

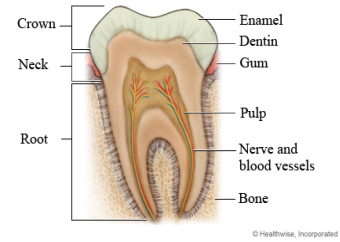
The aim of this procedure is to CLEAN the bacteria that have infected your tooth, and thus leave you with your own pain free natural tooth to eat and smile.

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### Why save the tooth?

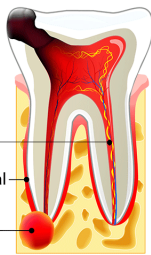
Patients today have more options than ever before to treat their teeth. Understanding your choices and their impact on your future dental health and lifestyle is important. Saving a natural tooth through **endodontic (aka Root Canal) treatment** should always be the first choice for the best health and cosmetic results. There are many advantages to saving your natural tooth:

- Efficient chewing
- Normal biting force, so you can continue to eat your favourite foods
- Maintains a natural appearance
- Limits the need for more costly, ongoing dental work



### What does the procedure involve?

VIDEO LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLeiDmOVfcg>. SEARCH "AAE Endo"



The procedure involves several stages:

Stage 1: Draining the infection. This is done on the first visit to relieve any pain you may be getting, by placing medication inside the tooth.

Stage 2: Cleaning the root canal system with accurate instruments and antibacterial chemicals, with the help of x-ray images. This stage may take more than one visit if the tooth is heavily infected.

Stage 3a: Sealing the root canal system.

Stage 3b: Filling and/or crowning the tooth.

### Crown / Cap or Filling

Teeth with endodontic treatment are often heavily broken down thus your dentist may advise a crown as a long term restoration rather than a filling. As a crown will protect the tooth from breaking, stops bacteria re-entering, restores shape, function and appearance.

### Will it hurt?

Endodontic treatment doesn't cause pain, it relieves it.

The perception of root canals being painful began decades ago but with modern technologies and anesthetics, Endodontic treatment today is no more uncomfortable than having a normal' filling placed. Most patients see their dentist or Endodontist when they have a severe toothache. The toothache can be caused by damaged tissues in the tooth. Endodontic removes this damaged tissue from the tooth, thereby relieving the pain you feel.

### What are the main risks?

- Discomfort during treatment
- Pain/swelling after treatment
- Prolonged infection during treatment
- A complicated root system e.g. blocked canals, curved roots, split roots, additional canal systems
- Re-infection of the tooth once treatment is completed
- Instrument separation during treatment
- Discolouration of the tooth
- Fracture/chipping of the tooth (not a risk if a crown/cap is placed)

### How much will it cost and how long will it take?

Cost and time are dependent on the tooth, the number of root canals to be cleaned and other clinical variables. Usual treatment time is 1-3hours

Approximate Fees are #500-800.

1. The procedure(s) necessary to treat the condition(s) have been explained to me, and I understand the nature of the procedure(s).
2. I have been informed of possible alternative methods of treatment, including no treatment at all. If symptoms persist beyond 6 weeks following Endodontic treatment, **Surgical Root Canal Therapy** (a different approach) may still be an option to save the tooth (additional fees apply.) Extraction is another alternative.
3. It has been explained to me and I understand that a perfect result is not guaranteed or warranted and cannot be guaranteed or warranted.
4. I have been given the opportunity to question the Dr Ronit Patel concerning the nature of treatment, the inherent risks of the treatment, and the alternatives to this treatment. This consent form does not encompass the entire discussion I had with him regarding the treatment.
5. A 6month follow up will be required to assess the healing of the tooth.

I agree to return promptly to have my root canal completed. I understand that if I fail to attend future appointments, I am responsible for any consequences.

Patient's Name / Signature

Date

Dr Ronit Patel