

Advice for patients undergoing coronectomy (crown removal) procedures for wisdom teeth.

Your surgeon has decided that you are an appropriate patient to undergo a coronectomy procedure, which involves the removal of the crown but not the roots associated with your lower wisdom tooth.

This is a well-accepted procedure in oral surgery and has been well researched.

In essence, it allows the surgeon to remove the crown of the tooth whilst leaving the roots in places, which reduces the risk of any damage to the nerve associated with wisdom tooth in the lower jaw.

This procedure, which is not appropriate for all patients but in patients for who it is appropriate, it can significantly reduce the risk of permanent nerve damage and permanent numbness or pain of the lip associated with wisdom tooth surgery.

The advantage of this procedure is the reduced risk of nerve damage.

The disadvantages of this procedure are that it may be possible, at a later date that the roots will have to be removed. There is a significant chance that the roots, if they become infected, will rise upwards away from the nerve reducing the chance of nerve involvement and damage.

There is also an increased chance of a painful socket area following extraction and this is believed to be in the region of 2-5% of cases.

We genuinely feel that this is the best treatment option for you at this time and we are happy to answer any further questions to this at any time.

If you would like to discuss the complete removal of your tooth or would prefer this to be undertaken then please discuss this with us, either over the telephone or at your next visit to the practice.