



ROOT CANAL TREATMENT

The procedure

If the nerve inside your tooth becomes inflamed or infected from decay, a deep filling, a crack or blow to the tooth, then you may need root canal treatment for it to remain healthy.

Signs and symptoms include moderate to severe pain, prolonged temperature sensitivity and sometimes swelling and tenderness in the jaw.

The inflamed or infected nerve is removed under local anaesthetic. The canals inside the tooth are measured, cleaned and disinfected. A special sealant material is used to fill the canals.

The procedure usually takes two visits. For the first few days after treatment the tooth may feel quite tender. This discomfort can be relieved with your usual pain-killers.

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Specialist referral

An 'endodontic specialist' carries out only root canal treatments. They learn advanced techniques for difficult cases. You may need or wish to be referred. Your dentist will then suggest either a filling or a crown to restore and strengthen the remaining tooth.



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