

Root Canal Treatment is needed when the blood or nerve supply of the tooth is infected through decay or injury. You may not feel any pain in the early stages of the infection. In some cases, your tooth could darken in colour which may mean that the nerve of the tooth has died, or is dying. This tooth would need root canal treatment to save it.

If the pulp of the tooth becomes infected, the infection can spread through the root canal of the tooth and this can lead to an abscess. An abscess is an inflamed area in which pus collects and cause swelling in the tissues around the tooth.

The symptoms of an abscess can be a dull toothache or severe pain and the tooth can be very tender when pressure is put on it. A root canal treatment would be required to save the tooth.

The procedure requires the use of a local anaesthetic. Once your tooth has been made numb, it should feel no different than having a normal filling done, it may just take longer to complete.

The aim of the treatment is to clean out all the infection from the root canal. The root is then cleaned and filled to prevent any infection returning.

Sometimes, a root filled tooth can darken after treatment, but with modern techniques this does not usually happen. If it does, there are several treatments that can be used to restore the original appearance.

Root canal treatment is often successful, although it can be repeated if the infection comes back.

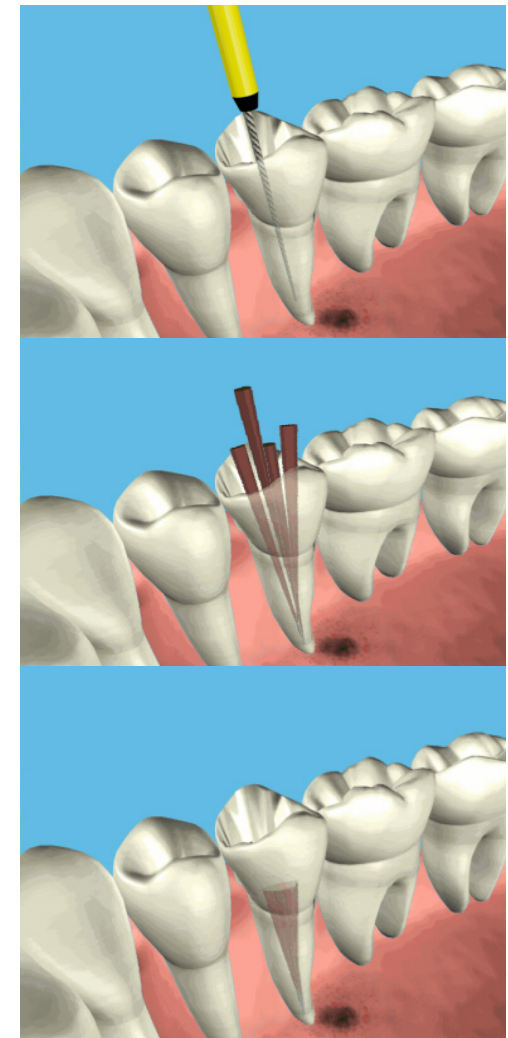
The alternative to a root treatment is to have the tooth out. Once the pulp of a tooth is destroyed, it cannot heal, and it is not recommended to leave an infected tooth in the mouth.

Although some people would prefer an extraction, it is usually best to keep as many natural teeth as possible. You should be guided by the advice of your dental surgeon

A root treated tooth now has no nerve or blood supply to it, and is essentially dead. It can become more brittle, and it may be necessary to restore the strength of the tooth with a crown. After treatment, a root filled

tooth should be cleaned and flossed like any other. It can still decay even when it has no nerve.

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