**Endodontic Consent Form**

**Patient name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tooth number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Tacoma Endodontic Studio has explained to me the benefits and risks of endodontic treatment. I understand that endodontic treatment involves the removal of tissues in the center of the tooth (root canal) and the sealing of the space created during the process of removal and cleaning of the root canal system. I further understand that following root canal treatment the structure of the tooth has been compromised and will require a crown to provide the tooth with proper support and strength to prevent the tooth from breaking. I understand that such a restoration is a separate and distinct procedure with an additional fee.

**Benefits of a root canal not limited to the following:**

Root canal therapy is about 95% successful. Root canal treatment is a procedure to save a tooth which may otherwise require extraction. Root canal therapy can alleviate tooth pain and can prevent existing infection from spreading. Failure to follow recommendation will most likely result in: loss of tooth, bone destruction due to abscess, possible systemic (affecting the whole body) infection. Although root canal therapy has a very high degree of success, it is still a biological procedure and cannot be guaranteed.

**Risks of a root canal not limited to the following:**

5% of root canals fail and may require retreatment, periapical surgery or even extraction. During instrumental of the tooth an instrument may break and lodge permanently in the tooth or an instrument may perforate the root wall. Although this occurs rarely, such an occurrence could cause the failure of the root canal and the loss of the tooth. If this tooth has an existing crown; when gaining access to the canal, damage may occur and new crown would necessary after endodontic therapy. A tooth which does not have existing crown may change color by becoming darker than adjacent teeth. Sensitivity or tenderness of the tooth may remain for several weeks following endodontic treatment. The risks involved in administration of anesthetics, analgesics (pain medication), antibiotics and the treatment itself have been fully explained to me and I do give my free and voluntary informed consent for Tacoma Endodontic Studio to perform this procedure.

 Patient Signature Date