



Hanham Dental

Root Canal Treatment Consent Form

- I understand that a root canal treatment has been recommended by my dentist
- I understand that I have the option of being referred to an endodontist (a root canal treatment specialist) to undergo this treatment. This is usually a private alternative. I have agreed to having the treatment carried out at Hanham Dental with my dentist.
- I understand that there are many factors that can affect the success of a root canal treatment and that not all the factors can be determined in advance. Some of these factors include resistance to infection, the bacteria causing infection, the size, shape and location of the canals containing the nerves of the tooth. The treatment may be more difficult if the canals are blocked, curves or calcified (narrowed due to additional dental tissue being laid in the canal).
- I understand that root canal treatment may fail for several reasons. These include bacterial resistance to the chemicals being used and accessory canals that are difficult to identify, access and treat, If the root canal treatment fails, other procedures such as re-treatment or surgery may be necessary to preserve the tooth. If such procedures are deemed appropriate, it may not be possible to carry out the treatment under the NHS and a referral may be needed.
- I understand that there may be symptoms during and after treatment, such as discomfort or pain, swelling, bleeding and the loosening of the tooth.
- I understand that root canal instruments may separate (break) inside a canal. This may or may not affect the prognosis of the treatment. If the fragment cannot be removed, it can be sealed inside the canal and may require additional treatment in the future. It may not be possible to carry out the treatment under the NHS.
- I understand that other risks associate with root canal treatment include perforating the tooth with a dental instrument, perforation into a sinus and/or nerve disturbance.
- I understand that once the root canal treatment is completed, my dentist may recommend a cast restoration (crown, inlay, onlay) to preserve the tooth. If I choose not to have this completed, I understand that this risks the failure of the tooth and that can lead to the fracture and/or loss of the tooth
- I understand that there are alternatives to root canal treatment that have been offered and discussed, such as extracting the tooth. This will leave a space where the original tooth was, and my dentist will discuss the treatment options for replacing the tooth. I understand that not all options for replacing a missing tooth are available on the NHS.
- I understand that if I chose no treatment, I accept that the condition may worsen and lead to severe pain, severe localised infection, sever swelling and loss of the tooth and possibly other surrounding teeth

If I have any further questions about the procedures, I will call the practice on 0117 960 2940 or email info@hanhamdental.co.uk