a DentalTown dentist.  
> > >  
> > > Any comments?  
> > >  
> > > I have some comments to share.  
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> > > He offers this for your use  
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> > > okay...  
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> > > Dr. B. writes,  
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> > > I've been re-working my information and consent forms for the NTI.  
> > > Any feedback is appreciated. If you like it, feel free to lift the  
> > > copy and use it for yourself...  
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> > *Standardization of consent forms would be something important to*  
> > *consider. Obviously, not all patients are created equally so there*  
> > *would be additional information related to the individual patient's*  
> > *condition. (There aren't any guarantees in medicine/dentistry that I*  
> > *know about...)*  
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> *Good comments. I never used any kind of WRITTEN consent form because I*  
> *always thought it to be "patient unfriendly." Of course I always*  
> *"INFORMED" extensively.*  
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> *JOEL*  
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> >>  
> >> *Wear the appliance for one week, and then return for adjustment and*  
> >> *refinement (This follow-up appointment is very important). The*  
> >> *appliance is primarily worn while sleeping, however, daytime wear may*  
> >> *be required in extreme situations or during stressful times.*  
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> > *Is it important to have a standard "one week follow up appointment" or*  
> > *should this time frame be flexible (fill in the blank)? If it is "very*  
> > *important" for one dentist to see his patients at one week, should it*  
> > *not be equally important for all? If not, then a "fill in the blank"*  
> > *follow up might be better. This isn't so much a matter of consent as it*  
> > *is an instruction for the patient.*  
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> >> *Never wear an NTI-TSS appliance while eating (doing so may be painful*  
> >> *and possibly traumatic to the opposing teeth).*  
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> > *Why would anyone want to do that anyway? Maybe it would be because of*  
> > *previous "splint therapy" experience with instructions that the*  
> > *appliance was to be worn 24/7 except for during dental hygiene.*  
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> >> *Avoid sleeping on your stomach. Sleeping on your stomach forces your*  
> >> *head to be turned to the side, which may allow continued muscle*  
> >> *strain.*  
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> > *Is the NTI contraindicated in patients who find it necessary to sleep*  
> > *prone because of back problems or other physical reasons? If not,*  
> > *perhaps it would be better to write, "Avoid sleeping on your stomach.*  
> > *Discuss any concerns regarding positional sleeping needs/habits with*  
> > *your dentist if this request presents a problem." Is it reasonable to*  
> > *expect this sort of compliance by the patient (avoid prone sleeping*  
> > *positions)?*  
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> >> *Discontinue all gum chewing.*

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> > *Why? Is other chewing activity to be discontinued?*

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> >> *During the first few days of treatment, the jaw joints and muscles may*

> >> *feel different. Much like you feel "pins & needles" in your leg if*

> >> *you've been sitting on it, the muscle and joint may feel different*

> >> *when the tension is relieved. Make a note of any concerns and discuss*

> >> *them during your one week follow-up appointment.*

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> > *Are the notations regarding concerns to be made only regarding these*

> > *altered sensations or does this apply to everything in general*

> > *concerning the new and continued use of the NTI?*

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> >> *The NTI-TSS should be discontinued until adjusted by Dr. Blanchard if:*

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> >> *If it is uncomfortable, too tight or binding; if it is too loose (you*

> >> *should not be able to remove the appliance with your lips or tongue);*

> >> *or if the appliance is damaged.*

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> > *Should the patient wait until the "one week follow up appointment" or*

> > *call sooner if these problems occur well before that time period? How*

> > *often can the patient expect these problems? (Does the \$210 fee apply*

> > *and how does it impact the return policy within eight weeks?)*

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> >> *If when wearing the NTI-TSS, your back teeth or canine teeth can*

> >> *somehow touch each other in various jaw positions.*

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> > *Would this happen within the first week after fitting or is this a*

> > *problem that occurs later in use?*

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> >> *I, the patient understand that:*

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> >> *The NTI-TSS suppresses muscle dysfunctions and is not an appliance*

> >> *that can move teeth. Daily chewing (without wearing the NTI-TSS) will*

> >> *maintain each tooth's original position. The appliance may not fit if*

> >> *not worn for an extended period. This is due to the constant, casual*

> >> *adaptation of the teeth.*

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> > *Please define "an extended period" as used above? Would chewing gum for*

> >brief periods daily be the same as "daily chewing"?

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> >> *The position of the jaw is influenced by the tension of the muscles.*

> >> *As the NTI–TSS suppresses muscular tension, the position of the jaw*

> >> *may change; without extra muscle tension, the jaw will find its most*

> >> *relaxed, natural position. Some adjustment of the teeth may be*

> >> *required to allow proper bite in this relaxed jaw position.*

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> >*At what point in time would the adjustment of teeth be considered? Is*

> >*this adjustment done for patients who no longer use the NTI, in those*

> >*who continue to use the device, or those who will use it from time to*

> >*time as needed?*

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> >> *Joint noises, may or may not be resolved by treatment with the*

> >> *NTI–TSS.*

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> >> *Complete resolution may not be immediate. The muscular disorder may*

> >> *be aggressive in its attempt to maintain itself. Symptoms may change*

> >> *and evolve as treatment progresses.*

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> >*If complete resolution is not immediate, does this comment suggest that*

> >*complete resolution is expected at some point in time? If so, what*

> >*should the patient expect?*

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> >*What does this mean: "Symptoms may change and evolve ..."? Does this*

> >*mean for the better \*and\* for the worse or????*

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> >> *Treatment Plan and Fees*

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> >> *The fee for the migraine and tension treatment is \$815. This includes*

> >> *the initial fabrication of the appliance, and a follow up treatment*

> >> *one week later. Insurance is very unpredictable for this service. It*

> >> *has been our experience that most dental plans (80% coverage) will pay*

> >> *about half of the total fee.*

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> >*The fee seems high. Are those Canadian dollars? What would the fee be*

> >*in USD?*

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> >> *The NTI–TSS appliance may need repair and adjustment over time, as you*

> >> *wear through the appliance, or as symptoms change. The typical*

> >> *adjustment appointment after the first month of wear is \$210.*

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> > *How often should the patient plan to dish out \$210 over time? Consider  
> > that the patient may use this device for years. \$\$\$\$*

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> >> *This appliance will make a dramatic difference in the way you feel,  
> >> however, it is understandable if this treatment sounds too good to be  
> >> true (I was very skeptical myself when I first heard of it). If, for  
> >> whatever reason, you are not happy with the appliance I will buy it  
> >> back from you (up to eight weeks following the first appointment).*

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> > *So the patient's \$1025.00 fee/investment in healthcare (or more if more  
> > \$210 adjustments are needed during the second four week time period  
> > (total eight weeks) is safe for up to eight weeks?*

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> >> *Date: \_\_\_\_\_*

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> >> *Signature of Patient (or  
> >> guardian) \_\_\_\_\_*

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> >> *Kirk*

> >> *Halifax, Canada*

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> >> *"A one that is not cold is scarcely a one at all"*

> >> *Taken from the property of ones:*

> >> *"The Oneitude is directly proportional to the colditude of the one"*

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> >> *Revisions :*

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> > *Punctuation and spelling not reviewed but noted.*

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> > *Sincerely,*

> > *The Webby*

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