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## Connecticut Dental Referral Service

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### Exodontics/Oral Surgery



Flap surgery for exodontia of upper 4th premolar with endodontic and periodontic disease.

Exodontia is the term used to describe the removal of teeth. Certain teeth cannot be treated with root canal therapy because the disease process is too advanced. Other individuals will not want root canal therapy but seek tooth removal. At the CT & NY Specialty Centers for Oral Care, no teeth are removed without client written consent.

The option to save a tooth is always first presented. With refusal, teeth can be removed. Extractions are never completed without pre- and post-extraction x-ray. This is important in developing the best plan for removal and to prevent damage to the already compromised bony structures surrounding the abnormal tooth. The x-ray allows a careful examination of the diseased tooth roots and adjoining tooth roots. This same radiology exam lets the veterinary dentist know whether the disease process has spread to other dentition that may also need extraction.



Oronasal Fistula Surgery with Retained Root Tip of Cuspid



Bone Graft (i.e. Consil/TM) in post-extraction sites leads to improved patient comfort and decreased healing time.



Bone graft (i.e. Consil/TM) placed in post-operative sites for alveolar ridge

#### Dr. DeForge's plan for exodontia includes the following:

- Pre-treatment radiology
- Full thickness mucoperiosteal flap surgery
- Alveoplasty of pathologic bone and osteomyelitic bony spicules
- Bone graft placement
- Suturing of all flaps with absorbable suture
- Post-extraction radiology
- Post surgical homecare counseling
- Periodontal counseling of all remaining dentition
- Six month follow-up bone graft radiology

Disclaimer:

“Lisa Taylor-Austin believes there was merit to her claims that Dr. Deforge negligently cared for her cat, Simba, and that he misrepresented whether he was a Board-certified dental specialist. Dr. Deforge denies these claims and asserts that the Department of Public Health’s veterinary board cleared him of any wrong doing. However, Dr Deforge agreed to pay \$7,500.00 to compensate Ms. Taylor-Austin because he believed the risks inherent in any lawsuit and the cost of missing two weeks from his practice made it imprudent to go to trial.”

Note: My guardian’s costs for my medical care and all legal avenues exceeded \$20,000.