



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 in 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 KoR Whitening 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 to KoR Whitening, 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 gumline area to the tip of the tooth (gumline 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 gumline 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 KoR Whitening), the less this difference in color will be. However, regardless of technique, there will always be some difference in color from the gumline 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 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. The "in-office" and "take home" KoR desensitizer contains a chemical called HEMA. Please be aware that approximately one person in every 1,650 will have a HEMA allergy which manifests as a swelling of the lips. If you experience this problem, discontinue use of the KoR desensitizer and call our office.

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



Teeth Resistant to Whitening - 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 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 products used, and any result has the potential to fade within a short time.

At-Home Whitening - This method of teeth whitening requires the wearing of custom-made whitening trays to be worn by the patient every day or every night for one or more weeks. The advantage of this technique is that it is more predictable and longer lasting than one-hour whitening. The disadvantages are that the whitening results vary significantly, are not immediate, and require more time and effort on the part of the patient.

KoR Whitening - This method of teeth whitening typically requires one or more in-office whitening sessions and at-home wear of the unique custom made Deep Bleaching Trays. The advantage is the most predictable, effective, and long-lasting whitening effect possible. The disadvantage is higher cost, as well as more time and effort required by the patient.

To achieve "permanent" whiteness of your teeth, KoR Whitening must be maintained by periodic wearing of the custom Deep Bleaching trays with KoR Whitening Maintenance Gel at home as prescribed by the dentist. Without the prescribed maintenance, the whiteness of the teeth will 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 "set" the new whiter color of your teeth.

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

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

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

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Patient Signature	Date	Staff Signature	Date