

## **INFORMATION CONCERNING ROOT CANAL TREATMENT**

### **PULPOTOMY**

If a partial root canal (pulpotomy) was done today, only part of the nerve was removed and medication was placed inside the tooth. This is a temporary measure, usually to relieve a toothache, and to allow time for the tooth to calm down so the future treatments can be done in comfort. You may still experience discomfort in a tooth for 24-48 hours after this treatment. Usually, you can find adequate relief by taking aspirin or ibuprofen (Advil or Nuprin).

If the dentist gave you a prescription for antibiotics or pain reliever, please take this medication as instructed.

***NOTE: Even though your toothache may go away, you must have the root canal treatment completed to prevent further expense and complications, such as re-infection or loss of the tooth.***

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Following the root canal treatment, the most common complaint is tenderness while chewing on the tooth. This is due to inflammation and fluid build-up in the ligament supporting the tooth in your jawbone. It will go away as the inflammation clears up. Aspirin or ibuprofen (Advil or Nuprin) provides good relief of this discomfort.

If swelling arises that was not present at the time of the appointment, please call the office. We may prescribe an antibiotic. You must take any prescribed medication for the full number of days instructed, even if the swelling resolves completely.

### **AFTER COMPLETION OF ROOT CANAL TREATMENT**

The tooth may have a temporary filling. Call us immediately if it comes out. A final restoration will be required, which is a separate procedure. Most teeth with root canal treatment become brittle and can easily fracture. For this reason, the doctor will plan reinforcement of the tooth (post and core) and a crown (cap).

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