



PATIENT MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

- Anxiety Control
TLC
- IV Sedation
- Nitrous Oxide Sedation

DIAGNOSIS

- Dental disease
- Differential Diagnosis of Oral Facial Pain

ENDODONTIC

- Routine treatment using various gutta percha filling techniques
- Chlorax percha
- Continuous wave
- Warm gutta percha
- Vertical condensation
- Lateral condensation
- Diffusion technique
- Apical impression technique
- Elective endodontics for restorative purposes
- Apexification
- Retreatment
- Management of instrument failure and perforations
- Correction of post failures

SURGICAL

- Treat for restorative purposes
- Perforation repair
- Trauma management
- Avulsed/replantation
- Intruded/repositioning
- Splinting/stabilization
- Forced eruption
- Treatment of orofacial infection/I&D
- Apicoectomy
- Apical curettage
- Placement of retrograde seal
- Cyst removal
- Root amputation
- Hemisection
- Bicuspidation
- Crown Elongation
- Intentional replantation
- Treatment of resorption defects
- Biopsy

RESTORATIVE

- Passive Bonded Inter-radicular Amalgam/ Core Paste cores
- Post core buildups
- Post preparation
- Interradicular core preparation
- Post cementation
- Vital/non-vital bleaching
- Restoration of access opening

MAXIMUM CONVENIENCE

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Six convenient locations provide easy access from everywhere in Western Pennsylvania

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On-site parking at all locations

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Flexible hours (including evenings and Saturdays)

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24-hour emergency answering service

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Immediate appointments for emergency patients

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Participation in most dental insurance plans

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One appointment root canal therapy - 95% of patients treated in one visit

- To accommodate patients' busy schedules
- To accommodate referring doctors' requirements

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Quality endodontics performed in a friendly, personal atmosphere

South Hills BETHEL PARK

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McKees Rocks, PA 15136
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SUCCESSFUL ENDODONTICS

The Cornerstone of Restorative Dentistry



Associated Dental Specialists

Endodontics

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Dear Colleague,

As our patients become more sophisticated in a dental sense, they become less willing to accept tooth extraction when other alternatives are available. The result is a demand for increasingly complex restorative treatment and the need for very careful planning.

Often, key abutment teeth have been endodontically treated or are in need of endodontics. Correct diagnosis, accurate prognosis and effective treatment can mean the difference between the success and failure of an entire restorative case.

As endodontists, we find ourselves in an ever-expanding role, not only in the type of service we offer, but as consultants in the planning phase of treatment.

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DIAGNOSIS

Identifying or ruling out an endodontic problem is an important first step in the diagnostic process. Although dental disease is most responsible for pain in the jaws, a significant portion of our time is spent in the perplexing Differential Diagnosis of Oral Facial Pain; Regional, Neurologic, Atypical facial, and Referred pain. After diagnosis, appropriate treatment co-ordination follows.

CONVENTIONAL ENDODONTICS

Although many general practitioners choose to perform at least some endodontics, a large part of our practice involves those routine or problem cases which the prudent generalist feels could be handled best by a specialist.

PRE-PROSTHETIC TREATMENT

Cuspal protection has long been regarded the treatment of choice for endodontically treated posterior teeth. Since this frequently involves a full coverage restoration, we have attempted to aid the restorative dentist by providing post space or interradicular core space when a core will be needed for retention.

We offer complete amalgam or composite core buildups for the teeth we treat. Many of the dentists with whom we work find that this service saves them chair time and often saves the patient an extra visit.

ROOT CANAL FAILURES

In spite of one's most sincere and diligent effort, root canal treatment, like any other form of therapy, is subject to failure. Fortunately, extraction is not usually necessary. An endodontist who has been specially trained in the intricacies of root canal anatomy can frequently solve the problem by retreatment.

SURGICAL TREATMENT

For those cases where retreatment is either not indicated or impractical, periapical surgery is the treatment of choice. Since most failures are the result of an inadequate apical seal, placement of a sound retrograde filling is essential. Endodontists receive extensive training in this highly specialized surgical technique.

TRAUMA MANAGEMENT

Loss of teeth as a result of traumatic injury is an all-too-frequent occurrence. Although some cases are admittedly hopeless, timely replantation, proper splinting and immediate endodontic intervention can greatly reduce the incidence of root resorption and thereby enhance long-term prognosis.

BLEACHING

Discoloration of non-vital anterior teeth is a common aesthetic problem. Following endodontic treatment, excellent results can usually be achieved by a combined technique of heat bleaching and an inter-appointment "walking bleach".

Vital teeth discolored by tetracycline or fluorosis presents a more difficult problem. Recent developments in technique, however, have produced predictable and satisfactory results.

EMERGENCY SERVICE/AVAILABILITY

Emergency endodontic problems are common to all practices and can be a major disruption to a carefully planned schedule. As a consequence, we have designed our practice to accommodate your emergencies immediately. Our offices are staffed Monday through Saturday, and evenings. One of our doctors are always on call outside regular office hours for emergencies weeknights, weekends, and holidays.