



# Endodontic (Root Canal) Treatment

Generally root canal treatment provides symptom relief and removal of infection associated with the affected teeth and is highly predictable, although in a small number of cases pain can persist following root canal treatment and infection can reoccur. In such cases it is sometimes advisable for the tooth to be re-root treated and in extreme cases the tooth will require extraction following a root canal treatment that has been unsuccessful. In a small number of cases following root canal treatment teeth can fracture becoming unrestorable. In these situations teeth will require extraction.

Gunning Dental recommends that teeth are crowned as soon as possible following root canal treatment and we advise that General Dental Practitioners provide crowns within two weeks of root canal treatment being completed.

The more time that passes following root canal treatment the more likely teeth are to fracture if a crown or proper restoration has not been placed.

This chance of failure or relapse of treatment is also increased without an appropriate seal in place.

## After your treatment:

Try not to eat or drink (except sips of water) for at least two hours following your treatment. After 2 hours you can eat and drink as normal.

- There is a chance that as a result of the treatment you may experience some pain, our experience shows that this may last between four to ten days. You may need to take painkillers for these few days

- For pain relief use Ibuprofen. Take two 200mg tablets (400mg) after food, three times daily. Please do not take these if you suffer from asthma or a

stomach ulcer. (Do not take Ibuprofen on an empty stomach.) If necessary, in severe pain, you may take two 500mg Paracetamol tablets in between the Ibuprofen tablets. This would mean you are taking pain relief approximately every three hours.

- Please also remember to contact your dentist to arrange to restore the tooth, ideally within two to three weeks.

## Endodontic Treatment Guarantee Information

Gunning Dental is happy to provide a guarantee for root canal treatment where if extraction is required following failure of toothcanal treatment within 12 months - this will be carried out free of charge.

While we understand that complications immediately following root canal treatment can be disappointing it is important to understand that these are recognised complications which should we accepted before treatment is undertaken.

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