



## **CONSENT FOR ENDODONTIC (ROOT CANAL) THERAPY**

I hereby consent to endodontic treatment on tooth number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the tooth is infected or the nerve has been exposed to decay and I understand the reasons for the treatment. (removal of infection or the exposed nerve to prevent reinfection) The alternative treatment for this tooth/teeth would be extraction and has been explained to me as well as the consequences of no treatment. I understand the possible consequences of not completing treatment- once it is initiated.

I understand that during or after treatment there is a possibility the following may occur: swelling, infection, reinfection, pain, cold sores, canker sores, irritation or injury to the oral mucosa, periodontal involvement, instrument breakage in the canal, calcified canals preventing therapy perforation on the crown or root, allergic reaction, prolonged tenderness and sensitivity. I understand that root canal therapy is not 100% successful. (about 95% successful) and that may have to be repeated and/or additional surgical procedure(s) may be required. I understand that treatment may involve several appointments to complete. I understand that although root canal therapy can save a tooth from needing to be extracted, the procedure weakens the tooth and causes it to become more brittle, turn dark in color, and more susceptible to fracture. I understand that after treatment, the tooth will require a crown restoration.

I understand this authorization. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have been given satisfactory answers to my questions. I understand that this procedure can also be performed by a specialist and I prefer that it be performed in this office by a general dentist. No guarantees have been made to me.

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_