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PRE-OPERATIVE ENDODONTIC INSTRUCTIONS (POEI)

A root canal is a procedure that is done to a tooth that has died or abscessed from either large decay (a large filling) or some type of trauma (fracture).

PROCEDURE: You will be given a local anesthetic to keep you comfortable during your appointment. The doctor will also be placing a rubber dental dam over the tooth for isolation to keep the area free of saliva. There will be a series of instruments used to clean out the nerve canal space. After the root canal is finished the doctor will place a temporary filling. A permanent filling will be placed in 2 to 3 weeks to make sure this tooth has not bothered you. After the root canal the tooth becomes brittle because there is no blood supply left, the tooth should be completed with a crown or cap.

RISKS: Not all root canals are successful (90%). After you have the root canal completed, the tooth may split or fracture. Also during the procedure an ENDO FILE "COULD" BREAK IN THE CANAL. If this does occur POSSIBLY THE PIECE WILL ACT AS PART OF THE ROOT CANAL FILLING, and will be monitored at your six month check-up appointment(by taking an x-ray).

If it is not successful the tooth may need to be extracted, or you may be referred to an Endo Specialist. In some cases the abscess may not clear up or may re-occur in that case, you may want to have this tooth extracted.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT ALL ABOUT YOUR ROOT CANAL TREATMENT PLEASE ASK ANY OF OUR STAFF.

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