

What Is A Root Canal?

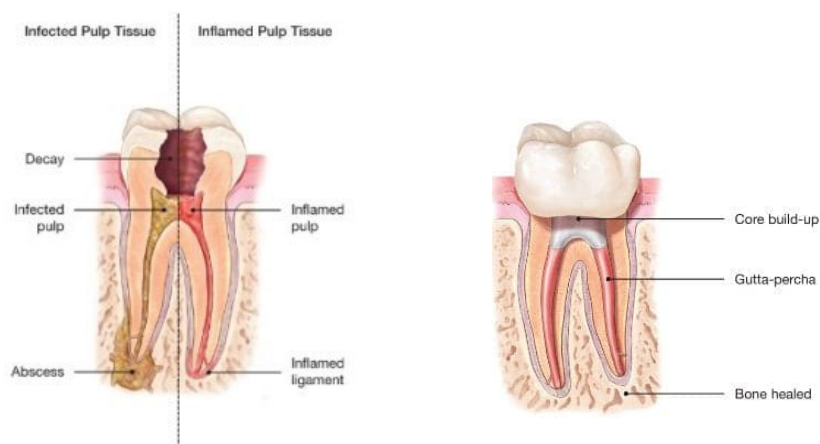
Technically, the root canal is the space inside of every tooth, under the outer covering of enamel and dentin, that houses the blood and nerve supply for that tooth. Sometimes these spaces can become inflamed or infected due to trauma, bacteria, or other causes. Root canal treatment is designed to eliminate bacteria from an infected root canal, prevent reinfection of the tooth and save the natural tooth. When a tooth undergoes a root canal, the inflamed or infected pulp is removed and the root canal space of the tooth is carefully cleaned and disinfected, then filled and sealed.

A modern root canal treatment is nothing like those old sayings! It's very similar to a routine filling and can usually be completed in one or two appointments, depending on the condition of your tooth and your personal circumstances. Getting a root canal is relatively painless and extremely effective. You'll be back to smiling, biting and chewing with ease in no time.

Saving the natural tooth with root canal treatment has many advantages:

- Efficient chewing
- Normal biting force and sensation
- Natural appearance
- Protects other teeth from excessive wear or strain

Typically, a filling or core buildup and crown is needed for the tooth following a root canal treatment. Your dentist will let you know what would be best for your situation and make sure that you are planning accordingly with any needed follow up appointments or treatment.



If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the office via email or phone call and we'll be happy to provide you with additional guidance or recommendations.