

DENTISTRY BY DESIGN COMARIN

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INFORMED CONSENT

Root canal therapy tooth # _____

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.
- * Approximately 5%-10% of teeth that have undergone non-surgical root canal therapy may require a second procedure, root end surgery. This would be completed by a root canal specialist.
- * Even after root canal therapy, approximately 5% of endodontically treated teeth may eventually require extraction.
- * Final restoration of the tooth that has undergone root canal therapy is essential to retain the tooth. Final restoration (crown, onlay or post and/or core with build-up) should be completed within 30 days of root canal therapy.
- * During treatment, there is the possibility of instrument separation within the root canals, perforations (extra openings), damage to existing dental work, missed canals, and fractured teeth.

Signature of Patient (or parent)

Signature of Dentist

Date