

## Re: Wisdom Tooth Coronectomy

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PeterOut <MajorSetback@excite.com> wrote:

- > *I am considering partial odontectomy (coronectomy) for my daughter*
- > *since she needs her wisdom teeth removed but the root tips are*
- > *sufficiently close to some nerve that there is a risk that her lip may*
- > *be permanently anaesthetized with full odontectomy. I would be*
- > *grateful for any comments on the risks of this procedure.*

Dr. Pham is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon teaching and practicing at the University of Montreal. I don't remember his first name, but I'll try to find out. If you Google on "Pham" + "Wisdom Tooth Removal" you may hit some articles he's done on this subject. He taught us this procedure in a Continuing Ed course a while back, and judging from the number of questions he fielded on it, it is not well known.

- > *I*
- > *understand that the remaining roots may migrate and may need to be*
- > *removed in the future but I am of the understanding that they would*
- > *move away from the nerve thus reducing the danger of permanent*
- > *anaesthesia of the lower lip.*

That is what is hoped (best-case scenario), yes. The idea is to totally remove the crown right down to the roots and then close. I don't remember if he puts any sedative dressing on the exposed nerve tissue in the root fragments, but I don't think so. Obviously, there are also risks of infection and abscess/granuloma/cyst formation when one leaves root fragments in the sockets. However, if your OMFS has done a few of these and has had success, I'd give it serious consideration.

- > *I have been told that coronectomy also*
- > *carries a risk of permanent anaesthesia but that the risk is lower*
- > *than for full odontectomy.*
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- > *Many thanks in advance,*
- > *Peter.*

If we're lucky, one or both of the OMFS's that haunt this castle will give you the benefit of their experiences.

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Cheers  
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