

## Root Canal Treatment

We have just completed a root canal on your tooth. This was accomplished using the finest materials and techniques available today. You should be aware of the following information about your tooth:

**Chewing:** Cleaning the root canal causes inflammation in the surrounding bone and ligament. It is common to experience minor soreness in the area for 2 – 3 days, especially to chewing pressure. This pain will be relieved by anti-inflammatory medication like ibuprofen or Aleve.

**Restoration:** Generally speaking, teeth with root canals are very fragile! A temporary filling was placed today but most likely a post and crown will be necessary to return the tooth to its original strength. Please protect the tooth from excessive biting pressure until your final restoration has been placed. If this tooth fractures or splits it may need to be removed!

**Future:** Root canals are very predictable in their success. We expect that you will not have a problem with this tooth but occasionally the following situations occur. Some of which may require additional treatment.

Sinus infections may cause upper molar teeth to ache temporarily. This should go away as the infection disappears.

X-rays may reveal improper healing of bone at the root tip requiring additional treatment.

The gum around the tooth may have an altered sensation when you floss. Do not be concerned. This is not an indication of trouble.

Pressure on the tooth may start to cause discomfort. Please let us know if this happens.

We have done our best to provide you with the finest quality root canal possible. Please let us know of any changes or concerns that you may have.

Thank you,

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