

# WIDDICOMBE DENTISTRY

## CONSENT TO PERFORM ENDODONTICS

*This authorization and consent for treatment is to be given to Dr. Widdicombe and staff after first having had a full explanation of the proposed treatment. This disclosure is not meant to frighten; it is simply an effort to assist in making an informed decision on whether to give or withhold consent for treatment.*

Dr. Widdicombe has explained that diagnosis is \_\_\_\_\_ and has advised me that in his opinion, root canal treatment is indicated. Dr. Widdicombe has advised me of his opinion as well as of the consequences of not performing treatment (which may include, but are not limited to: worsening of the disease, infection, cystic formation, swelling, pain, loss of tooth, and/or other systemic disease manifestations). Dr. Widdicombe has advised me of alternative treatments and their respective benefits / risks (alternative treatments may include, but are not necessarily limited to: extraction of the infected tooth (teeth), referral to a specialist (endodontist), or non-treatment). This being said, I believe that the root canal as noted above would be my preferred choice of treatment.

Dr. Widdicombe has advised me that there are certain risks and potential consequences of any treatment; such risks would include but are not limited to:

- A certain percentage (approximately 5-10%) of root canals fail, necessitating re-treatment, root surgery (with a referral to a specialist), or extraction.
- Postoperative discomfort, swelling, restricted jaw opening which may persist several days or longer.
- Breakage of root canal instrument during treatment which may, in Dr. Widdicombe's judgement, be left in the treated root canal or require surgery by a specialist for removal.
- Perforation of the root canal with instruments which may require additional surgical corrective treatment by a specialist or result in loss of tooth.
- Premature loss of tooth due to progressive periodontal (gum) disease.
- Root canal treatment relies heavily on radiographic information. Since radiographs are essentially 2-dimensional shadows which provide reliable but not infallible information, this may lead to root canal failures.
- Successful completion of root canal procedure does not prevent future decay or fracture. The endodontically treated tooth will be more brittle and may discolor.
- In most cases, a crown and post filling is recommended after completion of the root canal to prevent fracture and/or improve esthetics.

The endodontic fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ and does not cover alloy, plastic restoration, or crown.

I have read and understand the above and I have had all questions answered to my satisfaction. I agree to proceed with the recommended root canal therapy.

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Patient's Name (printed)

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Date

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Patient's Signature