



## **Root Canal Consent Form**

Root Canals involve shaping, cleansing, and filling the canal of the tooth with a special material sealing the area. A dental pulp is the inside of the tooth which leads to the canals of the teeth. This pulp may be infected and is the major cause of pain when dealing with root canals.

The following are potential concerns when dealing with Root Canal Therapy:

1. Root canal therapy may lead to prolonged sensitivity lasting anywhere from one to several days. Jaw pain is also a possibility due to prolonged opening during the procedure
2. The possibility of swelling in the gums following treatment which may last several days.
3. The possible separation of instruments in the canals of the teeth or perforation through the side of the tooth. In both cases, surgical treatment may be required to correct the problem or extraction of the tooth may be indicated.
4. The inability to thoroughly cleanse a tooth due to canal architecture or calcifications (mineral deposits) in the canal. If infection can't be cleaned, surgery or extraction is indicated.
5. Root Canal Therapy has around a 90% success rate. Failures may need to be retreated non-surgically, surgically. or the tooth may need to be extracted.
6. The tooth in question should be filled or a crown placed on it in a timely manner which will ensure that the root canal not leak: and the tooth not fracture.
7. The tooth will need to be reevaluated periodically to ensure that the tooth is healing normally. A six month and one year recall is recommended following treatment.

While all the aforementioned are possible complications, the likelihood of occurrence is minimal. If you have any questions, please consult Dr. Adomian prior to signing.

Tooth#: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_