

At this point there are only two options for treatment. Root Canal Therapy can save the tooth and return it to comfortable and efficient service or the tooth can be removed. No other treatment will be successful. If you choose to save the tooth, let me assure you that the treatment is not painful and it does not hurt after treatment. The major complaint is some jaw muscle soreness. Tylenol and Advil are the analgesics of choice.

If you feel any anxiety about having a root canal we can, and should, use an oral sedative which will make you quite comfortable emotionally during and after the treatment. I usually suggest this for all patients.

## HOW IT WORKS

After the local anesthetic takes full effect, I will place a rubber dam around the tooth to keep the gunk that comes out of the tooth out of your mouth. I will open up the tooth and remove whatever tissue is in the canal space. Using very small files I will clean and shape the canal to remove all tissue hiding in there and to polish the walls of the canals.

