



# COMPTON FAMILY DENTISTRY

Sedation and Comprehensive Care

## **POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROOT CANAL TREATMENT:**

1- You may experience moderate pain and sensitivity to pressure on your tooth; the gums around the tooth may also be temporarily irritated. Your dentist may have prescribed medication(s) to you; if this is the case, read and follow the instructions for any prescription medication. For the initial 4-5 days, it is common to experience mild to moderate “achiness,” or pain similar to a headache. This pain should subside with over the counter pain medications like Tylenol or Advil, and should gradually dissipate over about 1-2 weeks.

2- A tooth that has had a root canal almost always requires a crown to complete treatment. A temporary filling has likely been placed on your tooth; do not bite on the tooth for one hour (and while you are numb). Continue to brush and floss, but be gentle around the affected tooth. Return for the permanent restoration as soon as possible to ensure the survival of the endodontically treated tooth, and try to chew with the teeth on the opposite side until the tooth is completely restored.

3- Call our office at 706-857-4850 if you are in severe pain, experience swelling, or if you have any questions.

4- If we have not examined all of your teeth, or if you have not had a dental cleaning in the past 6 months, we would strongly encourage you to schedule an appointment to do so. If you were seen as an emergency patient (due to pain, a broken tooth, etc), we likely ONLY evaluated the tooth/teeth in the painful area.