

PATIENT CONSENT FOR ENDODONTIC PROCEDURES

This form briefly explains Endodontic (root canal) treatment including some of the benefits and risks. Please read and feel free to discuss any aspect of your treatment and sign at the bottom of this page.

I agree to and understand the following information:

- Root canal treatment is a procedure that may allow me to keep a tooth that might otherwise have to be removed. An endodontic exam is performed to determine the specific need for root canal treatment. Treatment involves making an opening in the tooth to remove damaged soft tissue that runs through the root, this space of tissue is then cleansed and sealed with material.
- Root canal treatment is usually 75%-80% successful. As with any branch of medicine or dentistry, no guarantee of success can be given. On occasion, a tooth that has received root canal therapy may require additional treatment or even extraction.
- The number of visits, x-rays, or images may vary with the difficulty of the case.
- Local anesthetics and a rubber dam are used. When the tissue in and around the root canal are extremely inflamed, obtaining absolute anesthesia may be difficult.
- Not performing root canal treatment can lead to increasing pain, infection, bone and soft tissue destruction, and/or extraction of the tooth.
- Retreating a previous root canal or treating a root canal started in other dental offices may have different outcomes. There is no guarantee of success but we will do our very best on your behalf.
- Possible complications in root canal treatment, including but not limited to are:
 - Curved canals, curved roots
 - Calcification in root canal space
 - Swelling or discoloration of soft /hard tissues
 - Procedural difficulties such as instrument separation, root perforation, or overextension of the filling material, and/or paresthesia (lip numbness) are extremely rare but possible.
 - Crown or root fracture
 - Pain during or following treatment

I understand that after root canal treatment, the tooth will always need a new filling and perhaps a crown. The root canal treatment fee does not include cost for the filling, crown, or fees for periodontal (gum) treatment. I have been informed of the need for related procedures that might be necessary and for the final restoration (by my family dentist).

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