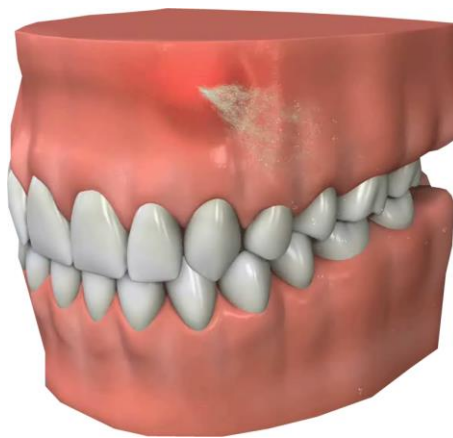




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PERIAPICAL ABSCESS



Q What is a periapical abscess?

A A periapical abscess is an infection around the end (or apex) of a tooth root.

Q Why does a periapical abscess form?

A This abscess forms when the nerve (or pulp) of the tooth dies.

Q Can it be treated?

A This type of abscess is treated using a process known as root canal treatment.

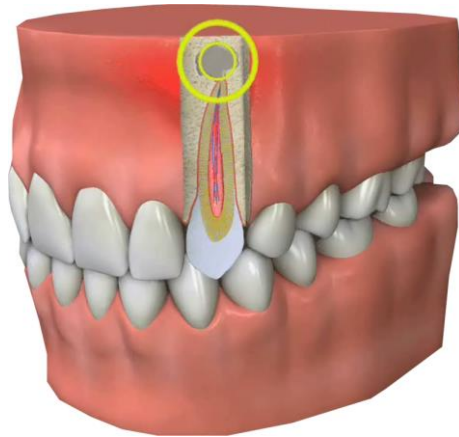
Q What does it involve?

A The aim of the treatment is to remove infection from the nerve canals inside the root of the tooth. The canals are then sealed to prevent re infection.

Q What will my tooth look like after treatment?

A The tooth may darken a little over time.

Q **What if it happens again?**



A This is unlikely but root canal treatment can be carried out again.

Q **Is it expensive?**

A Root canal treatment is a time consuming procedure, especially on the bigger back teeth called molars, which have a larger multi root system. You will need to discuss the cost with your dentist.

Q **What if I don't have the treatment?**

A Sooner or later without treatment the tooth will probably have to be extracted.

Q **Where can this treatment be carried out?**

A Your family dentist will normally provide this treatment. Occasionally a specialist called an Endodontist will carry out the treatment.

Q **What about aftercare?**

A It is usually recommended that root filled BACK teeth are crowned to prevent the tooth from splitting. This will add to the cost of saving the tooth.