

Consent for Root Canal Treatment (Endodontics)

My dentist has suggested that a root canal treatment is an option for tooth# _____.

Alternatives to root canal treatment:

Extraction

Do Nothing

Other _____

Because of the wide differences among people and dental conditions a successful outcome cannot always be obtained. This is true even for routine procedures. Sometimes, unexpected results occur. You should be aware of this potential before agreeing to continue.

Here are some of the more common (but not all) complications for root canal treatments:

- pain, swelling, bruising, infection, prolonged bleeding
- permanent or temporary numbness to the cheeks, lips, tongue, teeth, gums
- small instruments breaking in the canals of the teeth
- continued pain, leading to further surgery or loss of the teeth
- inability to fully treat the teeth due to curved roots, calcification in the canals or other complications
- perforation of the roots by the small instruments used during the procedure
- the tooth becomes more brittle, which may require inserting a post in the tooth and later crown.
- over filling the canals with inert material

Knowing that these risks exist and they might happen to me, I consent to allow this dental office to perform a root canal treatment on the tooth indicated above.

_____ I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about this procedure and am
Initials fully satisfied with the answers I received.

Signature

Today's Date

I would like a copy of this form ___yes ___no

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