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ENDODONTIC TREATMENT (ROOT CANAL)

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- Endodontic treatment is a procedure which may take multiple appointments (stages), depending on the circumstances of each case. It is possible to experience any of the following symptoms after completing a stage(s): ~Sensitivity to hot and/or cold~Sensitivity to pressure~Swelling
- ❖ It is difficult to predict which symptoms, if any, you may experience and to what extent. In complicated cases, pain medication may be necessary.
- ❖ If you experience swelling, call the office; an antibiotic may need to be prescribed. If a medication has been prescribed, be sure you use it as directed. It is important to take antibiotics until they are finished.
- ❖ A temporary filling may be used to seal the tooth between visits.
- During endodontic treatment, the nerve, blood, and nutrient supply to the tooth is removed. This will cause the tooth to become brittle and prone to fracturing, so we recommend being gentle with the tooth while eating, until the final restoration is placed.
- Continue to brush and floss properly.
- Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have any concerns.