



## Root Canals Post Treatment Instructions

Endodontic therapy (root canal treatment) is a procedure intended to save a tooth that has become infected in its nerve and blood supply; this therapy is an alternative to extracting a tooth. After the root canal is completed a new restoration may be required for the tooth.

Most root canals can be completed in one appointment. Some complicated cases may require a second appointment. Between appointments a temporary filling will be placed in the tooth. Because this temporary filling is made from a softer material, the top of it may “wash out” giving the impression that there is a hole in the tooth. Do not be alarmed by this.

After a root canal has been completed there may be “soreness” for three or four days, this is not unusual. We will provide you with a non-narcotic analgesic to use after your appointment.

If you are having pain that is not relieved with over-the-counter analgesics, or you are having swelling please call the office. It may be necessary in some cases to prescribe stronger pain medication and or an antibiotic.