

Know Before You Go: **ROOT CANAL AND DENTAL CROWNS**



Root canal therapy preserves the structure of a tooth when the soft tissue inside (pulp) is infected or swollen.

Signs of root canal problems include sensitivity to heat or cold, sharp pain when biting or tapping the tooth, or a persistent toothache that won't go away.

Root canal therapy not only relieves pain, it also prevents reinfection and more damage.

What to Expect

During a root canal procedure, the dentist will:

- remove the infected tissue from inside your tooth;
- clean the remaining surfaces;
- add permanent dental filling; and
- place a temporary cap on the tooth.

The temporary cap protects your tooth while a dental lab facility creates a permanent crown. During a return visit, the dentist replaces the temporary cap with your customized crown.



If your dentist recommends a root canal, it's best to have it done as soon as possible. Waiting too long can worsen the infection and pain. Also, an untreated infection can spread to other teeth or even to the bone that anchors your teeth.

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