



dentist

ON PAXTON

**root
canal
treatment**

a smile is a curve that sets everything straight

A cross-sectional diagram of a tooth. The crown is at the top, showing a dark brown cavity labeled 'TOOTH DECAY'. Below the crown is the root, which is filled with a yellowish pulp chamber and root canal. A purple area within the pulp chamber is labeled 'INFLAMED OR INFECTED PULP'. At the bottom of the root, there are two dark purple, rounded structures labeled 'ABSCESS'. The background is a light pinkish-purple gradient with a large teal and white abstract shape on the left side.

TOOTH DECAY

INFLAMED OR
INFECTED PULP

ABSCESS

the pulp

Infection or inflammation of the pulp can be caused by...

- Breakdown of a filling or crown
- A deep cavity
- Trauma
- Gum disease
- Crack or chip in the tooth
- Extreme wear
- Extensive dental work to the tooth

Symptoms may include pain, sensitivity to heat or cold, tooth discolouration, and swelling or soreness in the gums surrounding the tooth.

what is a root canal?

Many millions of teeth each year are saved from extraction by having root canal treatment.

Having a tooth taken out rather than having root canal treatment can result in problems with biting, chewing and oral health associated with losing a tooth. Nearby teeth can move out of their normal position & tilt into the space left by a missing tooth. This can make chewing and biting difficult.

Root canal treatment is successful in most cases. If you take good care of the treated tooth, it may last for many years and possibly the rest of your life. Some patients may be referred by their dentist to a specialist dentist called an “endodontist” who has special training and qualifications in root canal treatment.





root canal treatment

Your dentist will examine the tooth and take a radiograph (xray film). A local anaesthetic is usually given to block the pain. A sheet of latex, called a rubber dam, is used to isolate the tooth and keep it clean and dry during treatment.

An opening through the tooth is made with a dental drill. Each root is cleaned, enlarged and shaped. Anti – inflammatory and anti – bacterial medicines may be put inside the root canal to help stop the inflammation and infection. You may need to make several visits to the dentist to complete the treatment. A temporary filling will protect the inside of the tooth between visits. Some patients may want to take a mild pain reliever such as ibuprofen or paracetamol that has safely been used before.

treatment continued...

At the next visit the root canals are filled and sealed. Usually a root canal treated tooth has an increased risk of fracture so a crown should be fitted soon after treatment.

Treatment of molars tend to be more expensive due to their complex shape and the number of root canals. Root canal treatment is usually less expensive than the cost of extraction and replacement with an artificial tooth.

our team

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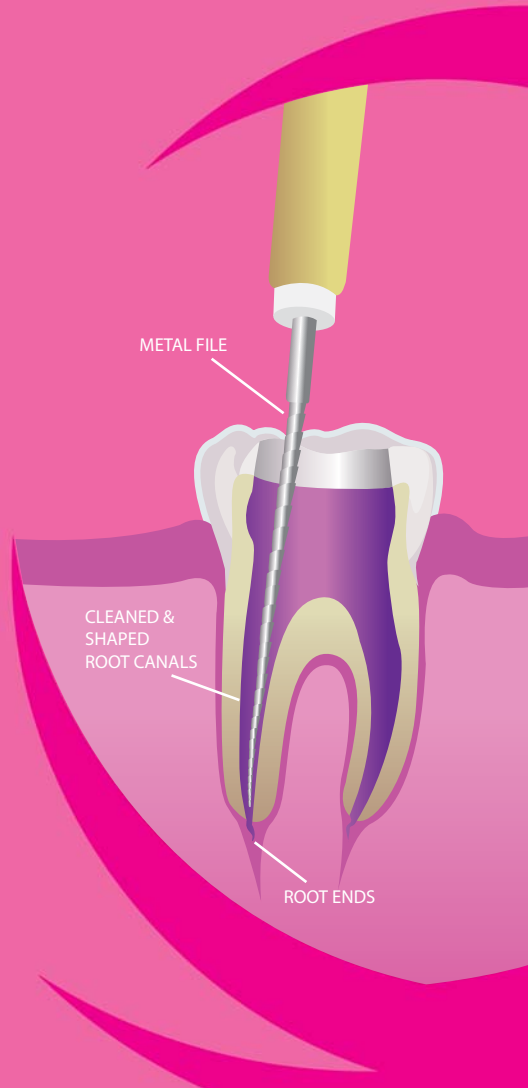
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