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N.J. Specialty Permit #3336  
**Practice Limited to Endodontics**

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**SURGICAL ENDODONTICS**

1. Surgical endodontics is a relatively **PAINLESS PROCEDURE**.
2. Treatment is usually accomplished in the dental chair using the same kind of anesthesia as for fillings.
3. Reactions can occur after treatment is completed, including but not limited to:
  - a) Sore tooth and gums.
  - b) Swelling—varying from slight to large
  - c) Black and blue marks
  - d) Bleeding.
  - e) Paresthesia- a numbness or tingling sensation that persists in the treatment area, mainly the lower jaw, but will usually disappear in time.
  - f) Communication with the sinus and sinus problems (mainly upper molars)
  - g) Involvement of adjacent teeth.
  - h) Jaw fractures.

These reactions do not occur routinely. While these symptoms need not cause alarm, if any question or concern occurs, please call the office and notify the doctor.

4. Post-operative instructions will be given to you immediately following surgical treatment regarding home care, diet, and medication so as to insure more rapid healing with minimal discomfort.
5. No tooth will be treated unless there is a reasonable chance for success. Although there is no guarantee of success, we expect healing to occur most of the time.
6. Following completion of surgical endodontics, you will be referred to your dentist, who will restore the tooth with a filling or crown as necessary.