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INFORMED CONSENT

We are concerned not only about your dental health and endodontic treatment needs, but also about your right as a patient to make the treatment decision that you feel is best for you. Our commitment to you is to provide you with detailed and complete information about your dental needs as we diagnose them. We will share our diagnostic processes with you, and we invite and welcome all of your questions regarding our work with you.

Towards this aim of a full, mutual sharing of information we feel it is important to advise you of the reasonably foreseeable risks of endodontic therapy. The following is important information you need to have in making your decision about treatment:

- Root canal therapy is a procedure designed to retain a tooth which may otherwise require extraction. Root canal therapy has a very high degree of success. However, it is a biological procedure and results cannot be guaranteed.
- Occasionally, and despite our best efforts, a tooth that has undergone non-surgical root canal therapy may require re-treatment or root canal surgery.
- We make special efforts to preserve the crowns of teeth we treat, but despite our best efforts occasionally a porcelain crown may fracture and require a new restoration.
- Even after root canal therapy, approximately 5 - 8% of endodontically treated teeth may eventually require extraction.
- Final restoration of the tooth that has undergone root canal therapy is essential for retention of the tooth. The final restoration should be completed **within 3 weeks of root canal therapy**. Final restorations are provided by your regular dentist.
- In some cases, the cause of an inflammation or infection in a tooth is a small crack. Many of these cracked teeth can be successfully retained by doing root canal therapy followed by a crown. These properly restored cracked teeth are functional, but may have a different feel than your other teeth.

Signature of Patient (or Parent)

Date