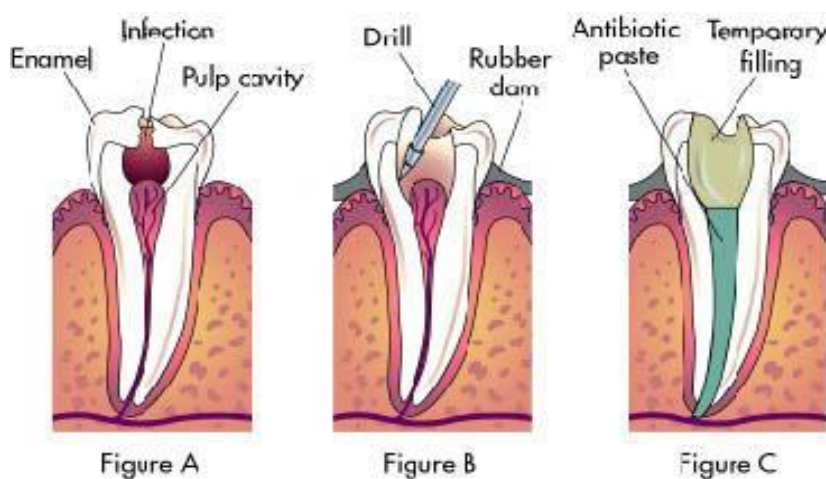




Information Following Endodontic (Root Canal) Treatment

- * Endodontic Treatment can take 2 or 3 appointments depending upon the case. It is possible to experience any of the following symptoms after any one of these appointments: sensitivity to hot and/or cold, sensitivity to pressure, possible swelling.
- * It is difficult to predict which symptoms, if any, you may experience and to what extent. In complicated cases, pain medication may be necessary.
- * If you experience swelling, immediately call our office or the doctor's cell phone; it may be necessary to prescribe an antibiotic for you.
- * Combination of Ibuprofen (600mg) and Tylenol (500mg) every 4-6 hours should take care of the pain; otherwise call the doctor.
- * A temporary filling may be used to seal the tooth between visits.
- * Be gentle on the tooth while eating until the final restoration is placed. In fact, try to avoid eating on that tooth, if possible. Until a crown is placed, it is possible to crack the tooth beyond repair, and your root canal therapy is for naught.
- * During endodontic treatment the nerve, blood, and nutrient supply to the tooth is removed. This will cause the tooth to become brittle and prone to fracturing which can result in the need to extract the tooth.

In most cases it is necessary to have a crown ("cap") placed on the tooth after root canal therapy to prevent fracture.



- * If a crown is to be placed on the tooth, the next step is usually placement of a core or post and core. These fill in the missing tooth structure and serve as a base, foundation, or core for the crown. They are not removed. They are used to help hold the crown on, and only the outer portion of the tooth is shaped down during preparation for a crown.