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## Root Canal Therapy Consent Form

Root Canal is a process of removing the blood supply and nerve tissue of the suffering tooth in an effort to arrest the destructive bacterial infection which spreads to surrounding tissues.

While the procedure is generally therapeutic, like any surgical procedure there is no guarantee of success and there are risks involved. These may include:

**Loss of tooth due to:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a) Poor responsiveness of infection to therapeutic procedures.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b) Fracture of tooth from procedure or adjunct procedures,  
(i.e.; posts, pins, that may be necessary to restore tooth)
- \_\_\_\_\_ c) Swelling, bruising, or tissue trauma due to medicaments (NaOCL) used during the procedure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d) Failure to treat the tooth and the spread of infection, necessitating extraction.

**This is not meant to alarm you but rather to allow you, the patient, to make an informed decision.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have been informed of possible consequences of action, and inaction, and hereby authorize Dr. Philip Norman Ralph Estes to proceed with the procedure in an effort to prevent further spread of infection and to restore my tooth.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Witness Name and Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## Root Canal Therapy Risks

We at Oak Dental Frisco are concerned not only about your dental health and root canal treatment needs, but also about your rights as a patient to make the treatment decision that you feel is best for you. Our commitment to you is to provide you with detailed and complete information about your dental needs as we diagnose them. We will share our diagnostic processes with you, and we invite and welcome all of your questions regarding our work with you.

Towards this aim of a full, mutual sharing of information we feel it is important to advise you of the reasonably foreseeable risks of root canal therapy. The following is important information you need to have in making your decision about treatment:

- Root canal therapy is a procedure designed to retain a tooth which may otherwise require extraction. Root canal therapy has a very high degree of success. However, it is a biological procedure and results cannot be guaranteed.
- Occasionally, and despite our further effort, a tooth that has undergone nonsurgical root canal therapy may require re-treatment or root canal surgery, in order to save the tooth.
- We make special efforts to preserve the crowns of teeth we treat, but despite our best efforts occasionally a porcelain crown may fracture and require a new restoration.
- Even after root canal therapy, approximately 5% of root canal treated teeth may eventually require extraction.
- Final restoration (crown) of the tooth that has undergone root canal therapy is essential for retention of the tooth. Final restorations should be completed within 30 days of root canal therapy.

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Patient Name

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Patient/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Witness Name and Signature

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Date