

Post Op Instructions for Endodontic Treatment (root canals)

1. Endodontic treatment can take several appointments depending on your particular case. It is possible to experience any of the following symptoms after any of these appointments: sensitivity to hot and/or cold; sensitivity to pressure; possible swelling.
2. It is difficult to predict which symptoms, if any, you may experience and to what extent. In complicated cases, pain medication may be necessary.
3. If you experience swelling, call our office; it may be necessary to prescribe an antibiotic.
4. Be gentle on the tooth while eating until the final restoration (normally a crown) is placed.
5. During endodontic treatment, blood and nutrient supply to the tooth is removed. This will cause the tooth to become brittle and prone to fracture. This can result in more extensive work on the tooth, such as crown lengthening or extraction. In most cases a full coverage crown restoration will be recommended to prevent this from happening.
6. We will make a temporary crown for you to wear until your root canal is complete and your permanent crown is fabricated. Remember that this is TEMPORARY and is not made to fit your tooth precisely. It is made out of acrylic and is likely to break if worn for extended periods of time. It is a TEMPORARY CROWN put on with TEMPORARY CEMENT. If it comes off, please call our office so we can recement it. (770) 773-7244