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It is quite difficult to accurately predict how every surgical procedure will end up. Most of them are trouble-free and go to plan, but sometimes you may be caught out. In the light of the problems that have arisen in the past we need to warn patients of the possible risks that exist before we can start. This is all part of the consent process and in each case these warnings need to be interpreted to reflect the idiosyncrasies of the patient’s particular circumstances. Attention to detail and a record of the discussion with the patient will not only ensure the best outcome but it will also protect the clinician from any subsequent challenge.

Experiencing discomfort
Consider the case of an elderly patient who attended the dentist complaining of pain in the posterior mandibular area under her existing partial denture. Clinical examination revealed an area of redness and tenderness over the area of her lower right wisdom tooth. A radiograph taken at the time revealed a buried root from a lower eight, which was clearly being irritated by the denture. Although the dentist adjusted the denture, the patient continued to experience discomfort and was advised that the retained root should be removed.

The dentist was aware of the potentially friable nature of the mandible and advised the patient there was always the possibility of a fracture and consequently a risk interfering with the inferior dental nerve. The dental nurse recalls the dentist discussing this with the patient, but unfortunately, no note was made of the warnings in the patient's dental records. The procedure was uneventful, but the patient did experience some post-operative anaesthesia of her lip subsequent to the operation.

The member referred the patient to a consultant oral surgeon who considered there was little likelihood of the inferior dental nerve regenerating and the patient was advised that normal feeling would be unlikely to return.

Always take notes
The patient's lawyer claimed their client had not been warned of the risks of post-operative anaesthesia. The dentist rebutted this allegation and was quite vehement; as was his assistant that he had warned the patient. Because the dentist had carried out a number of other surgical procedures that same day and there was no documentation of the warning that was given it was the patient's word against the dentist’s. Because the court will usually view the patient with greater credibility, this case was impossible to defend and so it was settled out of court.

Dental Protection has assisted Admor (www.admor.com) to create a series of consent protocols for procedures with a recognised risk. By using these to document the consent process and storing the completed document in the patient's record, situations like the one described could be resolved more easily.

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Have you got that?
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IPS e.max Bleach Shades for all-ceramic perfection

The IPS e.max system from Ivoclar Vivadent enables the Laboratory provision of beautiful all-ceramic restorations in an extensive range of indications, including crowns, bridges and veneers. This unique & simple system allows the restoration to be made using CAD/CAM technology or press technology. When the restoration is finished, the patient is advised to use the new universal Nano-Fluorapatite Glass Ceramic, e.max ceram. Alternatively, IPS e.max CAD enables Dentists to provide precision fitting IPS e.max restorations chairside using the CEREC system. Wherever option is chosen, they offer enhanced aesthetics and biocompatibility compared with metal-ceramic restorations, and many believe the best restorative solution for strength, aesthetics and minimally invasive preparation.

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Dentists Looking for a Complete Solution to their CEREC

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Banish Tooth Whitening Sensitivity

Sensitivity is often an issue associated with Tooth Whitening, which applies to both home and power (surgery) whitening procedures.

GC has introduced Tooth Mousse that is the perfect addition to your usual tooth whitening treatments. Apply immediately after tooth whitening to relieve sensitivity caused by dehydration in the surgery or provide your patients with a tube to take home with their home whitening kit.

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