

R J BEGG & ASSOCIATES

CONSENT FOR APICECTOMY

An apicectomy is the term given for a minor surgical procedure, which involves removal of infection around a root tip and removing the infected root tip combined with placing a restoration at the end of a root to prevent leakage from the tooth. It is normally carried out as a last resort to save the tooth and the procedure is not always successful. Failure can be due to an undetected root fracture. Fine root fractures cannot always be seen clinically or on x-rays. Failure can also be related to leakage through the crown of the tooth and irritation extending down from the gum margin.

An apicectomy is carried out with the knowledge that the tooth is already severely compromised and its future is unpredictable.

If an apicectomy fails, then there is the option to carry out a further apicectomy or to extract the tooth. If a second apicectomy fails, then extraction of the tooth is required. Our normal fees apply for any further treatment or assessment.

The costs, which normally apply, are those for the initial consultation, x-rays and surgery.

The further consultation and x-ray is required at least 3 months following the procedure. This is to ensure that complete healing has occurred. Your own dentist or myself can carry this out. A further fee for this applies.

If you are unclear about any aspects of treatment or fees, you should discuss this with myself or my staff.

THIS CONSENT FORM WILL BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF CONSULTATION WITH SURGEON

Patient Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Surgeon _____

Signed _____

Date _____