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INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM

Before starting endodontic (root canal) treatment, you should be informed of all the risks and alternatives to endodontic treatment. You will be required to sign this consent prior to the initiation of treatment; however, it does not commit you to treatment. **This consent serves to acknowledge that you have been informed and understand the following:**

Root canal treatment is an attempt to retain a tooth that may otherwise require extraction. Although root canal therapy has a high degree of success, it cannot be guaranteed. Occasionally, a tooth that has had root canal therapy may require retreatment, microsurgery, or extraction.

The alternative to endodontic treatment include: no treatment, waiting for more definitive development of symptoms; and extraction of the tooth. Risks involved in these choices might include pain, swelling, infection, loss of tooth or teeth, and infection to other areas.

Risks of endodontic treatment are of two kinds: those risks associated with general dental procedures and those risks specific to endodontic treatment.

Risks of general dental procedure: Include (but not limited to) are complications resulting from the use of dental instruments, drugs, sedation, medicines, analgesics (pain killers), anesthetics and injections. These complications include pain, infections, swelling, bleeding, sensitivity, numbness, and tingling sensation (transient or permanent) in the lips, tongue, chin, gums, cheeks and teeth, thrombophlebitis (inflammation to the vein), reaction to injections, change in occlusion (biting), muscle cramps, and spasms, temporomandibular (jaw) joint difficulty, loosening of teeth or restorations in teeth, injury to other tissues, referred pain to the ear, neck and head, nausea, vomiting, allergic reactions, itching, bruises, delayed healing, sinus complications and further surgery. Prescribed medications and drugs may cause drowsiness, and lack of awareness and coordination (which may be influenced by the use of alcohol and other drugs) thus, is advisable not to operate any vehicle or hazardous device, or to work for twenty-four hours or until recovered from their effects. Antibiotics may interfere with oral contraceptives and caution should be used during antibiotic use.

Risks specific to endodontic therapy: These risks include instruments broken within the root canal(s), perforations (extra openings) of the crown or root of the tooth, damages to bridges, existing fillings, crowns or porcelain veneers, loss of tooth structure in gaining access to canals and fracture of tooth structure. During treatment, complications may be discovered which make treatment impossible, or may require microsurgery. These complications may include: blocked or obstructed canals resulting from fillings, prior treatment, natural calcification, broken instruments, curved roots, periodontal disease (gum disease) and cracks or fractures of the teeth.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THE SPACE BELOW UNTIL YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO THE DOCTOR

Procedure

Notes

Date

Doctor

Patient's Signature

Witness

