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## Informed Consent for Endodontic (Root Canal) Treatment

The need for a root canal has been explained to me and treatment options along with their potential problems have been discussed. These may include but are not limited to the extraction of the tooth, with or without the subsequent replacement of the missing tooth with a bridge, partial denture or dental implant. No treatment with the potential for pain, swelling, cyst and abscess formation, bone loss around this tooth and adjacent teeth, loss of this tooth or additional tooth loss, or serious systemic infection.

Potential complications during or after root canal therapy can include:

1. Pain or discomfort
2. Infection and swelling
3. Root fracture or instrument perforation through the root and into the bone
4. Instrument separation or breakage with portions stuck within the root
5. Tiny calcified canals which are difficult to treat and fill
6. Delayed or no healing with chronic abscess or cyst formation
7. Post treatment numbness from treatment or filling materials, usually temporary but may require additional treatment.
8. Others listed here:

In addition, with some of these complications, or should healing not occur, additional therapy such as retreatment or root surgery (apicoectomy) may be an option. Referral to an endodontic specialist may be necessary for certain procedures. Sometimes, in spite of our best efforts, the tooth cannot be saved and it will require extraction.

Adverse reactions, allergies or other complications can occur with anesthetics or medications we prescribe. It is important that you follow all post-treatment instructions and the recommendations concerning all medications. Contact us immediately if you have any problems with your medications or treatment.

Fees are based on the procedures completed, not on success or failure. Although root canal therapy overall has a high success rate, no guarantee can be made. It is important that you follow through with all scheduled appointments including any future evaluation visits. After the root canal is completed your tooth should be properly restored as soon as possible to prevent fracture or decay which could result in the loss of the tooth. We usually recommend a porcelain or gold crown to restore a root canal treated tooth. The final restoration, additional root canal retreatment or any surgical therapy is not included as part of the procedure or fee.

Additional information:

I have read this form and have had the opportunity to ask and have my questions answered.

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Patient (Print)

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Patient, parent, or guardian's signature

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Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_ on this date

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Patient, please initial above, the receipt of a copy of this form. Thank you!