

Root Canal Therapy

You have been advised that you need a root canal therapy. Root Canal Therapies have a very high success rate of approximately 95%.

Even so problems can arise with this complex treatment which may include:

- Fracture of endodontic instrument in the canal.
- Perforation of the root or bifurcation with instrument or placement of a post later.
- Inability to find and hence treat canals
- Under fill or poor condensation of root filling.
- Passing the medicament or other material through the apex of the tooth into the vital structures.
- Increased fragility and fracture of the tooth or crown during or after treatment.

Any of these complications may require referral to a specialist

Alternatives to a root canal therapy may include:

- Do nothing
- Extraction of the tooth
- Extraction of the tooth and replace it with an implant
- Extraction of the tooth and replace it with a bridge

The charge for the root canal therapy is separate to the cost of the filling or crowning of the tooth.

**If you have any other questions about root canal therapies,
please feel free to ask!**