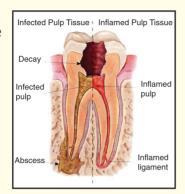
#### What is a Root Canal?

A root canal is a procedure that is performed to remove damaged nerve and blood vessels from inside the tooth. The hollow center (canal) is then sealed. It is deemed necessary when disease, decay, a crack, trauma, and or infection damage the nerve.



## What is Microscopic Root Canal?

The root canal specialist uses a special microscope to closely examine the tooth for cracks and other complications not visible to the human eye.

### What is an Antimicrobial Rinse?

After the damaged tissue is removed from the tooth, an antimicrobial rinse, \* MTAD and CHX, is applied directly into the canal system to reduce bacteria and to increase the chance for successfully treating complicated root canals.

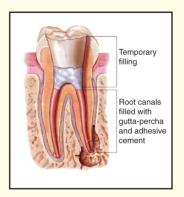
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Note: Antimicrobial Rinses are generally NOT COVERED by dental insurances.

### What is a Gutta Percha?

Gutta Percha is a rubberbased filling material that is used with a sealer to ensure complete sealing of the canal system. For over 75 years, the usage of Gutta Percha has been the material of choice to seal canals



# Why Do I Need to See a Root Canal Specialist?

Although general dentists perform routine root canal procedures, they usually refer complicated root canal procedures to a root canal specialist called an Endodontist.

An Endodontist is a dentist who has *additional extensive* training performing complicated root canal procedures.

Complicated procedures can include but *are not limited* to teeth involving multiple canals, calcification, failing of previous root canals, tooth fractures, resistant infections and root surgery.

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