

# NOTICE OF POTENTIAL RISKS OF ENDODONTIC TREATMENT / SURGERY

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THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES INFORMATION ON INHERENT AND POTENTIAL RISKS  
OF THE ENDODONTIC TREATMENT AND/OR SURGERY.  
PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

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Root canal treatment procedure is usually safe and yields successful outcome in most of the cases. However, there are inherent and potential risks involving the procedure. The incidence of these risks to occur is extremely low. Our doctor and staff will pay utmost attention to ensure that these potential risks will not occur during the treatment. The doctor will answer any questions or concerns you might have during the consultation and examination, however, we should inform the patient that they exist.

## The risks involved with endodontic treatment/surgery include, but are not limited to:

- misdiagnosis
- swelling
- prolonged sensitivity
- bleeding
- pain
- infection
- numbness and/or tingling sensation in the lip, tongue, chin, gums, cheeks, and teeth, which is transient but on infrequent occasions may be permanent
- reactions to injections
- change in occlusion (biting)
- jaw muscle cramps and spasm
- temporomandibular joint difficulty
- loosening and/or breakage of teeth, crowns or bridges
- referred pain to ear, neck and head
- delayed healing
- perforation of the tooth
- sinus perforation
- treatment failure
- loss of the tooth
- additional root canal treatment of another tooth
- resorption\*
- ankylosis\*\*
- complications resulting from the use of dental instruments (broken instruments, perforation of tooth, root, sinus), medications, anesthetics and injections
- discoloration of the face
- adverse reactions to medications causing drowsiness, lack of coordination and diarrhea
- potential drug interactions such as antibiotics may inhibit the effectiveness of birth control pills

**Resorption\***: the breakdown or destruction, and subsequent loss, of the structure of a tooth.

**Ankylosis\*\*** (*ang-kil-LO-sis*): Condition in which the roots fuse directly to the jawbone. The fusion may occur because the ligament that normally surrounds the tooth in the jawbone is damaged.