

Following Endodontic Therapy

After treatment general discomfort, sensitivity to biting or touching the tooth, and mild swelling are common for 10-14 days. If Treatment was completed as a consequence of an infection/abscess, it is common for discomfort to be heightened and longer lasting. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

A permanent restoration will need to be placed by your general dentist. We recommend returning to their office in approximately 2 weeks and no more than 1 month after the root canal procedure.

Pain Management:

In most cases ibuprofen (i.e. Advil, Motrin) is recommended for pain management. If discomfort is not alleviated by ibuprofen alone, alternate prescription pain medication and 200 mg ibuprofen (i.e. Advil, Motrin) every 2 hours so there are 4 hours between each dose of the Tylenol or prescription pain medication and 4 hours between each dose of the ibuprofen.

Example:

1pm Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Prescription pain medication

3pm Ibuprofen

5pm Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Prescription pain medication

7pm Ibuprofen

Patients unable to take NSAIDS should not take any ibuprofen products and can use Acetaminophen/Tylenol for mild discomfort or the prescription pain medication. Do NOT take Acetaminophen/Tylenol AND the prescription pain medication simultaneously.

Antibiotic Treatment:

Take antibiotics as prescribed until they are gone.