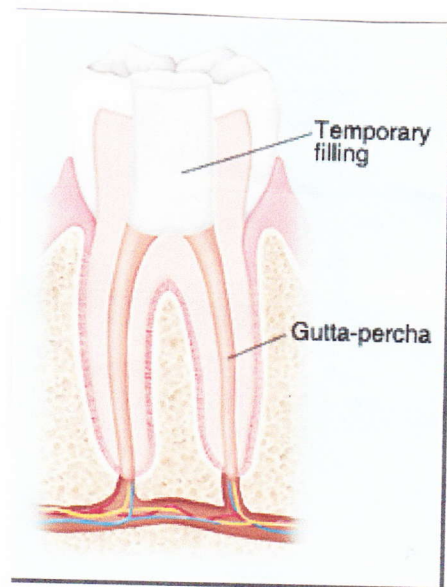


After the canal are cleaned and shaped, I will fill the spaces with a naturally occurring rubber substance called gutta percha. The tooth is sealed and this prevents bacteria or fluids from entering the tooth from the roots. The crown opening is sealed with a temporary material that keeps out food and debris.



I routinely wait about a month to put the crown on the tooth which protects the tooth from fracture and returns it to the work of chewing.

Risks and complications

Root canal therapy has a high rate of success. If complications do happen, they are often minor and can be treated. Risks and possible complications include:

- Pain or infection
- Reaction to medicine or anesthesia
- Sore jaw joint and surrounding muscles
- Separated (broken) instrument
- Need for additional treatment, like endodontic surgery