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Root Canal Treatment

Questions and Answers

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Root Canal Treatment: your questions answered

Root canal treatment removes infected or inflamed tissue from inside a tooth, cleans the canals and seals them, so the tooth can often be kept rather than taken out.

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Your questions answered

Will root canal treatment hurt?

The tooth is numbed with local anaesthetic, so the treatment should feel similar to having a filling. Many people say it relieves the pain they had before. The tooth may feel tender for a few days afterwards.

Why do you use a rubber dam?

A rubber dam keeps saliva and bacteria out of the tooth while it is being cleaned, which supports success. It also stops instruments and solutions going into your mouth or throat. It is recommended by the British Endodontic Society.

How many visits will I need?

Usually one or two. Teeth with infection, many canals or complex shapes may need more. We will tell you what to expect for your tooth.

Why do I need a crown afterwards?

Root treated back teeth have often lost a lot of structure and are more likely to crack. A crown or onlay holds the tooth together and seals it. Front teeth may only need a filling.

How long will the tooth last?

Many root treated teeth last for many years, but results vary. Success depends on the tooth, how well it is sealed afterwards and how you look after it.

What if the treatment fails?

Options include retreatment, a small surgical procedure at the root tip, or removing the tooth. We may refer you to an endodontist.

Why might you refer me to an endodontist?

Some teeth have very curved, narrow or blocked canals, or have been treated before. An endodontist has further training and equipment for these cases.

Can I just have the tooth out instead?

Yes, this is your choice. Removal is quicker, but it leaves a gap that may affect chewing and appearance, and replacing it can cost more than saving the tooth.

Do I need antibiotics?

Usually not. Antibiotics do not cure toothache. The infection is treated by cleaning the tooth. We only prescribe them if there are signs of spreading infection.

IMAGES, VIDEOS AND FURTHER READING

See it for yourself

Before and after photographs of Dr Kal's own work are in our smile gallery, and treatment videos are on our YouTube channel. These independent sources are also a good place to read more.

LUSSO general and family dentistry	Our page on everyday and restorative care, including root canal treatment. Written information.
NHS: Root canal treatment	Written guide to why root canal treatment is needed, what happens and recovery.
British Endodontic Society patient guide	Written patient guide from the UK society for root canal specialists.
British Endodontic Society: saving your teeth	Explains how root canal treatment saves teeth and includes a video.
LUSSO fees	Our full fee list. Written information.

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