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## **ROOT CANAL TREATMENT**

### **Postoperative Instructions**

Your root canal may have only been begun on your first treatment visit and is not finished.

**-OR-** Your root canal is complete; however, your tooth still needs to be restored.

#### **What to expect after treatment:**

-because cleaning the root canals may cause inflammation of tissue surrounding the tooth; you may experience some discomfort for a day or so.

-over-the-counter analgesics usually alleviate the discomfort. If the discomfort continues, or if you have severe pain or swelling, call the office.

-between appointments to complete your root canal a temporary filling or crown is placed. Because temporary restorations will eventually loosen, see your dentist promptly following completed root canal treatment for a final restoration.

-sometimes antibiotics are prescribed to help control infection. Please take all medication as directed.

#### **How to take care of your mouth:**

-avoid chewing or biting directly on the treated tooth until your dentist replaces the temporary restoration with a final one.

-if medication is prescribed, take it only as directed.

-Return for a follow-up exam after treatment as directed to make sure there has been proper healing of the tissues surrounding the tooth root.