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PROGRESSIVE ENDODONTICS

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Consent for Root Canal Therapy

I hereby consent to examination and treatment, as deemed necessary, by the attending endodontist.

Please review this consent. You are required to sign it prior to the start your appointment; it does not commit you to treatment.

- **The success of root canal therapy is influenced by many factors.** Your general health, adequate gum attachment and bone support, shape and condition of the roots and nerve canals, quality of previous dental care, and pre-existing root fractures all affect individual healing.
- **Teeth treated with root canal therapy can still decay.** Because the nerve is gone there will be no pain. Good oral hygiene and periodic check ups are necessary for maintaining good dental health.
- **Treated teeth may remain sensitive following treatment.** If sensitivity persists and does not seem to improve, phone the office for an appointment. Usually administration of an appropriate medication will quickly resolve the problem. It is normal for a treated tooth to be sensitive for up to one week following the final appointment, and to feel different than the surrounding teeth for an additional two weeks.
- **In some cases, regular root canal therapy alone may not be sufficient.** If the canals are severely curved or calcified, if there is substantial infection in the bone around the roots, or if an instrument breaks and remains in the canal, the tooth may remain sensitive and endodontic surgery may be necessary to resolve the problem.
- **Following root canal therapy the tooth is more susceptible to fracture.** To prevent damage that may cause the loss of the tooth, you must see your general dentist for the final restoration. In some cases a filling is adequate, in other cases your dentist will recommend a cap or crown.
- **Root fracture is the one of the most common reasons root canal therapy fails.** Unfortunately, some cracks that extend from the crown down into the roots are invisible and undetectable. They can occur from traumatic injury, biting on hard objects, habitual clenching or grinding, and even normal wear and tear. If present, a crack can affect the long term prognosis, depending on the size and extent.
- **There are alternatives to root canal therapy.** They include extraction, extraction following by a bridge, partial denture, implant, or no treatment at all.

Informed consent:

I have read the consent form and its contents and specific information noted. I certify that I have had an opportunity to read fully, and understand the terms and words within this consent. I hereby give my consent to be examined and treated as necessary.

Patient Signature (Guardian if patient is a minor)

Date _____