

Dear Patient,

By having chosen root canal therapy you have made an excellent investment in your health. A root canalled tooth can last a lifetime. Any tooth with a root canal can still decay, however, and any leakage in the tooth from an old or loose filling can damage the root canal. Also, any tooth can crack or fracture. So if you have not already scheduled a crown on the tooth please do not hesitate to do so.

Teeth with root canals should be totally functional – that is, you should be able to eat and function with them without pain or discomfort. However, it is not uncommon for a tooth with a root canal to be sore to the bite for a while; this should go away within 2-3 weeks.

One common occurrence with a newly root-canalled tooth is for the tooth to feel high when you bite your teeth together. If this occurs it will cause your tooth to remain or become sensitive for a longer period of time. If your tooth is still sore chances are your bite is high. If your tooth hurts when you eat, or if you are waking in the early morning with a sore tooth, then you may also be having this problem. Please call us as this problem is easily rectified with a simple bite adjustment at no charge. Also, if your tooth felt fine after root canal treatment, but became sore after the final crown was placed, again the tooth is probably now high and you need to call us.

We hope your appointment with us was a pleasant one. As you were probably informed, we have specialized in single visit root canals; that is, we do all of our cases in one sitting.

For your convenience we want you to have Dr. Oser's cell phone number 214-924-1114. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

We wish to extend our appreciation in the trust you have placed in us for your dental treatment.