People always ask us how long should this last? In our office we strive for perfection and patient satisfaction, which is why we are happy to provide you this warranty, something no other office is offering. Let us remember in today's technology almost everything we have learned is on the preventive side. Instead of going to the dentist every few years for "Drill, Bill and Fill", let's try preventive dentistry. If you spend four minutes in the morning and evening brushing and flossing and come in for your regular six month check-ups, together, we can prevent almost all dental disease. On your continuing care visits, we will professionally clean and examine your teeth (with x-rays), apply fluoride and sealants where needed, and find any early problems should they develop.

1. **DO ROOT CANALS ALWAYS WORK?** No! A root canal is a therapy not a cure and about 10% of them fail. Failed root canals generally respond well to special surgical procedures done at an oral surgeon's or endodontist's office. Should you elect to have this surgical procedure done, for a period of three (3) years from the date of service, we will pay 1/2 of the cost of this procedure directly to the oral surgeon's or endodontist's office. Should you elect not to have this procedure done and have your tooth removed, we will apply the full amount of the root canal towards the cost of replacing that tooth with a fixed bridge.

2. **THIS WARRANTY IS NULL AND VOID IF THE PATIENT DOES NOT MAINTAIN HIS/HER 6 MONTH CONTINUING CARE CLEANING APPOINTMENTS.**

Tooth Number(s) __________________

Signature (or Seal) ________________________________

Date ____________
A tooth receives nutrition from the pulp. The pulp is encased in the middle of the tooth and contains a blood supply and nerve network. If the pulp is damaged in any way, it may become infected and form an abscess. Root canal treatment may be recommended in this situation. Untreated, such a condition could lead to loss of the tooth and a serious infection.

A series of appointments is usually required for root canal treatment. At the first appointment, the diseased pulp tissue must be completely removed. The tooth is cleaned out to eliminate the infectious causing bacteria. At a subsequent appointment, the canal is completely filled and sealed. This is done only after the canal is completely free of bacteria. In many cases, root canal treatment is less costly than replacement with an artificial tooth. Proper home care of your teeth, along with regular dental checkups, may prevent a situation that requires root canal treatment.

**Instructions**

1. Please take two aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, Nuprin, etc. while you are still numb whether you think you need it or not followed by two more 4-6 hours later.
2. The area above or below the root canal tooth may be sensitive to chewing or touch for a few days. If it ever takes a turn for the worse, please call us immediately. Remember, approximately one out of ten root canals do not work. This is only an attempt to save your tooth.
3. This non-vital tooth is now very brittle. Please avoid chewing hard substances on it until your post and crown are placed, or tooth breakage may occur.
4. If so directed, please remember to take your antibiotics.