

INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING ENDODONTIC (ROOT CANAL) THERAPY

Endodontic therapy has either been started or completed on your tooth. The following will give you some information as to what to expect following this treatment. The most important thing to remember is, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call the office immediately at **(303) 659-1825** or **(303)870-6693 cell**.

- **Some discomfort following root canal therapy is expected.**
- Ibuprofen (if you are not allergic to them) will usually take care of this discomfort. (600mg every 6 hours)
- If you are allergic to Ibuprofen, Tylenol may be used. (500mg every 4hrs)
- If it's anticipated that you'll need a prescription strength medication, one will already have been given to you.
- Ice pack applied externally may also help with normal post-operative discomfort.
- Normal discomfort lasts a few days and begins to resolve. Occasionally the discomfort does not set in until a few days following treatment and then lasts a few days and begins to resolve.
- Many times no medication will be needed.
- Occasionally some swelling may occur. If visible swelling arises, or if you begin to run a fever, call the office immediately. An antibiotic may be needed.

The opening that is made in your tooth is sealed with a temporary filling material. This material may "wash out" slightly over the next few days. To your tongue it will feel like the temporary came out because it feels like there is a big "hole in your tooth. It is very rare for the filling to come completely out, but as always, if there are any questions, do not hesitate to call the office immediately. If your root canal therapy has been completed and a permanent filling has not yet been placed, an appointment for a filling and a crown will be necessary.