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After Your Root Canal

An ache is normal after root canal treatment. This ache is caused by inflammation at the tips of the roots of the tooth. Usually, this sensation is minor and resolves in a few days to a week. Infrequently, the ache can last for a few weeks. This variable range can be normal. Over the counter ibuprofen or aspirin, work very well on this kind of discomfort. If you are unable to take either ibuprofen or aspirin, we suggest Tylenol as an alternative. If you experience more than a slight ache, please contact our office.

DO NOT APPLY ICE TO THE AREA as this will interfere with healing.

It is essential that you have your dentist place a permanent filling on the tooth. As part of the root canal treatment, a temporary filling is placed in the tooth at the completion of treatment. This temporary is designed to last only about 6 weeks. Therefore, we urge you to have a permanent filling completed on the tooth within 6 weeks time.

If you have any problems or concerns, please contact the office by calling (810)225-9630. If you are experiencing an emergency after office hours, please contact Dr. Dittmar by calling his home (248)231-8766.