



Root Canal Post-Op Instructions

Patient Name: _____

After your root canal:

1. Some degree of discomfort is normal for a period following root canal therapy. Individual experiences vary depending upon a number of factors:
 - Your original diagnosis
 - Pain prior to treatment
 - Amount of manipulation required in treatment
 - Individual reaction to dental therapy
2. Analgesics and antibiotics may be required and should be taken as directed.
3. Avoid chewing on the treated side until soreness subsides.
4. Brush and floss gently around root canal site.

Fill in blanks:

1. For discomfort following root canal therapy, use _____.
2. To control infection _____.
3. Follow-up appointment _____.
4. Special instructions: _____.

CALL US IMMEDIATELY TO REPORT ANYTHING UNUSUAL!

Contact our office if you experience any of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Fever
<input type="checkbox"/> Swelling and tenderness in nearby gums	<input type="checkbox"/> Looseness in a tooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged sensitivity to heat and cold	<input type="checkbox"/> You suspect something is wrong

NOTE:

- Endodontic (root canal) therapy is a specialized dental procedure that depends on periodic monitoring to maintain the health of the tooth.
- A tooth with a root canal will no longer be sensitive to heat, cold or sweets, a typical warning sign of potential dental problems. Periodic x-rays are needed to assess the health of the tooth.
- Should you have any questions regarding your root canal, contact our office. Please keep your scheduled appointments.
- Regular oral health checkups as recommended by your dentist will detect minor problems before they develop into major concerns.

I acknowledge that I have received and understand the above instructions on aftercare procedures following root canal therapy. I have also been informed of the necessity for periodic dental examinations and x-rays to monitor my dental health.

X _____
Patient's Signature

Date