

## What happens after root canal treatment?

After the completion of root canal treatment we will refer you back to your own dentist to have the tooth permanently restored with a filling or crown (depending on the case). You will need to make arrangements to have this carried out. Leaving the tooth may increase the risk of failure and the likelihood that the tooth may fracture.

It is desirable to review the root treated tooth approximately 1 year after treatment has been completed in order to confirm that the treatment has been successful. This can be done very easily at your routine check up appointment with your own dentist. We are also happy to do this for you.

## Is root canal treatment painful?

No, root canal treatment is usually painless. However, it is not uncommon to have some pain (and very rarely swelling) for a few days after treatment has been completed. This pain is usually controlled with painkillers which may be bought over the counter at your local chemist.

## Prices

- » Consultation £80
- » Incisor/canine treatment from £640
- » Premolar treatment from £680
- » Molar treatment from £780

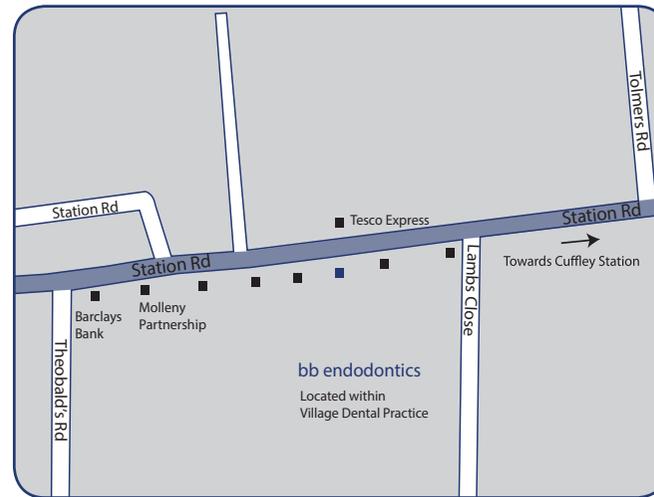
All fees will be discussed prior to treatment.

Payment may be made by:

- » Cash
- » Cheque
- » Credit/Debit Card.

Please give 48 hours notice for cancellation.

## How to find us



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*Located within Village Dental Practice*

The practice is located on Station Road, Cuffley directly opposite the Tesco Express. This is about 10 minutes by road from junction 24 (Potters Bar) of the M25. The closest railway station is Cuffley overground station, which is only a five minute walk from the practice.



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Bhavin graduated from Guy's Hospital in 1999. Following vocational training and a year as a senior house officer at Birmingham Dental Hospital, he spent 5 years working in general dental practice in central London. In 2005, Bhavin started his training to become a Specialist in Endodontics at King's College London.

Bhavin achieved a distinction in the Master of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontology, and also obtained the Membership in Restorative Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons. In 2009, he was accepted on the GDC specialist register for Endodontics. During his postgraduate studies, Bhavin was awarded research grants by The Royal College of Surgeons and The British Endodontic Society.

Bhavin has contributed to several dental text books including 'The Principles of Endodontics' and 'Adhesive Restoration of Endodontically Treated Teeth'. He has also written in a number of peer reviewed endodontic journals. Bhavin has a position as a Consultant in Endodontics at Guy's Dental Hospital where he teaches postgraduate students. He is actively involved in teaching at all levels.

## Why do I need root canal treatment?

Root canal (endodontic) treatment is carried out when the pulp (sometimes referred to as the nerve) within a tooth becomes inflamed or dead (infected).

The pulp may become inflamed or infected for a number of reasons, for example, if there has been significant decay (cavity formation). The same situation can also occur in a tooth with a large restoration (filling or crown) or one which has been subjected to trauma. Whatever the cause, it is bacteria that are ultimately responsible for causing the pulp to become irreversibly inflamed or infected.

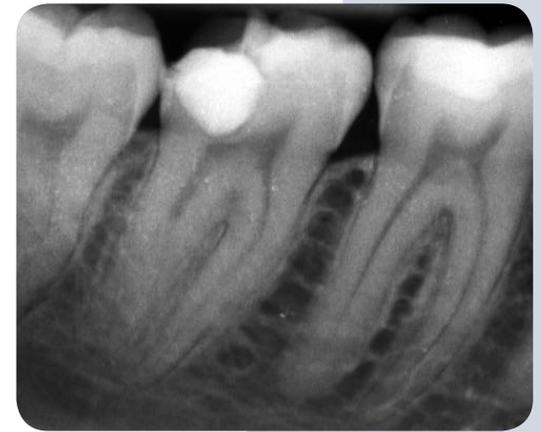
When the pulp dies, the space it inhabits (the root canal space) rapidly becomes infected with bacteria. This may cause pain and swelling in the surrounding tissues.

## What does root canal treatment involve?

The purpose of root canal treatment is to remove the inflamed and/or infected tissue from inside the root canal. This allows health to be obtained and/or maintained in the tissues around the tooth.

The tooth to be treated is first isolated with a rubber sheet (dam) which prevents contamination of the tooth during the treatment. Treatment in our practice is carried using a surgical operating microscope. An opening in the tooth is made to allow location of the root canal/s. The canals are then cleaned and shaped with various instruments. Disinfecting solutions are used to help get the root canal system as clean as possible.

After cleaning of the root canal system has been completed, the space is sealed with a root filling to prevent reinfection. A material called gutta percha is normally used as the root filling material.



A specialist endodontist can achieve success rates of over 90% for first time root canal treatments. The success rate is approximately 80% when an existing root treatment needs redoing.