

Post-Operative Instructions

ROOT CANAL TREATMENT

Following root canal treatment it is possible to experience any of the following symptoms:

- May experience sensitivity to hot or cold, sensitivity to pressure, possible swelling or pain. If you experience swelling, please call our office immediately as additional medication may be required.
- One common occurrence with a newly root-canalled tooth is for the tooth to feel high when you bite your teeth together. If this occurs it will cause your tooth to stay sensitive for a longer period of time. Please call us if your bite feels "high" as this problem is easily rectified with a simple bite adjustment.
- A temporary filling may be used to temporarily seal the tooth between visits.
- The gum tissue could have been irritated during the procedure and may be sore for a few days together with the anesthetic injection site.
- The effect of the anesthesia will wear out in 2-3 hours.
- During endodontic treatment, the nerve, blood and nutrient supply to the tooth is removed. This will cause the tooth to become brittle and prone to fracturing which could result in the need to extract the tooth. A **full coverage crown** is recommended to prevent this from happening.
- Be gentle on the tooth while eating till the final restoration is placed.

Call us right away if you have severe pain, continued swelling after two or three days, or a reaction to the medication.