

Getting to the root of the problem.



See your
dentist
regularly.

Dispelling the myths about root canal.

When a tooth is damaged or diseased sometimes a root canal is necessary. A root canal is done to relieve the pain of an infected tooth or prevent infection and pain from developing.

First we clean the inside of the tooth through a small opening. Then we fill the inside with material and seal the tooth to prevent bacteria from reentering.

I've heard stories.

Will it hurt?

Root canals are the subject of many jokes and tales about dental experiences. When making health care decisions it is important to get the facts. A root canal is a treatment for a painful or potentially painful condition that is only going to get worse if ignored. The options to a root canal are the removal of the tooth or neglect. Both are difficult experiences with damaging consequences. Today, new techniques and technology have made root canals more comfortable than ever. They're virtually painless.

Will my tooth break after a root canal?

A filling will restore the shape and function of the tooth. However, following a root canal it is best to restore the tooth with a crown (or cap). A crown will prevent fractures that may lead to tooth loss even with a successful root canal.

Won't I lose my tooth anyway?

Once a root canal is completed and the tooth restored, it is a healthy, functioning tooth.

Does a root canal take many appointments?

Depending on the case, it may require just one or a series of appointments. Your dentist will advise you which is best in your case.

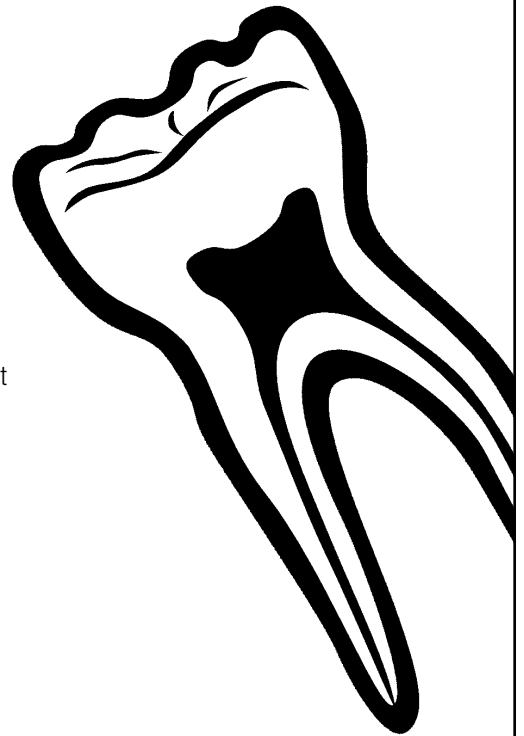
Do root canals work?

Yes. Root canals have success rates equal to other dental procedures.

How can I prevent needing a root canal?

Root canals are most commonly needed in cases of new, deep cavities or deep cavities that were treated many years ago. Regular care and early attention to problems is the best prevention of the conditions that lead to root canals.

For more information about root canal treatment, talk to your dentist. We care about you and your teeth.



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