

ROOT CANAL TREATMENT: Postoperative Instructions

Your root canal treatment may take one or more visits to complete. During treatment, your dentist will remove the diseased pulp, then clean, shape and fill the root canal to prevent recontamination.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER TREATMENT

Because cleaning the root canals may cause inflammation of tissue surrounding the tooth, you may experience some discomfort for a day or so.

Over-the-counter analgesics usually alleviate the discomfort. We usually recommend **600mg Ibuprofen every 6 hours for the first 2 days**. If discomfort continues, or if you have severe pain or swelling, call us at **(303) 440-4777**.

Between appointments, a temporary filling or crown is placed. Because temporary restorations will eventually loosen, it is very important that the final restoration (usually a crown) is placed promptly.

Sometimes antibiotics are prescribed to help control infection. Please take all medication as directed.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR MOUTH

Avoid chewing or biting directly on the treated tooth until your dentist replaces the temporary restoration.

If medication is prescribed, take it only as directed.

Return for follow-up treatment as directed to make sure there has been proper healing of the tissues surrounding the tooth and to prevent further complications and possible tooth loss.

We care about you. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any problems or questions.