

# Palms Dental PA

## Care of Mouth after Root Canal Therapy

- It is normal to have some post-operative pain. The pain can vary from mild to severe. You may take over-the-counter pain medications such as ibuprofen (Advil) or acetaminophen (Tylenol). In some cases, prescription pain medications may be given. Please take these as directed.
- In some cases, an antibiotic is prescribed. If you are prescribed an antibiotic, it is very important to finish the entire prescription. Even if there is no pain, please finish the entire prescription.
- The tooth may be quite sensitive to pressure even though it no longer has a nerve. This type of pain is normal and usually only lasts for the first week following treatment. This pressure sensitivity may come and go as the tissue and bone around the tooth continue to heal. Usually teeth of the lower jaw take longer to heal than teeth of the upper jaw and may be sensitive to chew on for up to 2 weeks.

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