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KöR - Teeth Whitening Informed Consent

When utilized properly, teeth whitening procedures and products whiten teeth, to one degree or another, in nearly all cases, with some whitening systems being more effective than others. As with any type of dental treatment specific results cannot be guaranteed. Scientific studies have shown that when used properly, professional teeth whitening products will not harm your teeth or gums; however there are certain inherent risks and limitations. Most often the risks are not serious enough to prevent you from whitening your teeth.

Most people are candidates for whitening; however some teeth whiten more effectively than others. Teeth with opaque spots due to various causes may result in the spots becoming noticeably lighter than the surrounding tooth color. Opaque spots will whiten much faster than the rest of the teeth, however if a highly effective technique such as KöR® Whitening Deep Bleaching™ is utilized, the surrounding tooth structure will usually whiten enough that these spots are not readily noticeable to others.

Teeth with dark spots most often respond very well KöR Whitening Deep Bleaching, however there is always the possibility that the dark spots will not whiten to exactly the same color as the surrounding tooth.

All natural teeth have a different shade/color when comparing the gum line area to the tip of the tooth (gum line areas are typically darker than the rest of the tooth). This is a natural appearance found on all natural teeth. After teeth whitening, a difference in color when comparing the gum line area of the tooth to the tips of the teeth will still be apparent. The more effective the whitening technique that you select (such as KöR Whitening Deep Bleaching), the less this difference in color will be. However, regardless of technique, there will always be some difference in color from the gum line to the tip of the teeth.

All patients have different cosmetic desires, expectations and requirements. If upon completion of whitening, the teeth have not whitened to the full desire of the patient, if there are opaque white spots that are still more noticeable than the patient desires, or if there are dark spots that are still more noticeable than the patient's desires, additional cosmetic treatment may be necessary at an additional charge.

Sensitivity of gums and/or teeth during whitening is common. Typically this sensitivity will last only a day or two after completion of whitening. You may be given products to reduce teeth sensitivity at home, however even with the desensitizing products you may still experience some sensitivity.

It is important to understand that tooth-color fillings, bondings, porcelain veneers and porcelain crowns will not whiten like natural teeth, and may need to be replaced after teeth whitening if the color discrepancy is noticeable.

Exceptionally whitening-resistant teeth - including, but not limited to tetracycline stained or fluoride stained teeth require longer treatment times than average cases, and in some cases require additional in-office whitening procedures. This is variable, and the time frame and number of necessary in-office visits cannot be known with certainty prior to the beginning of treatment. If the time necessary and the number of in-office whitening sessions are more than anticipated, additional charges may apply.

One-Hour Whitening - This method of teeth whitening (sometimes called Power Whitening or Laser Whitening) is performed in the dental office and actually takes a little longer than just one hour. The advantages of this technique are that the results are achieved quickly, without need for wearing whitening trays at home. The disadvantage is that all types of one-visit, one-hour whitening are highly unpredictable, regardless of the brand or products used, and any results has the potential to fade very quickly

At-Home Whitening - This method of teeth whitening requires the wearing of custom-made whitening trays to be worn by the patient at home every day or every night for one or more weeks. The advantage of

this technique is that it is less unpredictable and longer lasting than one-hour whitening. The disadvantages are that the whitening results vary significantly, are not immediate and it does require more time and effort on the part of the patient.

KöR® At-Home Whitening - This method of teeth whitening requires the wearing of unique, highly precision custom made KöR- Seal™ Whitening trays during sleep, most often for two weeks. The advantage of this technique is that it is very predictable, effective and the results are permanent as long as occasional at-home maintenance is performed as prescribed by the dentist. The disadvantage is that whitening results are not immediate and most often require two weeks of nighttime whitening.

KöR® Whitening Deep Bleaching - This method typically requires KöR At-Home Whitening as seen above, plus one in-office whitening session immediately following the at-home whitening. One in-office whitening session is normally required, however two or more in-office whitening sessions may be required for extremely difficult cases such as tetracycline staining of the teeth. The advantage of this whitening system is the most predictable, effective and long-lasting whitening effect possible. The disadvantage is a slightly higher cost, and more time and effort on the part of the patient.

To achieve permanent whiteness of your teeth, KöR At- Home Whitening and KöR Whitening Deep Bleaching must be maintained by periodic wearing of custom KöR-Seal Whitening Trays with KöR Whitening Maintenance Gel at home as prescribed by the dentist. Without the prescribed maintenance, the whiteness of the teeth will slowly fade with time. Depending on the results achieved, the dentist may recommend optional "accelerated maintenance" (wearing of your whitening trays more frequently in the beginning) to help "set" the new whiter color of your teeth.

If you choose At- Home Whitening, KöR At- Home Whitening, or KöR Whitening Deep Bleaching, the procedures will only be effective if you closely and correctly follow the instructions given and conscientiously wear your whitening trays at home as directed.

If you experience significant discomfort or any other problem that prevents you from wearing your whitening trays as directed, you must contact this office immediately.

I have read and understand the above information, I have received written and verbal instructions, explanation from the dental office staff, and I have had the opportunity to ask questions. I consent to the planned teeth whitening procedure.

Patient Signature:
(Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Date:

Doctor Signature:

Date:

Witness Signature:
Witness Name:

Date: