



### **Informed consent for Surgical Endodontic Treatment**

The goal of surgical endodontic treatment is to save a tooth that might otherwise require extraction. It involves removing inflamed or infected tissue from the outside of the tooth and retrofilling the root end of the tooth while leaving the remaining tooth and roots intact. Although surgical endodontic treatment has a very high success rate, as with all medical and dental procedure, it is a procedure whose results cannot be guaranteed. Further, surgical endodontic treatment is performed to correct an apparent problem and occasionally an unapparent, undiagnosed or a hidden problem arises.

This procedure will not prevent future tooth decay, tooth fracture or gum disease, and occasionally a tooth that has had surgical endodontic treatment may require re-treatment or extraction.

**Risks:** *They might include but are not limited to:*

- a) Swelling and bruising at the incision site and in the general area.
- b) Bleeding or oozing at the site.
- c) Perforation of the lower border of the sinus cavity.
- d) Incomplete healing.
- e) Post-operative infection requiring additional treatment or the use of antibiotics.
- f) Tooth and/or root fracture that may require extraction.
- g) Fracture, chipping, or loosening of existing tooth or crown.
- h) Post-operative discomfort.
- i) Temporary or permanent numbness.
- j) Change in the bite or jaw joint difficulty (TMJ problems or TMD).
- k) Medical problems may occur if the procedure is not completed.
- l) Reactions to anesthetics, disinfectants, materials (including grafting materials) or medications.
- m) Damage to adjacent teeth that may require root canal or extraction.
- n) Changes to the gum height at the surgical site causing exposure of crown margins

#### **Other Treatment Choices:**

The following other treatment options might be possible:

- a) No Treatment at all.
- b) Waiting for more definitive development of symptoms.
- c) Extraction: The resulting space can be replaced with nothing, an implant, a bridge or a denture.

After the completion of the surgical endodontic procedure, sutures will be placed that will require you to return to our office for their removal, usually 7 to 10 days. You will be given separate post-operative instructions to follow as well as prescriptions to be filled with directions on how to use them.

I have had an opportunity to ask questions of my treating doctor and I am satisfied with the answers that I have received. I consent to the procedure.

**Surgical Endodontic Treatment** Tooth# \_\_\_\_\_

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

Patient Signature or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Endodontist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Endodontist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_