

Aspen Endodontics

Non-Surgical Treatment Consent

Endodontic, or root canal, therapy is a treatment performed to attempt to save a tooth that may otherwise require extraction. Options to root canal treatment include, but are not limited to, extraction or no treatment at all. While endodontic therapy is a highly successful treatment, there are many variables that play into the long-term success of the treatment and there can be no guarantees made as to the outcome.

Risks & possible complications of endodontic treatment and local anesthesia include, but are not limited to:

- Swelling, infection, discomfort or pain following treatment (during the initial stages of healing)
- Numbness or tingling of the lip, tongue or gum tissues
- Limited jaw opening or trismus
- Sinus involvement
- Instrument breakage within the root canal, perforation of the tooth or root, missed or untreatable canals
- Loss of tooth structure in gaining access to the canal system of the tooth
- Damage to existing fillings, crowns or bridges, or other restorations which may require replacement by your general dentist, resulting in additional treatment costs to you. Many times root canal treatment is needed on a tooth that has an existing crown. Whenever possible, we try to save the existing crown and limit your treatment costs by making a small hole through the top or back of the crown, which can generally be restored or filled by your general dentist following the root canal. In the instances where these crowns are made out of porcelain there is always a chance that the porcelain can crack or fracture during or after treatment.

There are times when a tooth that has had a root canal may need to be retreated, require a follow-up surgical procedure or when the tooth may need to be extracted.

The GentleWave irrigation system and Waterlase/Epic lasers are state-of-the-art technology that we use in our office and, depending on your specific tooth anatomy and treatment needs, may be used for your endodontic treatment. As explained in our office financial policy there will be an additional fee that is not covered by your dental insurance if either of these systems is needed for your treatment.

Most often your tooth will have a temporary filling in it after the root canal treatment has been completed in our office. It is important that you return to your general dentist within 2-4 weeks following completion of the root canal for the permanent restoration, which may include a filling, core build-up, post, crown or bridge. Failure to have the tooth restored by your general dentist within the recommended timeframe can result in contamination of the root canal system which can adversely affect the healing process and may lead to the need to have the root canal retreated or the tooth extracted.

By signing below, you agree that you have read this consent form, have had the opportunity to have any questions or concerns regarding your treatment addressed, and give your consent for Dr. Transtrum or Dr. Walker to perform the recommended endodontic treatment.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____