

What is Root Canal Treatment?

A **root canal treatment (RCT)** is a dental procedure used to treat and save a tooth that is badly decayed or infected. Instead of removing the tooth, the dentist cleans out the damaged or infected tissue inside the tooth, disinfects it, fills, and seals it to prevent further problems.

Think of it like cleaning out the inside of a tooth and sealing it up, kind of like fixing the inside of a house without tearing it down.

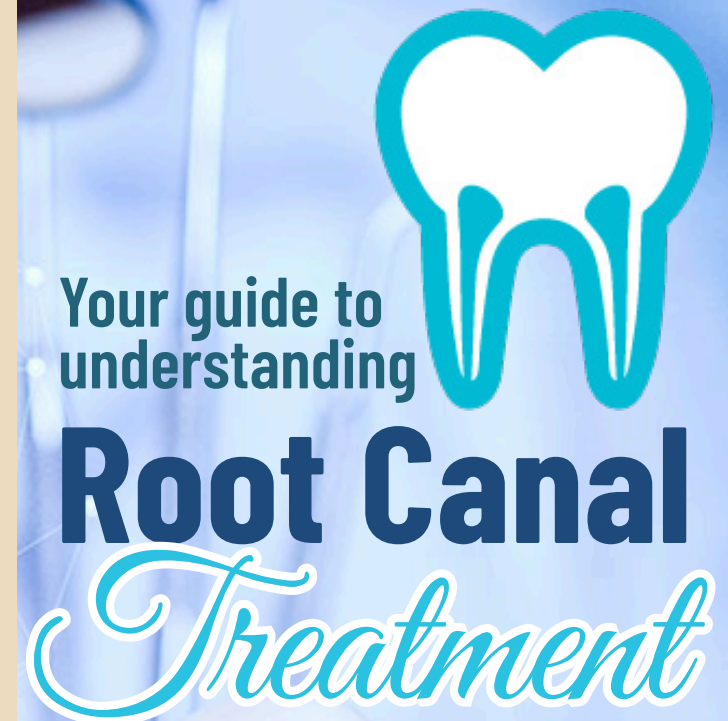


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Why Do I Need RCT?

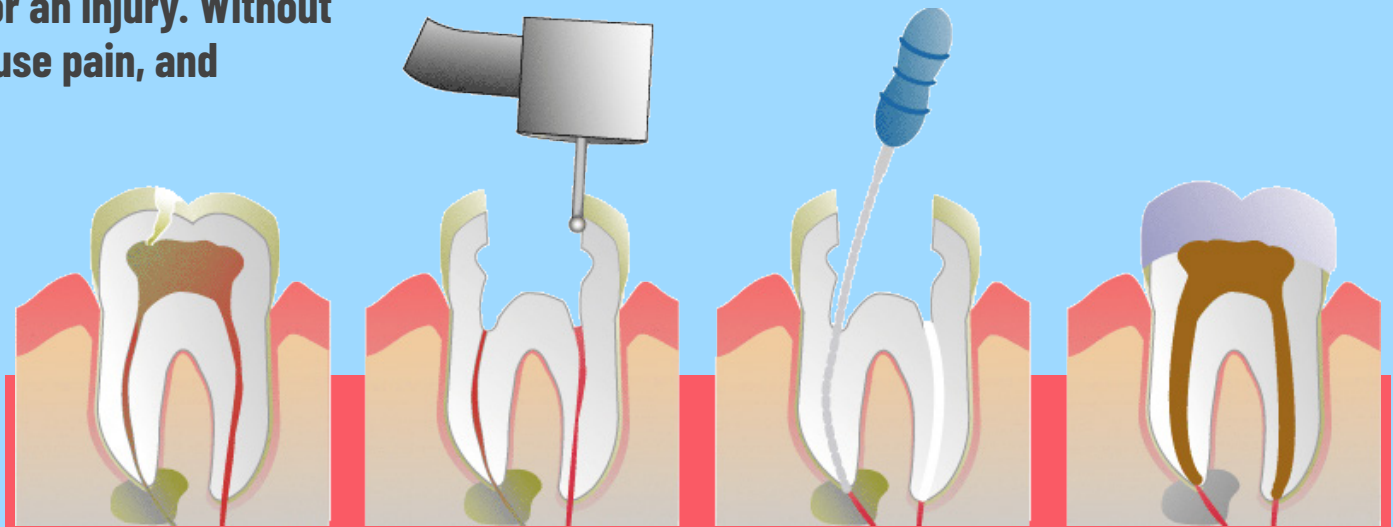
An RCT is needed when the inside of a tooth (specifically the nerve/pulp) becomes infected or badly damaged. This can happen from deep decay, a crack, or an injury. Without treatment, the infection can spread, cause pain, and eventually lead to losing the tooth.

So... How Does This Go?

Let's Save This Tooth!



This procedure *gently* removes the infection, relieves discomfort, and allows us to save your natural tooth so you can keep chewing, smiling, and speaking comfortably.



- 1. Numbing for Comfort:** Your tooth & the area around it are gently numbed so you're comfortable during the procedure.
- 2. Cleaning the Inside:** A small opening is made in the tooth so the infected or damaged tissue can be carefully removed.
- 3. Shaping and Disinfecting:** The inside of the tooth is cleaned, shaped, and disinfected to make sure all bacteria is gone.
- 4. Filling and Sealing:** The space inside is filled with a special material to protect and strengthen the tooth.
- 5. Restoring the Tooth:** Most teeth need a post, core, and crown to bring back strength, function, and appearance.