

# Wallace Courses

## Local Anesthesia Administration Participation Consent

I understand that in taking this course, I will be required to operate as a patient receiving local anesthesia from other course participants, as well as a provider of local anesthesia. I understand that those administering local anesthesia to me, as a patient, are not certified to do so by the NC Dental Board at the time of taking this course, and that certification in Local Anesthesia Administration by the NC Dental Board is the purpose for this course.

I understand that a local anesthetic may consist of different medications that are injected into the cheek, jaw or gum area. These drugs may include, lidocaine, prilocaine, mepivacaine, bupivacaine, articaine, or others. I understand that local anesthetics may contain a "vasoconstrictor" like epinephrine; antioxidants, such as bisulfites or methylparaben for preservation of the solutions; sodium hydroxide, and sodium chloride. I understand that local anesthetics will cause a section of my mouth to become numb, with the numbness lasting up to several hours. I know that while my mouth is numb, I must be careful not to bite my lips or tongue.

This consent form is designed to make you aware of the risks involved with local anesthesia. the risks include, but are not limited to: a) There are risks of anesthesia that may affect your body, such as dizziness, nausea, vomiting, accelerated heart rate, slow heart rate, or various types of allergic reactions. Any or all of these may require additional medical management or hospitalization. b) Restricted mouth opening during recovery, sometimes related to muscle soreness at the site of the injection requiring physical therapy. c) Local anesthesia may cause prolonged numbness, that in some patients may result in injury from biting or chewing an area such as (lip, cheek, or tongue that has received the local anesthesia.) d) Injury to nerves that can result in pain, numbness, tingling, or other sensory disturbances to the chin, lip cheek, gums or tongue. This may persist for several weeks, months, or rarely, be permanent. e) Local anesthesia is administered with a very small fine needle.

In very rare instances these needles may break off and be lodged in soft tissue. Especially when a patient moves while anesthesia is being given. I understand that if I have uncontrolled high blood pressure, uncontrolled thyroid problems, angina, or have recently had a heart attack, I will inform course instructors without fail as these conditions have caused complications for persons receiving local anesthesia. I will also inform course instructors of any prescription or over-the-counter medications I am taking as these may interact with local anesthetics. This consent for local anesthetics remains valid for the duration of my clinical experience. I have had all of my questions answered, and have not been offered any guarantees.

Course Participant Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_