

Informed Consent for Patients Taking Bisphosphonate and Prolia Medications

Medications such as bisphosphonates and Prolia are often used for osteoporosis and cancer treatment. These drugs can be given either as an injection or as a pill. Alendronate (Fosamax), Risedronate (Actonel, Atelvia), Ibandronate (Boniva), Zoledronic Acid (Reclast), and Denosumab (Prolia) are examples of these medications. It is important to understand that these drugs stay in the body and can cause side effects for many years after they were taken. The benefits of taking medications such as bisphosphonates or Prolia for osteoporosis and cancer treatment can be very important. Your periodontist cannot advise you about these benefits. You should speak with your physician if you have any questions.

Because you are taking this type of medication, you may be at risk of developing osteonecrosis of the jaw, delayed healing, loss of bony and soft tissue, fracture of the jaw, and/or other complications. Certain dental treatment can increase the risk. Although the risk is low with any procedure, procedures involving the bone such as tooth extractions, implants, and periodontal surgery add to the risk.

Despite all precautions, you may experience delayed healing, osteonecrosis, loss of bony and soft tissues, fracture of the jaw, and/or other complications. If osteonecrosis or any other complication should occur, your treatment may be prolonged and more difficult. Your treatment may involve ongoing intensive therapy including but not limited to hospitalization, long-term antibiotics, debridement, and reconstructive surgery. Please be aware that long-term postoperative monitoring may be required.

I have read and understand the possible risks of my planned procedure.

Patient Signature

Date