

Consent for Endodontic Treatment (Root Canal)

Endodontic (root canal) therapy is performed in order to save teeth that may otherwise need extraction. Other treatment choices include no treatment at all or extraction. The risks associated with these other treatment choices include pain, infection and tooth loss.

The risks associated with endodontic therapy include, but are not limited to:

1. Breakage of treatment instruments within the canals.
2. Perforation of the root or crown of the tooth.
3. Damage to fillings, crowns and bridges, porcelain fracture, cracked teeth.
4. Sinus complications.

Complications associated with endodontic therapy include, but are not limited to:

1. Blocked canals.
2. Calcified canals.
3. Broken instruments.
4. Curved canals.
5. Splits or fractures of the teeth.
6. Gum disease
7. Sinus complications.

Other risks of treatment include, but are not limited to:

1. Complications associated with the use of dental instruments, drugs, medications, anesthetics and injections. These complications may include swelling, sensitivity, bleeding, pain, infection residual and possibly permanent numbness of the mouth, tongue, chin, lips and teeth.
2. Other complications may include injury to the temporomandibular joints, muscle spasms, changes to the bite, loosening of teeth and referred pain, nerve damage, drug reactions, and treatment failure.

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Consent: I undersigned, being the patient (parent or guardian of minor children), Consent to the performance of endodontic procedures deemed advisable by the doctor. I also declare that I have read this consent form in its entirety and understand it. I also understand that after treatment is complete, I will require timely restoration of the tooth, which may involve a cap, crown, bridge or other restoration as deemed advisable by the doctor. I also understand that root canal treatment is an attempt to save a tooth which may otherwise require extraction. Although root canal treatment has a high degree of success, treatment outcome cannot be guaranteed. Occasionally a tooth that has had root canal treatment may require re-treatment, surgical treatment and even extraction.

Response Date: