



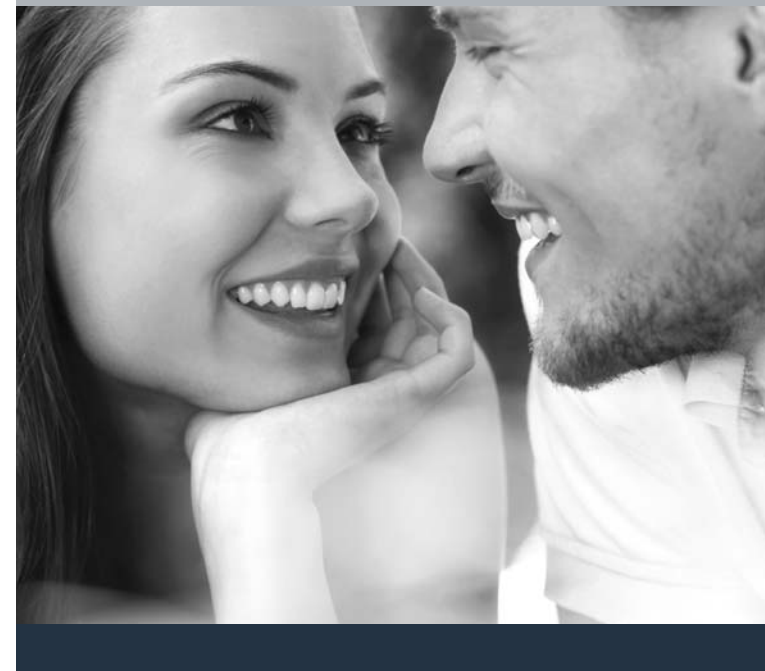
Please visit our website www.specialistdental.co.uk for further details of our endodontic treatment and to view animations of the procedure

OUR OPENING HOURS:

9:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday

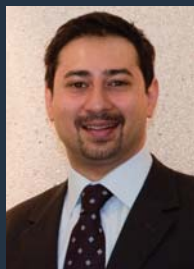
Saturday (By Appointment only)

Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays



ABOUT SPECIALIST DENTAL

We are a multi-disciplinary specialist dental practice in Guildford. All our dentists are registered specialists, with 33 years of combined experience, 12 years of combined formal postgraduate training, education and continuous professional development. We have been established for over 17 years and have accepted referrals from general dentists in the surrounding area for over 12 years.



Endodontic treatment is carried out by our Specialist Endodontist Dr Sohaib Safiullah who is a registered Specialist with the GDC. All of our endodontists use the latest equipment and highest quality materials including a microscope to negotiate the canals, which makes the success rate of this treatment very high.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

At Specialist Dental we are committed to providing you with the highest levels of customer care using the most advanced techniques in our modern state-of-the-art practice. At your first appointment we will take the time to get to know you, find out what your concerns are and how we can help you. We will carry out a thorough examination of your teeth, gums and smile. Following the examination, we will provide you with a personalised treatment plan that suits your needs.

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ROOT CANAL THERAPY

- A Tooth Saved!

SAVING A TOOTH IS ACHIEVED BY ROOT CANAL THERAPY, BUT WHAT IS IT?

Root canal therapy is a way of saving a tooth that would otherwise have to be extracted. Teeth needing this treatment have normally been damaged by decay, fracture, leakage of bacteria causing infection, or trauma. The purpose of the treatment is to return the tooth to good health and so restore it to full function, enabling you to continue normal life without pain, swelling or infection.



FAQ's

These are the most frequently asked questions about root canal therapy...

WHY DO TEETH NEED THIS TREATMENT?

Inside a tooth is a space called a pulp chamber with its associated root canals. The living tissue inside this area, often referred to as "the nerve" contains a fine network of tissue fibres, blood vessels and nerves. It is this that is responsible for all the hot and cold sensations in our teeth and telling us how hard we are biting. If decay reaches this area, or a fracture occurs exposing the pulp, bacteria can then enter and eventually damage and destroy the tissue. The root canals then become infected, and inevitably an abscess forms underneath the tooth, in the jaw bone. This can lead to considerable pain, but this is not always the case. Sometimes the first you are aware of the problem is when your dentist finds either a small spot on the gum or sees an abscess on an x-ray.

HOW IS ROOT CANAL THERAPY DONE?

The purpose of the treatment is to remove the bacteria from the inside of the tooth and disinfect the root canals. This is achieved by isolating the tooth from the rest of the mouth and then making a small hole in the tooth to locate the pulp chamber and canals. The canals are then measured, cleaned and shaped using fine instruments called files to allow us to fill and seal them. They are washed and disinfected thoroughly using a number of cleaning solutions. When the canals are clean, we then fill them to seal them off and prevent re-infection. Modern advances in root canal therapy have greatly improved these stages. We now use microscopes to help us find the small root canals more easily. We have more efficient files to clean and shape the canals, and we have more advanced methods to fill the teeth to try to ensure that as many of the fine network of branches of the root canal system are filled. When the tooth is filled, the abscess can start to heal and pain should subside.

WHAT IF I AM NERVOUS ABOUT MY TREATMENT?

Throughout your treatment all procedures will be explained, and you will be made to feel as relaxed as possible. Anaesthesia will be maintained during the treatment for your comfort.

IS THE TREATMENT PAINFUL?

No. Local anaesthetic is given at the start of the procedure and is maintained throughout. Every effort is made, and it is very important to us, to ensure that you are comfortable for the duration of the procedure. On rare occasions some teeth can be especially sensitive, but techniques are available to minimise this and ensure comfortable treatment. After your treatment, you will be informed of any likely discomfort and advised on the best suited remedy for this. This is usually minor and does not last very long.

HOW LONG DOES THE TREATMENT TAKE?

This can vary according to the complexity of the treatment and which tooth we are treating. Treatment is carried out in either one appointment of between one and two and a half hours, or two appointments with an antibacterial dressing placed in the interim period. Some treatments, for example re-treatments, or where there is existing crown and bridge work present can take a little longer. You will generally have a consultation before treatment to establish the prognosis, discuss the procedure and ask any questions. You will also have a review afterwards to ensure that the treatment has been successful.

IS SUCCESS GUARANTEED?

Root canal treatment enjoys a very high level of success. It is, however, impossible to guarantee the success of any medical procedure. Occasionally, even with the best treatment, healing may not occur due to circumstances beyond our control. Even so, there are often further options we can discuss to secure your long term dental health and eliminate persistent symptoms or infection.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MY TREATMENT?

Teeth that have had root canal therapy are susceptible to fracture and can break, so it is essential that you return to your regular dentist to enable the tooth to be properly protected. It is often recommended that teeth we have treated will need a crown. This is something your regular dentist will discuss this with you at your subsequent appointment.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS TREATMENT COST?

This very much depends on the level of treatment needed. Initially you will need a consultation and after this you will be given a full breakdown of costs.