



PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING ROOT CANAL THERAPY

Smoking is not recommended following any dental treatment.

1. Root canal therapy can take 1, 2 or 3 appointments depending on each case. It is possible to experience any of the following symptoms after any one 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 any swelling, call our office; it may be necessary to prescribe an antibiotic for you.
4. A temporary filling may be used to seal the tooth between visits. This material may chip away before you return; if this is uncomfortable for you call our office and we will replace it.
5. Be gentle on the tooth while eating until the final restoration is placed.
6. During root canal therapy the nerve, blood and nutrient supply to the tooth is removed. This will cause the tooth to become brittle and prone to fracture. In many cases a crown may be needed to prevent this from happening.

Congratulations! You are well on your way to better dental health by electing to have Root Canal therapy. We are pleased that you are as committed to high quality dentistry as we are and it is our privilege to provide this service for you. Please call us at 860-828-3933 if you have any questions regarding your surgery or healing. At Advanced Dental we care about you and want you to be as comfortable as possible.