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## Instructions Following Root Canal Treatment

Your endodontic treatment is now completed. The root canals have been cleaned, disinfected, and sealed. If recommended by our office, please get in touch with your dentist promptly for an appointment to place a crown. This will protect the tooth against fracture and further decay. Most teeth with root canals usually require a crown or cap. **Delay in obtaining a crown may result in fracture or possible loss of the tooth.**

You may eat as soon as the numbness has worn off. The treatment area may be sore for several days to a few weeks due to the manipulation around the tooth. It is important to keep the area clean. Avoid chewing on that side of your mouth until tenderness has subsided. We recommend taking 800mg of Ibuprofen three times a day with meals for the first two days following treatment, as well as any other medications prescribed by your doctor. If you are allergic or unable to take ibuprofen, take two Tylenol every 4-6 hours.

We will inform your dentist that your endodontic treatment has been completed, and a progress report will be sent after treatment.

In the unlikely event that swelling develops, please call our office promptly.

If you have a dental emergency after hours, you can reach:

**Dr. Joe Petrino: 406-203-2400**



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