

Personal Care Dental Group

Consent for Use of Local Anesthetic

Local anesthetic is the medicine used in dentistry to numb teeth and gums for dental procedures. Most people refer to this as Novocaine, even though the actual anesthetic used is usually lidocaine, carbocaine, marcaine, septocaine, and other “caine” anesthetics. Some of these medications also contain a small amount of epinephrine (adrenalin.)

There are certain risks, although **rare**, associated with administering anesthetic. Dental anesthetics can cause any or all of the following:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Rapid heart rate
- Decrease in heart rate
- Hematoma (tearing and swelling of blood vessels at injection site)
- Facial bruising at injection site
- Allergic reaction
- Dizziness
- Drowsiness
- Fainting
- Decrease in blood sugar
- Parasthesia (prolonged or permanent numbness caused by nerve damage at injection site)
- Needle breakage in soft tissue

More **common** sequelae of injections include soreness at injection site up to a few days after procedure and limited jaw opening. Sometimes these symptoms can last several weeks.

Any of these rare risks or complications could require hospitalization and further medical care at an added cost to you.

I understand these risks of local anesthetics and all of my questions have been answered.

Patient – Print Name

Patient Signature

Guardian (if patient is a minor) Print Name

Guardian Signature

Witness

Date