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## **WHAT TO EXPECT FOLLOWING YOUR ENDODONTIC TREATMENT**

It is quite normal to experience some discomfort and tenderness in and around your tooth after treatment. This is a result of any pre-existing infection or inflammation in your tooth and the manipulation of your tooth during treatment. Pain can persist for up to one week. If necessary, taking two ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), aspirin, or Tylenol tablets every 3-4 hours should be helpful during post-treatment time. If stronger pain medication has been prescribed for you, please take it as directed. If an antibiotic has been prescribed due to infection or swelling, please start taking it immediately as prescribed and finish the entire prescription. Please keep in mind that when taking antibiotics for pain and/or swelling due to infection, it generally takes at least 48 hours for the antibiotics to become effective before the symptoms and/or swelling begin to subside. Please don't hesitate to call this office if you are experiencing problems with the medications, or if you have questions or concerns related to your treatment.

Upon completion of your treatment, the root (or roots) of your tooth are sealed internally and the opening on the outer surface of your tooth is temporarily sealed with a temporary filling. You must have this temporary filling replaced by your general dentist with a more permanent filling or crown, within 2 - 4 weeks after completion of your Endodontic treatment. Failure to have your tooth permanently restored in a timely manner may result in leakage of the root canal filling, decay, or tooth fracture, which could jeopardize the prognosis for successful retention of your tooth. **PLEASE DO NOT CHEW ON YOUR TOOTH UNTIL IT HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY RESTORED.**

**Upon completion of your treatment, your dentist will be informed that your treatment has been completed and a report with radiographs will be forwarded to your dentist's office. Please contact your dentist to schedule an appointment for the permanent restoration.**

Should problems or questions arise, please call this office. Wichita Falls Endodontics personally thanks you for your business and future referrals.