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### Patient information Root Canal Treatment

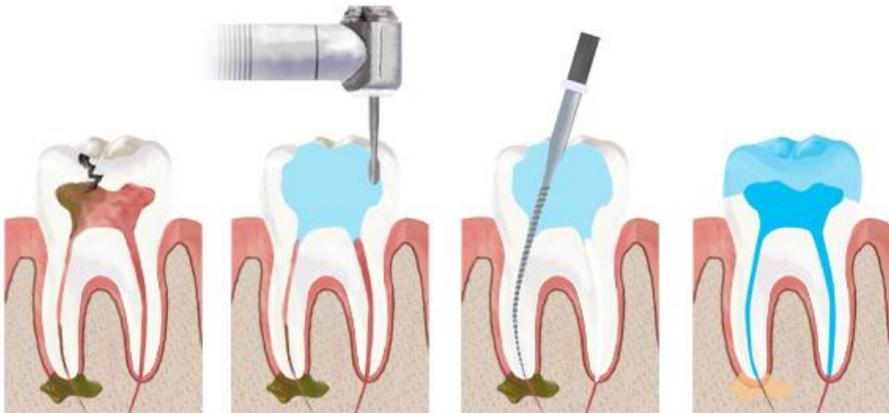


#### What is Root Canal Treatment?

Root Canal Treatment (endodontics) is needed when the blood or nerve supply of the tooth (pulp) is damaged due to decay or injury. It is most often needed in teeth that have deep fillings, or in teeth that have deep dental decay.

#### What does root canal treatment involve?

During root canal treatment, the inflamed or infected pulp is removed and the inside of the tooth is carefully cleaned and disinfected, then filled and sealed with a rubber-like material called gutta-percha. Afterwards, the tooth is restored with a crown or filling for protection.



*Infected tooth*

*Opening made  
in tooth*

*Infected tissue  
removed;  
Canals cleaned*

*Canals filled with a  
permanent material  
(gutta- percha)*