

## ROOT CANAL THERAPY

- Congratulations on taking this important step toward better dental health.
- There may be some soreness or tenderness with biting or chewing pressure. This will get better over the next few days.
- There will be no hot or cold sensitivity, because there is no longer any nerve tissue inside the tooth.
- Due to the loss of its blood supply, a tooth that has been treated with a root canal will become brittle, especially if there is a large restoration (filling) in it. Because of this, a crown is an important follow-up procedure to protect the tooth from fracture. We like to wait about six months before doing this to be sure of success of the treatment. Many teeth have had to be extracted because of unreparable fractures that could have been prevented by a crown.
- Root canal therapy has a very high success rate, but there is a small chance that it may fail. You should be aware of and call us immediately if you notice any of these signs:
  1. Continued pain from the tooth.
  2. Extreme tenderness to biting.
  3. Soreness or swelling on the gum about where the root would be.
  4. A "pimple" forming on the gum above the tooth.

FEEL FREE TO CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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