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I hereby authorize the doctor to perform the following procedure(s):

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1. **Endodontic therapy is about 98% successful.** Many factors influence the treatment outcome, the patients general health, bone support around the tooth, strength of the tooth including possible fracture lines, shape and condition of the root nerve canal(s), etc.
2. **Teeth treated with endodontic therapy must be protected during treatment.** Between appointments, your tooth will have a temporary cement filling. If this should come out, please call the office and have it replaced.
3. **The tooth may normally be sensitive following appointments and even remain tender for a time after treatment is completed.** If sensitivity persists and does not seem to be getting better, even after several weeks, please let the doctor know.
4. **Fractures are one of the main reasons why endodontic therapy fails.** Unfortunately, some cracks that extend from the crown down to the root are invisible and hard to detect. They can occur on uncrowned teeth from traumatic injury, biting on hard objects, habitual clenching or grinding, or even normal wear and tear. Whether the fracture occurs before or after the root canal, it may require extraction of the tooth.
5. **Since teeth with root canals are more brittle than other teeth, the dentists will always recommend a crown to prevent future damage.** This is especially important with molar and bicuspid teeth. A post and core may also be required to reinforce and build up sufficient structure for the crown to be placed.
6. **Teeth treated with endodontic therapy can still decay, but since the nerve is gone, there will be no pain.** As with other teeth, the proper care of these teeth consists of good home care, a sensible diet, and periodic dental checkups.
7. **With some teeth, conventional endodontic therapy alone may not be sufficient.** For example, if the canal(s) are severely bent or calcified, if there is substantial or long standing infection in the bone around the roots, or if a metal bone file becomes separated with the canal. The tooth may remain sensitive and a surgical procedure (Apicoectomy) may be necessary to resolve the problem.
8. **There are alternatives to endodontic therapy.** They include no treatment at all, extraction with nothing to fill the space, and extraction followed by a bridge, partial denture, or implant to fill the space.

The nature of endodontic therapy has been explained to me, and I have had a chance to have all my questions answered. I realize that my treatment could require post and core, buildup, and crown as well as the endodontic treatment. In addition, I understand that dentistry is not an exact science, and success with endodontic therapy cannot be guaranteed. In some cases, even though the endodontic treatment is done correctly, one may still lose a tooth. In light of the above information, I authorize the doctor to proceed with treatment.

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### Consent for Endodontics (Root Canal)

I have read and understood this consent.

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*Patient or authorized person to sign for patient*

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*Date*

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*Patients name*

If not the patient, what is your relationship to the patient?

I have explained the condition, procedure, benefits, alternatives, and risks described on this form to the patient or representative.

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*Doctor Signature*

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*Date*