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### Informed Consent for Endodontic (Root Canal) Treatment

The Doctor has explained the benefits and risks of root canal treatment to me. Referral to a specialist (endodontist) has been offered. I understand that root canal treatment involves the removal of tissues in the center of the tooth (root canal) and the sealing of the space that is created during the process of removal and cleansing of the root canal system. I further understand that the root canal treatment may fail if a proper filling or crown is not completed after the root canal is done, and that such restoration is a separate and distinct procedure with an additional fee.

I understand and accept the treatment recommended for me by the Doctor. I further understand that there may be some unwanted complications, some of which are listed below. No guarantees have been made or implied\*\*. Alternative treatment(s) and the option of no treatment has been explained to me. I understand that an alternative treatment may include extraction of the involved tooth or teeth. I understand the risks of no treatment include, but are not limited to infection, swelling, cyst formation, pain, loss of tooth/teeth and/or systemic disease. All of my questions have been addressed.

Tooth/teeth involved in treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment risks / unwanted consequences may be (but are not limited to):

- Reaction to medications / anesthetic
- Temporary or permanent numbness or tingling of the lip, chin, tongue or other areas
- Potential for re-treatment of root canal or possible surgical treatment
- Instrument breakage in the tooth / perforation of the root(s)
- Recurrent decay
- Color of tooth may change (become darker than adjacent teeth)
- Post treatment swelling and/or pain
- Root fracture / crown fracture
- Need to extract tooth

Patient signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*While most root canal treatments are successful, there is a 4-6% failure rate resulting in re-treatment at a specialist (endodontist) at his/her additional fee or loss of tooth. If the tooth requires extraction within one year of treatment, there will be no additional fee for the extraction.**