

## DENTAL CARE

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**Patient:** Hi. Dr. Hyde?

**Dentist:** So, what's seems to be the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> today?

**Patient:** Well, I just came in for a check up and a dental \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Dentist:** Hum. Open up. Let's take a look . . .

**Patient:** Okay. Uh . . .

**Dentist:** Hummmm. [*Humm? Uh?*] Wow! I've never seen one like THIS before. Let me try this.

**Patient:** Uhhh . . . Ouhhhh [*Man screaming in pain . . .*]

**Dentist:** Well, besides a lot of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> buildup, there is a major cavity in one of your wisdom teeth. [*I feel that.*] Hasn't this given you any trouble?

**Patient:** Well, the tooth has been bothering me, and it sometimes \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> when I drink something cold. Does it look that bad?

**Dentist:** Well, we're going to remove the decay, and then we'll either put a filling in, or if the decay is \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup>, we can't repair it, we might have to put a crown on your tooth. Or as a last resort, we may have to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> the tooth.

**Patient:** Uh, well, that sounds painful!

**Dentist:** Don't worry. I've done this . . . once before. [*Huh?*] Nah, just relax.

**Patient:** Wait! Aren't you suppose to give me something to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> the pain?

**Dentist:** Uh . . . Oh yeah. I almost forgot. We can either use a local \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> or nitrous oxide . . . laughing gas. . . to minimize the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> you might feel. Or you can just grin and bear it.

**Patient:** Nah, Nah, nah! Put me under! [*I thought so.*] I can't stand pain, and I'd rather not be aware of what's going on. And, if I need a filling, can I get one that looks like my other teeth?

**Dentist:** If we can save the tooth with a filling, I recommend a high-strength silver \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> filling instead of a porcelain one. It'll probably last longer.

**Patient:** Okay, well whatever. Let's get it over with.

**Dentist:** Okay, pleasant dreams. Drill please.