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BEGINNING ROOT CANAL TREATMENT

Today you had root canal therapy (also called endodontic treatment). Some discomfort may be expected following this dental procedure. The tooth and its surrounding structures have been affected and the treatment to the tooth may also produce temporary irritation.

If discomfort develops, it can usually be alleviated by not chewing on the side of your mouth where the root canal was started. In addition, you should begin taking anti-inflammatory pain relievers as directed by the endodontist. You may have a prescription or can use an over the counter medication (ie. Motrin IB, Advil) instead. This discomfort should subside in 1-2 days.

SHOULD SEVERE PAIN OR SWELLING DEVELOP, CONTACT OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

As with all dental procedures, you should avoid eating or drinking until the anesthesia wears off.

The endodontic therapy that you received has removed blood vessels from your tooth. The blood vessels are a source of moisture for teeth, and once removed the teeth can become brittle and susceptible to fracture. Avoid putting any pressure (chewing) on your treated tooth until further treatment can stabilize it and protect it from breaking off. This additional treatment may involve a filling, a post and or a permanent crown. These final restorations are not included in the fee for root canal therapy.

If you have any further questions, please contact our office. Our emergency phone number is (847) 918-1900. This phone number is available for emergencies 24 hours a day.

Thank you.

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