



**Endodontists**

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**PATIENT INFORMATION AND  
CONSENT FOR ROOT CANAL TREATMENT**

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**Patient's Name**

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**DOB**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Planned diagnostic procedure for tooth/teeth: #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Referring Dentist:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnosis:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Planned treatment:** \_\_\_ NSRCT \_\_\_ NSRC – RETX **Restoration placed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Restoration recommended:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What is root canal treatment and what are its benefits?**

Root canal treatment is the procedure of cleaning diseased or infected tissue from inside the tooth followed by placement of a seal in the root canal. Using a local anesthetic, there is minimal or no discomfort during the procedure. Root canal treatment allows the tooth to remain in the mouth and contributes to sound, healthy, and functional dentition for many years, if not a lifetime. The practice of endodontics also includes such procedures as bleaching, inducing closure of immature diseased root, treatment of traumatic injuries, and the fabrication of posts and buildups under crowns.

**What are the complications of treatment?**

With a success rate of approximately 95%, endodontic therapy is one of the most reliable dental or medical procedures, and complications are not expected. However, there can be no absolute guarantee regarding treatment success. Some very infrequent complications include, but are not limited to: the possibility of perforations of the tooth or root, damage to existing restorations (fillings, onlays, crowns and/or bridges), the possibility of a split or fractured tooth, the possibility of separation of a portion of an instrument that cannot be removed from within the tooth, and the possibility of pain, swelling, and infection. The use of prescription drugs during treatment may also result in unexpected drug reactions. Any of these complications could result in failure of the procedure requiring possible re-treatment, periapical surgery or extraction of the tooth.

