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Endodontic (ROOT CANAL) TREATMENT – INFORMATION

- 1) Endodontically treated teeth are more brittle than Non-Root Canal Treated teeth. Therefore, you must use extreme caution when chewing on a Root Canal treated tooth as it may shatter, crack or break.
- 2) Do not bite on pens, ice, un-popped popcorn kernels, etc, to reduce the chance of breakage of the Root Canal treated tooth.
- 3) Teeth require root canal treatment for various reasons. Primarily, either traumatic injury involving the nerve within the tooth, deep decay (cavity) or fracture (crack or breakage) or deep existing filling(s) that is close to or impinges upon the nerve within the tooth. Previous restorative history, which may include teeth that had many previous cavities and / or many previous fillings often require Root Canal treatment.
- 4) A Post and/or Build up is placed within the center of the tooth to rebuild the missing tooth surface.
THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE POST AND/OR BUILDUP.
- 5) Root Canal treated teeth require the placement of a Crown (Cap) or Onlay, which surrounds and covers the remaining tooth surface. This crown or onlay adds additional support but **WILL NOT** eliminate the possibility of tooth fracture or breakage.
THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE CROWN / ONLAY.
- 6) There is **NO GUARANTEE** that a root canal tooth will remain intact or that the treatment will be successful.
- 7) Occasionally, Root Canal treated teeth require removal (EXTRACTION) or surgical re-treatment if the root canal treatment fails.
- 8) If a root canal fails and the tooth requires removal, a bridge (fixed or removable) or a dental implant may be needed.
- 9) If you have any other questions with regards to Root Canal treatment, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.