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Just a few reminders regarding your care after today's root canal therapy:

1. Your tooth will be **sore to biting** and often times to touch **for the next 5 to 7 days**. The tooth may feel as if it is "high" when you bite your teeth together. In rare instances the soreness to biting may take 2 to 4 weeks to go away.
2. Your tooth **may ache slightly over the next 3 to 5 days**. The majority of our patients find that over the counter medications such as aspirin, Tylenol, or ibuprofen (Advil, Nuprin, Motrin IB) work well. These over the counter medications may need to be taken for the next 3 to 5 days. If Dr. Kreimer prescribed a pain medication for you, please take only as directed.
3. The gum tissue around your tooth may be sore after the procedure. This soreness will go away within 24 to 48 hours after the procedure.
4. You may **eat as you normally would as soon as the numbness has worn off**. You may chew lightly on the tooth in question but avoid chewing hard items until you have seen your regular dentist for the final filling in your tooth.
5. **It is very important** that you see your dentist to make plans for a permanent filling or crown.
6. You may have been placed on an antibiotic after treatment or been instructed to continue with antibiotics prescribed by your general dentist. Please take these medications as prescribed.
7. Feel free to call our office anytime with your questions. Please notify us if any of the following occurs:
 - a. swelling around the tooth or in the face
 - b. pain unrelieved by the pain medication prescribed
 - c. any allergic reaction to any medication

We have enjoyed taking care of you!