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Wisdom Tooth Removal

Questions and Answers

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Wisdom Tooth Removal: your questions answered

Wisdom tooth removal is a minor surgical procedure to take out a wisdom tooth that is causing problems. We only recommend it when there is a clear clinical reason, in line with NICE guidance.

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Your questions answered

Do all wisdom teeth need to come out?

No. NICE guidance advises against removing wisdom teeth that are not causing problems. We only recommend removal when there is a clear reason, such as repeated infection, decay or damage to nearby teeth.

What is pericoronitis?

It is infection of the gum around a partly erupted wisdom tooth. It causes pain, swelling and a bad taste. NICE suggests removal after a second episode, or after a single severe one.

How likely is nerve damage?

For lower wisdom teeth, temporary numbness of the lip and chin happens in up to about 1 in 10 people, and permanent numbness in under 1 in 100. The tongue nerve can also be affected, and permanent change is rare. Your own risk depends on how close the roots are to the nerve.

Why might I need a CBCT scan?

If standard X-rays suggest the roots are close to the nerve, a 3D scan shows the relationship more clearly. This helps us plan and explain your risks.

What is a coronectomy?

The crown of the tooth is removed and the roots are left in place. This lowers the risk to the nerve when the roots are very close. Occasionally the roots move or become infected and need removing later.

Can I be asleep for the procedure?

We offer local anaesthetic with or without IV sedation. If you would prefer general anaesthetic, we can refer you to a hospital service.

How long will recovery take?

Many people need 2 to 3 days of rest. Swelling and stiffness usually settle within a week and healing continues over a few weeks.

When might I be referred?

We may refer you to an oral surgeon if the tooth is deeply buried, the nerve risk is high or your medical history needs specialist care.

Can I go to work or school afterwards?

Plan for at least a day or two off. If you have sedation, you must not work, drive or make important decisions for 24 hours.

IMAGES, VIDEOS AND FURTHER READING

See it for yourself

Before and after photographs of Dr Kal's own work are in our smile gallery, and treatment videos are on our YouTube channel. These independent sources are also a good place to read more.

NHS: Wisdom tooth removal	Written guide on why wisdom teeth are removed, what happens and recovery.
NICE: Extraction of wisdom teeth	The national guidance on when wisdom teeth should and should not be removed. Written document.
BAOMS: Removal of impacted wisdom teeth	Written patient information from oral and maxillofacial surgeons, including risks.
LUSSO sedation dentistry	Our page on sedation for anxious patients. Written information.

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