

# Root Canal Therapy

When the inside (nerve) of a tooth gets an infection or damaged, root canal therapy can save the tooth from being pulled. A root canal can take one or more appointments.



## Steps of a Root Canal

1. Tooth is opened to reach nerve of tooth.



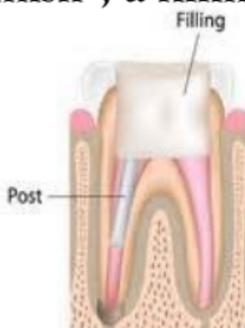
2. Nerve is removed and inside of tooth is disinfected.



3. Tooth is filled with permanent material.



4. To finish\*, a filling or crown is put on tooth.



*\*If the root canal is NOT FINISHED pain will likely return.\**

# Cavities

## How does it happen?

### PROCESS

### TREATMENT

Plaque is the sticky film on our teeth we need to clean off.



Brushing,  
Flossing,  
Fluoride,  
Sealants

If plaque is not cleaned off, it grows bacteria becoming a cavity.



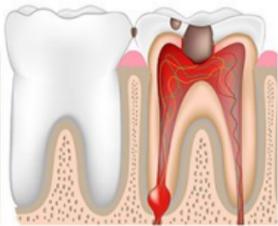
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-or-  
Filling

This bacteria turns the sugars we eat into acid that damages the deeper parts of the teeth.



Filling  
*- should be done before cavity gets bigger!*

The longer the acid stays on the teeth, the more damage happens.



Root Canal  
-or-  
Tooth  
Pulled

**PAIN can happen quickly - see your dentist NOW!**

White Fillings



Types  
Of  
Fillings



Silver Fillings