

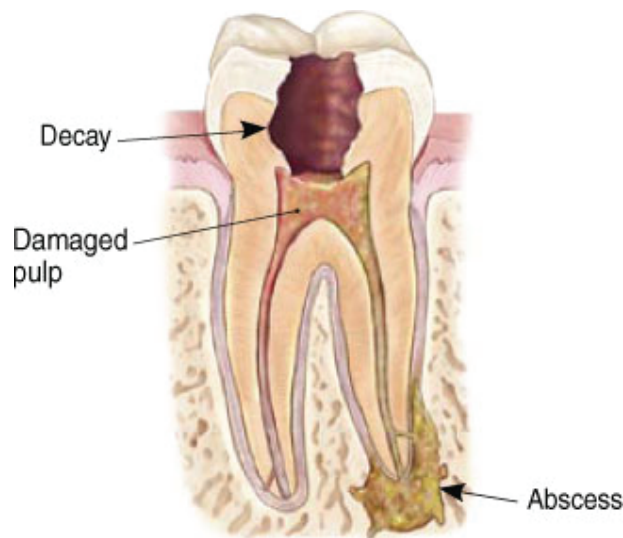
Value of a Natural Tooth

Nothing is as good as your natural tooth! Saving your natural tooth should always be your first choice when dental care is needed. Nothing, not even the most advanced bridges and implants, can truly replace your natural tooth.

- If your dentist recommends extracting your tooth, ask if it can be saved with an endodontic procedure, also known as root canal treatment. Endodontic treatment removes the injured pulp (inside soft tissue) of your tooth and fills and seals the root canal space. Root canal treatment preserves outside root structure. Your tooth is then restored and can function like any other tooth for the rest of your life, ensuring comfortable chewing and a natural appearance.
- If your tooth cannot be saved — and some cannot — you may consider replacements such as a bridge or dental implant. Your options may depend upon the condition of surrounding teeth and bone structure.
- Dental implant procedures can be complex, costly and they often require multiple visits and several months of healing time before the procedure can be completed.

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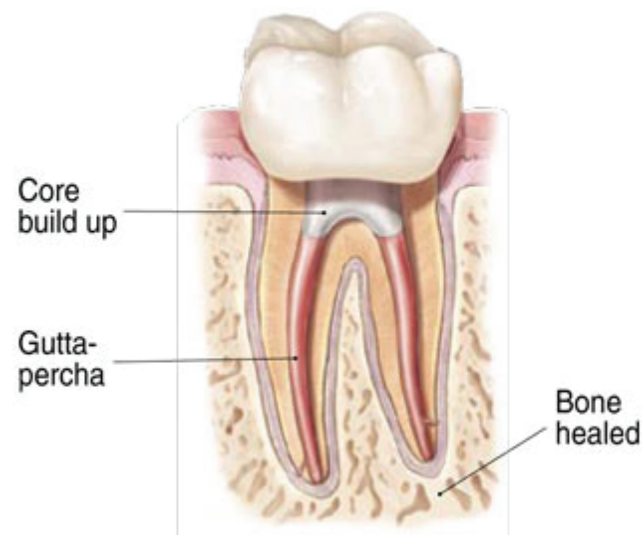
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Information for Our Endodontic Patients



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Root Canal Treatment

1. Endodontics or Root Canal Treatment is the specialty of dentistry concerned with eliminating inflammation or infection from the root canals of teeth and restoring the supporting tissues to health. Its purpose is to save teeth that have been so badly damaged by decay, fracture, abscess, etc. that usual dental procedures can no longer be employed. Retaining a tooth with endodontic treatment is in most cases preferable to extraction and replacing the missing tooth with a prosthetic device.
2. Root Canal Treatment is usually not uncomfortable. Our doctors will do the best they can to provide you the most comfortable treatment. However, reactions such as tenderness or swelling may occur within a few days after the visits.
3. Endodontics is successful in over 90% of the cases treated. If a less favorable prognosis is anticipated, or if difficulty arises during treatment, it will be discussed with you. If healing does not take place, further procedures may be employed to save the tooth.



4. Before treatment is started, your tooth will be examined and the treatment explained. You will be informed of the fee and the approximate number of appointments needed for proper treatment. You will, of course, have the opportunity to ask any questions you might have.
5. After completion of Root Canal Treatment, you will be referred back to your dentist who will place the final restoration (filling). Often your dentist will recommend a crown (cap) or onlay to protect your tooth. Your dentist will set a separate fee for the final restoration. Studies have shown that those teeth that did not have final restoration or crown after root canal treatment predictably failed.
6. You will be recalled after treatment to check for complete healing. These check-up visits are most often after one year and generally take just a few minutes. There is no additional fee for this service.
7. If a problem arises during treatment, please feel free to call this office. You may be secure in the knowledge that one of us will always be available to resolve your problem or answer your questions.



Our Payment Policy

1. The fees vary with the difficulty and complexity of treatment.
2. The initial payment is one half of the fee and the balance is due by completion of treatment.
3. If you have any questions or problems regarding payment, please discuss them with us before the treatment so that suitable arrangements can be made.
4. To our patients with dental insurance: Insurance companies and union plans with whom you deal are obligated to you, not to the doctor. You pay them for a contract to cover part or all of your dental expenses and they are responsible to you to the extent spelled out in your contract. You are personally responsible to the doctor for the services rendered. You are therefore expected to pay the quoted fee to this office. Our office does not participate in all dental plans. Please check whether our office participates in your plan before consultation or treatment. Upon completion of treatment, we will be happy to assist in completing the necessary forms so that your plan can properly reimburse you.

