## **Hearts & Smiles**

## A Patient Correspondence Form for Cardiologists and Dentists

Patient Name:	Cardiologist Name:
Patient Date of Birth:	Cardiologist Phone:
	Dentist Name:
	Dentist Phone:
Give antibiotics before dental procedures in line with AHA guidelines. Cardiologist provides last office visit report to dentist.	Dental procedures with pharmacologic behavior guidance indicated. Dentist calls cardiologist to discuss patient risk with minimal or moderate sedation.
Noteworthy findings noted on most recent ECHO. Cardiologist gives printed report to dentist.	YES  Modifications are needed to anticoagulant therapy. Dentist calls cardiologist before each procedure to determine plan.
Elective dental procedures should be deferred for 6 months after cardiac procedure. Cardiologist informs dentist.	YES  Requires continuous ECG  monitoring during dental  procedures. Cardiologist gives  printed report to dentist.
Dental clearance is needed before cardiac surgery or catheterization. Cardiologist requests written report from dentist.	YES  If dental surgery under general anesthesia is needed, cardiac anesthesiologist recommended.
Electrical precautions needed for implanted pacemaker/cardioverter defibrillator. Cardiologist calls dentist to inform and discuss plan.	YES  If dental surgery under general anesthesia needed, post operative admission should be planned.
I have examined the patient, completed this form, and reviewed its contents with the patient and caregiver(s).	
Provider:	
Date:	