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## Root Canal Therapy

- 1) Root Canal Therapy is a relatively Painless Procedure.
- 2) Complete treatment averages three visits although it may sometimes require more and sometimes fewer appointments. Time spent at each appointment is also variable and may range from very short to very long. This is determined by the complexity of the particular case.
- 3) During the course of treatment there is generally no discomfort. Occasionally between appointments reactions may occur, including but not limited to a dull ache or throb, soreness or tenderness, and sometimes severe discomfort and swelling. These complications are generally short-lived and are gone within a few days.

### **PLEASE NOTE: THESE COMPLICATIONS DO NOT OCCUR ROUTINELY**

These reactions may sometimes prolong treatment, but the chance of success does not have to lessen. If a severe reaction occurs, please call this office. For minor discomfort, over-the-counter medication such as ibuprofen, is usually adequate.

- 4) No tooth will be treated unless there is a good chance for success. While there can be no certainty of success, healing is expected in 90%+ of the cases. If the prognosis is less, you will be informed. Sometimes Root Canal Therapy will not work. Additional procedures may then become necessary including retreatment or surgery.
- 5) During treatment, brush teeth and do not chew anything hard on the tooth to avoid fracturing it or losing the temporary filling.
- 6) Following Root Canal Therapy, you will be referred back to your dentist for proper, final restoration of the tooth, usually a crown or filling.
- 7) Take all medications as prescribed.
- 8) Root Canal Treatment is never easy: it is either difficult or very difficult. This is due to the nature of the tooth, often long, twisted, narrow and torturous canals. Problems may arise during the course of treatment including the separation of instruments or perforations of the canal. The occurrence of these or other problems does not necessarily imply that the tooth will not have success.
- 9) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask them.
- 10) You are responsible to make and keep all appointments to complete treatment in a timely manner. Failure to complete treatment or prolonging treatment may result in fracture, reinfection or loss of the tooth.