

Consent Form

Patient's name: _____

Patient's file #: _____

Treatment description: Root canal treatment for: #

What is Root canal treatment:

An endodontic treatment more commonly known as a root canal treatment is one of the most common dental treatments performed in dentistry. This treatment is a safe, highly successful and effective way to save natural teeth, preventing the loss of natural teeth and the necessity for implants or dental prosthesis. This treatment is recommended when the pulp of the tooth is inflamed or infected. The pulp is in the center of the tooth, this part is made of nerves, blood vessels and connective tissue. The causes of pulp disease may be due to a trauma, deep caries or repeated fillings. Signs of pulp disease include prolonged discomfort to hot and or to cold, tooth discolouration, swelling and pain on the adjacent gums.

dentist will try to access all canals present, anterior teeth usually have only one canal whereas posterior teeth can have up to 5 canals, it may happen involuntarily that some canals are left undetected.

Risks related to instrumentation:

The endodontic instruments are known to be fragile due to the small dimension of the canals, it is possible that an instrument fractures and remains wedged inside one of the canals, this could affect the prognosis of the canal treatments.

Other risks:

- Interference, calcification
- Resorption
- The medical conditions

Possible risks and complications associated with a root canal treatment:

Risks related to access openings:

This part is the preparation phase, the dentist needs to access the pulp of the tooth infected, if the tooth treated has a restoration (or crown), it is possible to be damaged to the point that it must be replaced or repaired. Once the pulp is exposed, the

Other complications:

Pain: some pain may be experienced after the root canal treatment, the dentist will prescribe analgesics to cope with the pain which should subside after 72 hours.

Swelling: it may occur when a tooth was previously infected, in such a case, the dentist may prescribe antibiotics.

Your prognosis is:

Good: Average: Unfavorable:

I fully understand the nature and the limits of the endodontic treatment as well as the difficulties related with my treatment. I understand that even if the prognosis appears to be good at the beginning, it is always possible that one of the above cited complications occurs. I also understand that I will have to avoid overloading the tooth which is being treated during the course of chewing and I understand that I will have to have my tooth restored as quickly as possible in order to prevent it from breaking or becoming unrestorable.

Patient's signature: _____

Date: _____