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**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIOR TO UNDERGOING ROOT CANAL THERAPY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE FOLLOWING:**

- Dr. Sam Patel is a general dentist and you have been given the option to see an Endodontist (root canal specialist).
- The alternative to root canal therapy is extraction. If I chose not to have treatment, risks includes but may not be limited to infection, swelling, cyst formation, pain, loss of the tooth and systematic disease.
- The complete treatment takes between 1 to 3 visits depending on the difficulty of the case. Referral to a specialist (endodontist) has been offered. Root canal treatment involves removal of the tissues in the center of the space and sealing the space with a filling usually a rubberized material.
- Endodontic surgery is sometimes indicated as the best and fastest method of resolving conditions of the root tip.
- Due to the difficulties (including but not limited to file breakage, root perforations) which are not apparent at the onset of treatment, encountered during treatment, or during the diagnostic phase, it sometimes becomes necessary to discontinue treatment and extract the tooth or refer the case to a specialist.
- While treatment is generally painless, significant discomfort may occur between visits, which can be controlled by antibiotics and painkillers.
- Some postoperative appointments are necessary to ensure that healing has taken place at the root tip.
- An onlay or crown is usually made of gold or porcelain and is recommended to cover a tooth after it has been endodontically treated due to a higher risk of tooth fractures. If the tooth is not reinforced then the tooth will have a higher chance of fracturing and therefore may result in tooth loss. The fee for the new filling, post, onlay or crown is a ***separate fee from the root canal treatment.***
- Root canal Treatment is not guaranteed to save the tooth but is the alternative to extraction.
- Root canal treatment has been documented to have a 90% success rate in saving a tooth.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE & WISH TO PROCEED WITH THE ROOT CANAL TREATMENT**

TREATMENT TOOTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_