ROOT CANAL TREATMENTCONSENT FORM

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 can not be guaranteed.

I, the under signed, have been informed that I require an endodontic procedure (root canal treatment) on tooth number and that I fully understand the following:

1. Failure to follow this recommendation will mostl ikely result in:
	1. The loss of the tooth.
	2. Bone destruction due to an abscess.
	3. Possible systemic (affecting the whole body) infection.
2. A certain percentage (5-10%) of root canals fail, and they may require re- treatment,

Periapical surgery, or even extraction.

1. During instrumentation of the tooth an instrument may separate and odge permanently in tooth or an instrument may perfor atethe root wall. Although this is rarely occurs, such an occurrence could cause the failure of the root canal and the loss of the tooth.
2. When making an access (opening) through an existing crown or placing a rubber dam clamp, damage could ocur and a new crown would be necessary after endodintic therapy.
3. Successfull complication of the root canal procedure does not prevent future decay or fracture.
4. Temporary filling sare usually placed in the tooth immediately after root canal treatment.

Teeth which have had root canal treatment will require a permanent (outside) restoration.

This may involve a filling or more extensive restorative work (pins, post, crownbuild-up, crown) depending on the clinical status of the tooth.

I understand that a series of appointments will be necessary to complete the root canal therapy, as well as other appointments for restoration. I am also a ware that I may have continuing temporary symptoms throughout the treatment. Those symptoms may include:

1. Swelling 4) Drainage
2. Pain 5) Fever
3. Infection 6) Numbness

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

Note: Antibiotics may decrease the effectiveness of birth control medication. Additional methods of birth control should be used while on antibiotics.

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Patient or Patient’s Guardian Signature Date

Witness to Signature Date