

## Root Canals

Following a root canal, you can expect to experience some sensitivity. The severity of this will depend on whether the root canal was performed in the presence of an infection or preventively.

If an infection existed, necessitating the root canal, it may take some time for the pain to subside. It is imperative that you take all prescribed medication until they are gone. The number one key is that you should find yourself slowly feeling better but not worse.

If the root canal was performed preventively, you may still feel some sensitivity around the tooth, but this is normal and it should settle down in a week or two.

A temporary or permanent filling may have been placed following the root canal. If it is temporary please be careful eating on this tooth. Avoid it if you can, but do continue to brush and floss with care. If it is a permanent filling, just be careful for a few days to allow any inflammation to subside.

You may feel that the bite is a little uneven after the anesthetic wears off. Do not hesitate to call if this is troublesome and needs a minor adjustment.

**Remember no question is too small and we are just one phone call away:**

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