

## FOLLOWING INITIAL TREATMENT (PULPOTOMY)

An initial step in endodontic (root canal) treatment has been started. The diseased or damaged tissue inside your tooth has been removed and a medication placed in the tooth. This will allow your symptoms to subside and start the healing process. There is a temporary filling in your tooth until the next visit.

Your tooth should no longer be sensitive to hot or cold; however, it may be tender when you bite down. *This is normal.* Discomfort may be controlled by taking over-the-counter pain/anti-inflammatory medications such as **600-800 mg ibuprofen** (Advil, Motrin, etc.) every **6- 8 hours** (you are not to take more than 3200mg in 24 hours) or **440 mg naproxen sodium** (Aleve) every 8- 10 hours. It is recommended that you take this anti-inflammatory medication for at least 2-3 days after treatment. Aspirin or acetaminophen (Tylenol) may be taken if you can't take the other medications. If warranted, a prescription medication may also be given to you.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the office. Thank you.

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