

Consent for Endodontic Therapy

Please review the following consent. You will be required to sign it prior to the initiation of treatment. **However, it does not commit you to treatment.**

This is my consent to the endodontic procedures indicated and any other procedures deemed necessary or advisable as a corollary to the planned endodontic therapy performed by Dr. Theodore R. Grigg and any assistant with whom they work. I agree to the use of local anesthesia, depending upon the judgment of the endodontist. I understand the endodontist will consult with me prior to administering any sedation, and/or analgesia. **Complications of root canal therapy and anesthesia may include swelling, pain, trismus (restricted jaw opening), infection, bleeding, sinus involvement and numbness or tingling of the lip, gum or tongue, which rarely is protracted and even more rarely is permanent. I understand that it is my responsibility to report any symptoms to the endodontist immediately.**

I understand that root canal therapy is a procedure to retain a tooth which may otherwise require extraction and that as a specialty practice; the office performs only endodontic therapy and associated surgery. Although root canal therapy has a very high degree of success, results cannot be guaranteed. Occasionally, a tooth which has had root canal therapy may require retreatment, surgery, or even extraction. Following treatment, the tooth may be brittle and subject to fracture. A restoration (filling), crown, and/or post and core will be necessary to restore the tooth to function; this will be performed by your dentist. During treatment there is a possibility of instrument separation within the root canals, perforations (extra openings), damage to bridges, existing fillings, crowns or porcelain veneers, missed canals, loss of tooth structure in gaining access to canals, and fractured teeth. Also, there are times when a minor surgical procedure may be indicated or when a tooth may not be amenable to endodontic treatment at all. Other treatment choices include no treatment, waiting for more definitive symptoms to develop, or tooth extraction. Risk involved in those choices might include but are not limited to pain, infection, swelling, loss of teeth, and infection to other areas.

At times, medication will be prescribed by the endodontist. I understand that medications for discomfort and sedation may cause drowsiness which can be increased by the use of alcohol or other drugs. I am advised against the use of alcohol or operation of any vehicle or hazardous devices while taking such medications. I further understand that certain medications may cause hives and intestinal problems and it is my responsibility to report any changes in my medical history to the endodontist.

If there is anything that you do not understand about the endodontic procedure, or any statement in this form, or if you still have questions after reading this form and talking to the doctor, please write your questions below. If you have no questions please write "NONE".

I am aware of the estimated cost of this procedure and what I am obligated to pay today.

Signature: _____

All signatures must be by a parent or legal guardian if patient is under the age of 18.