

ROOT CANAL TREATMENT



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What is a Root Canal Treatment?



Root canal treatment is a dental procedure performed to repair or save a tooth that is heavily decayed (rotten). The procedure can be done by a Dentist or an Endodontist. The treatment is covered under the Moto Health Classic option and no pre-authorisation is required.

Indications

1. Severe toothache upon chewing or application of pressure.
2. Prolonged sensitivity (pain) to hot or cold temperatures (after the heat or cold has been removed).
3. Discoloration (darkening) of the tooth.
4. Swelling and tenderness in nearby gums.
5. A persistent or recurring pimple(abscess) on the gums.

Sometimes no symptoms are present.

- An x-ray is taken to assess the tooth and measure the canals.
- The tooth is anaesthetised ,this depends on the treating dentist as others do not anaesthetise as the tooth is already considered "dead".
- The tooth is drilled, and the nerves (pulp) and the bacteria are removed .Sodium hypochlorite is used to periodically clean the canal.
- Once the tooth is cleaned, a temporary filling is placed on the tooth and the patient is recalled after a week.
- During the next appointment, the tooth is irrigated with sodium hypochlorite to clean the tooth again before sealing it with a *gutta percha* material.
- A permanent restoration material is then placed on the tooth to restore it back to function and shape.
- The dentist will then recall a patient after several weeks for a post & core and a crown.

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