

## Post Operative Instructions

### Root Canal

- It is normal to have some post-operative pain. The pain can vary from mild to severe. You may take over-the-counter pain medication such as ibuprofen (Advil) or acetaminophen (Tylenol). In some cases, prescription pain medications may be given. Please take these as directed.
- In some cases, an antibiotic is prescribed. If you are prescribed an antibiotic, it is very important to finish the entire prescription. Even if there is no pain, please finish the entire prescription.
- The tooth may be quite sensitive to pressure even though it no longer has a nerve. This type of pain is normal and usually only lasts for the first week following treatment. This pressure sensitivity may come and go as the tissue and bone around the tooth continue to heal.
- Following root canal therapy the majority of teeth will require a new filling and a crown. Once teeth have their nerves removed, they become very brittle. Without the protection of a crown, they will fracture and will need to be extracted. This is the number one reason teeth with root canal therapy are lost.
- If you experience any problems or have further questions, please call our office at 262-728-9330 or visit [www.delavandentistry.com](http://www.delavandentistry.com).