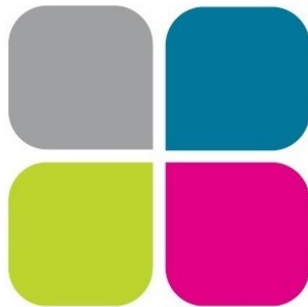




Plumstead Dental Surgery



## Endodontic Treatment (Root Canal)

### WHAT CAN PDS DO FOR YOU?

General dentists are normally able to perform root canal treatment, however in certain circumstances the dentist may need to refer the patient to a dentist who is experienced in endodontics. At PDS we have an experienced dentist with a special interest in endodontics, meaning that whether you have a case of trauma or simply a retreatment, you are in safe hands.



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### WHY DO I NEED ROOT CANAL TREATMENT?

The tooth normally requires root canal treatment because the pulp tissue (the 'nerve') inside the tooth has irreversible damage, this can either be caused by significant decay, if there is a large restoration i.e. a crown or a filling, or if the tooth has been subjected to trauma.

Damaged or inflamed pulp may cause tooth ache or can at times, be pain free. Once the pulp dies and withers away, the root canal can then become infected with bacteria. The root canal treatment involves removing this inflamed issue. Depending on the location and the number of teeth needing treatment the procedure can be complex.

### WHAT IS ROOT CANAL TREATMENT?

During the root canal treatment the dentist will make a small hole in the tooth's surface to remove the inner pulp which is infected by bacteria. The root canals are then cleaned and disinfected to remove the bacteria and allow healing. Depending on the case root canal treatment can take between one and two visits to the dentist. Once the root canal system is healed and sealed a protective crown may be required to protect the tooth from further damage.

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