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WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOU'VE HAD A ROOT CANAL

It is natural to experience some minor discomfort in the tooth, gums, or jaw after having had a root canal. Usually this discomfort is slight to moderate and lasts from several days to 1 week. Taking 1 or 2 Advil (200-400 mg Ibuprofen) will help decrease this discomfort or the Doctor may prescribe something stronger if necessary.

It is also important to continue to take any antibiotics that may have been prescribed for you, as this will help the infection heal faster. Be sure to take the antibiotics until they are completely gone—do not stop taking them even if you feel fine.

By two weeks, your tooth should feel back to normal. If your tooth was a bicuspid or molar (a “back” tooth), then it is very important to have a cap or a crown placed immediately for support. A tooth that has had a root canal is no longer receiving a blood supply and is therefore weak and could fracture easily and be prematurely lost. If you already have a crown on your tooth, then you are probably fine.

If you need anything, please call us here at the office at (310)832-2657.

We look forward to helping you again in a couple of weeks!!

Dr. Sheets, Dr. Marshall and Staff.
