

Root Canal Therapy

Why do I need a Root Canal?

The nerve inside your tooth can become inflamed or infected. This can be caused by a deep cavity, repeated dental procedures on the tooth, a crack or chip in the tooth, or trauma to the tooth. Sometimes a tooth with a previously completed root canal doesn't heal properly and can become painful or diseased months or years after treatment. Sometimes the permanent restoration was never placed and a retreatment of the root canal may be required.

What is a root canal?

During a root canal the nerve tissue is removed and the root canals are cleaned, filled, and sealed with a sterile, biocompatible material. The tooth remains in the mouth for normal function. Root canals are performed by dentists who have specialized training in treating the nerves and roots of teeth.

What happens after a root canal?

With properly performed root canal procedures, teeth can function normally for a lifetime. However, after a root canal, it is **essential** that you return to your dentist and have a permanent restoration placed. Your dentist will recommend the best option for your tooth to prevent it from breaking.



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