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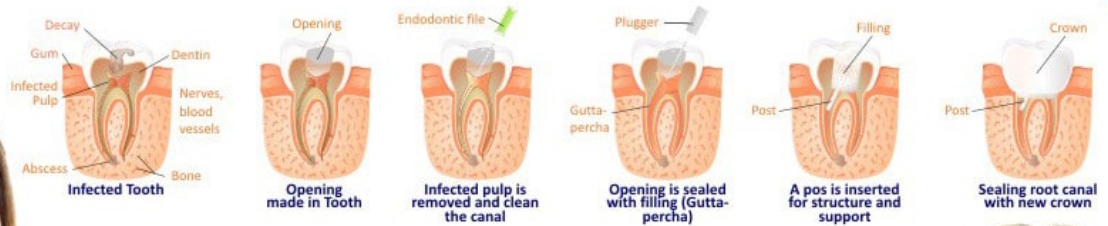
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We have all heard of root canals, and the mere mention of the phrase, and worse, having to get one done, usually makes one break out in a sweat! But, what exactly is a root canal?

Root canal therapy is the removal of the nerve tissue and tissues from within the root of the tooth. All of the treatment is done inside the root, not in the bone outside the tooth. The tissue within the confines of the tooth is called the dental pulp, which contains a lot of blood vessels. If the pulp is injured, especially in a minor way like when a tooth is traumatized, it can heal itself. However, when the tissues are pushed beyond the point of being able to heal themselves, then the dental pulp can break down and similar to other human tissue, become infected. The tissues breaking down create gas, which creates pressure within the root of the tooth. This is where most of the pain comes from. In order to relieve the pressure, a root canal is necessary.



Root Canal Procedure

During a root canal procedure, the injured dental pulp is removed so that the gas and pressure are no longer able to accumulate inside the tooth. Root canals are done so that infection is eliminated, and in this way the tooth remains a functional part of your dentition.

And the best news about root canals is that the procedures done now are pain free!

