



Consent to Treatment - Root Canal

This form can be filled out on a computer, printed, then hand signed.

Legal First Name

Legal Middle Name / Initial

Legal Last Name

Today's Date

**PLEASE INITIAL EACH PARAGRAPH AFTER READING.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE INITIALING.**

1. SUCCESS RATE

Tooth # _____

Root Canal Treatment (endodontic therapy) has a 95% success rate. Many factors affect the success of the treatment: your general health, condition of the nerve and the root canal(s), bone support around the tooth, strength of the tooth (fracture lines), etc.

2. COMPLETION of TREATMENT

Root Canals are sometimes completed in a single appointment or may take several appointments. If the treatment spans several appointments, you will have a temporary filling placed on the tooth to protect the canal orifices. If the filling should come out, please call the office ASAP so we can replace it. Once treatment is begun, it is absolutely necessary that the treatment be completed in time and the patient must diligently follow any and all instructions.

3. SENSITIVITY

Just like with fillings, a root canal-treated tooth can be sensitive both during and after final treatment. Usually this sensitivity disappears in a week or two. If it does not fade away or appears to worsen, please call the office ASAP.

4. CROWN NEEDED

A crown is usually recommended for any tooth that has a root canal. This is because root canal-treated teeth no longer have a blood supply to them and become more brittle than otherwise. This is especially true of your back chewing teeth - the molars and bicuspid. A crown goes over the root canal tooth to strengthen it and protect it from breakage, as well as sealing the canals from additional infections.

5. CAUSE of FRACTURE

One of the main reasons some root canals fail is because of breakage or fracture of the tooth. A fractured tooth (especially a vertical fracture) can require extraction of the tooth. One of the best ways to prevent fracture of a root canal tooth is to have a crown put over the tooth immediately afterwards to strengthen it. Other causes of fracture include grinding of teeth, improper bite, trauma, etc. These fractures can occur either before or after the root canal.

6. PROPER CARE

While root canal-treated teeth no longer have nerves, they can still decay. It is important to take care of a root canal-treated tooth just as you would any other tooth: Through good home care, proper diet, and regular dental checkups.

7. ADDITIONAL TREATMENT

Additional treatment may be necessary. Occasionally, root canal treatment of canals that are very narrow, curved, or calcified may require specialist care. In addition, instruments used to treat the tooth may become separated in the canal and this may require specialist care as well.

Please note: Monies paid for treatments and services already rendered cannot be refunded or exchanged for additional work. Also, should complications arise during treatment, Dr. Tan reserves the right to refer the patient to a specialist and any fees for specialist care will be the sole responsibility of the patient.

The nature and purpose of root canal treatment has been explained to me, and I have had an opportunity to have my questions answered. I understand that dentistry is not an exact science and **success with root canals cannot be guaranteed**. In view of the above information, I authorize the doctor and/or such associates and assistants as necessary to render the treatment necessary and/or advisable to my dental condition including any and all anesthetics and/or medications.

Patient's or Guardian's Signature (please sign in pen)

Today's Date

Witness' Signature

Today's Date