

Instructions following root canal treatment

- The local anaesthetic may last for 2 – 4 hours. Take any recommended painkillers prior to this wearing off so that there is no delay in their action. Continue to take these as necessary but do not exceed recommended doses.
- The tooth worked on and the surrounding area may be sore for 24 – 48 hours. However, if further swelling occurs please contact your dentist .
- If the treatment is to be completed over 2 appointments, please avoid chewing on this tooth during this time.
- Often a crown will be recommended to strengthen a tooth following a root canal treatment. Please have this completed as soon as possible to minimise the chance of tooth fracture.
- If a tooth continues to be sore after 48 hours, it often needs to have the bite adjusted to alleviate this. Contact Fortwilliam or Ballymena reception to schedule this brief no fee appointment.