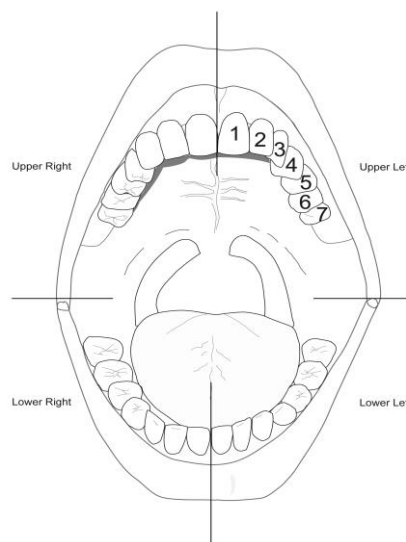


## Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

# Dental extractions and minor oral surgery – your consent form explained

Dental extractions and minor oral surgery may be carried out in the dental surgery or in hospital. In hospitals, we can usually obtain written consent for any procedure, but the technical language used can seem confusing. This leaflet is designed to explain how we number teeth, so that you understand which teeth you are having extracted or operated on. This is particularly important if you may be asleep or sedated for surgery.



Adults have a total of 32 teeth; these are numbered from 1 to 8 in each quarter of the mouth, starting at the front teeth.



## Patient Information

In children, teeth have letters assigned to them instead; we use the letters from A to E, starting from the front teeth. Children over the age of six and teenagers will have both adult and child teeth, this means that we may use both letters and numbers to describe them.

Dentists may also use descriptions of teeth, for example, we might refer to the 'upper right central incisor', or 'lower left first premolar'.

**If you are not sure what treatment is proposed, it is vital that you ask for it to be explained so that everyone is happy for treatment to proceed**

If you have any further queries please contact us on: 024 7696 6500

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 6500 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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