

OFFICE POLICY



ENDODONTIC TREATMENT OBJECTIVES

- Relief of pain if present.
- Removal of diseased tissue from the root canal systems, thereby saving the tooth instead of extracting it.
- Disinfection of root and surrounding bone - this phase of treatment may take several appointments if disease is severe.
- Complete filling of the root canal system.

HEALTH HISTORY

- All patients or parents of minor patients will be asked to complete and sign a confidential health history form.

CONSULTATION

- A diagnostic x-ray will be taken and developed immediately. The doctor will then examine and test the teeth in question and the surrounding tissues. Treatment of the case will be discussed.

FEES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

- The fee for endodontic services is based on the type and extent of the treatment involved. For patients without dental insurance, payment is due at time of service. Patients with insurance are required to pay 20% deposit at time of service with the full balance due after insurance pays. No payment is required at time of service for patients with dual insurance. Patients with third party claims will be required to pay in full at time of service. **It is the responsibility of the patient to ask about our fees before treatment is rendered.** We accept Mastercard, Visa, Discover, cash, and checks.

DENTAL INSURANCE

- As courtesy to you, insurance forms will be completed without charge. However, please remember that professional services are rendered and charged to the patient, not the insurance company. Your insurance contract is between you and your insurance company and is designed to be a partial aid or assistance in covering your dental cost. **The patient is ultimately responsible for payment.**

PERMANENT RESTORATIONS OR CROWN OF TOOTH

- After endodontic treatment is completed in this office with a temporary seal, the patient will be referred back to their family dentist for a permanent protective restoration, such as crown, cap, jacket, onlay, or filling. **This is the patient's responsibility and is necessary to safeguard the tooth.**

PAIN, DISCOMFORT AND FEAR

- We will do everything we can to make your visits as comfortable as possible. Endodontic treatment is usually done using local anesthetic and it will probably not bother you anymore than a regular dental appointment. We will try to explain everything before it happens so there will be no surprises.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR OFFICE.

SIGNATURE

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