

PRACTICE LIMITED TO ENDODONTICS

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I understand root canal treatment is a procedure to retain a tooth, which may otherwise require extraction. Although root canal therapy has a very high degree of clinical success, it is still a biological procedure, so it cannot be guaranteed.

I, the undersigned, have been informed that if I require an endodontic procedure (root canal treatment) and that I fully understand the following:

- 1) Failure to follow this recommendation will most likely result in:
 - a. The loss of the tooth.
 - b. Bone destruction due to an abscess.
 - c. Possible systemic (affecting the whole body) infection.
- 2) A certain percentage (5 to 10 percent of root canals fail, and they may require retreatment, periapical surgery or even extraction.
- 3) During instrumentation of the tooth an instrument may break and lodge permanently in the tooth or an instrument may perforate the tooth.
- 4) When making an access (opening) through an existing crown or placing a rubber dam clamp, damage could occur and a new crown would be necessary after endodontic therapy.
- 5) Successful completion of the root canal procedure does not prevent future decay or fracture.
- 6) Temporary fillings are usually placed in the tooth after root canal treatment. The permanent (outside) restoration (filling, onlay, crown, etc.) will be done by the patient's regular dentist.

There are risks involved in administration of anesthetics, analgesics (pain medication), and antibiotics. I will inform the Doctor of any previous side effects or allergies.

Date

Patient or Patient's Guardian

Date

Witness to Signature