

Root Canal Treatment at Core Dental South Melbourne

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Tooth pain should never be ignored - and at Core Dental South Melbourne, you do not have to suffer in silence. Our skilled dental team provides professional root canal treatment to save infected or damaged teeth, relieve pain, and restore your oral health. Conveniently located near South Melbourne Market, we offer extended hours and Saturday appointments for your convenience.

What Is Root Canal Treatment?

Root canal treatment (also known as endodontic therapy) is a procedure designed to treat infection or severe inflammation within a tooth. Inside every tooth is a soft tissue called the pulp, containing nerves and blood vessels. When this pulp becomes infected - due to deep decay, a crack, a chip, or dental trauma - root canal treatment is the most effective way to save the tooth.

The procedure involves removing the infected pulp, thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the tooth's internal canals, and sealing the tooth to prevent further infection. Once complete, a dental crown is usually placed to protect the treated tooth and restore its full function.

When Do You Need Root Canal Treatment?

Root canal treatment is typically recommended when you have:

- Severe, persistent toothache or pain when biting or chewing
- Prolonged sensitivity to hot or cold that lingers after the temperature source is removed
- Visible swelling around the tooth or in the jaw
- Darkening or discolouration of an affected tooth
- A persistent pimple or drainage point on the gum near the tooth
- A confirmed dental abscess on X-ray or clinical examination

In some cases, a damaged or infected tooth may show no symptoms at all. This is another reason why regular dental check-ups - including digital X-rays - are so important. The team at Core Dental South Melbourne uses the latest digital imaging technology to identify problems early, often before you feel any discomfort.

What Happens During Root Canal Treatment?

Root canal treatment at Core Dental South Melbourne is carried out under local anaesthetic. You will be comfortable and pain-free throughout - most patients are genuinely surprised by how manageable the procedure is.

Here is what typically happens:

1. **Examination and X-rays** - We assess the tooth and confirm the extent of infection
2. **Local anaesthetic** - The area is numbed completely before any treatment begins
3. **Isolation** - A rubber dam is placed to keep the tooth dry and sterile during treatment
4. **Pulp removal** - We carefully remove the infected or inflamed pulp tissue
5. **Canal cleaning and shaping** - The canals are cleaned, shaped, and disinfected using fine instruments and antibacterial solutions
6. **Filling and sealing** - The canals are filled with a biocompatible material and sealed
7. **Crown placement** - A dental crown is strongly recommended to protect and strengthen the tooth after treatment

Treatment is usually completed over one to three appointments, depending on the complexity of the case.

Complex Cases: Specialist Endodontist Available

Some root canal cases are more complex - for example, re-treatment of a previously root-filled tooth, severely calcified canals, or teeth with unusual anatomy. Core Dental South Melbourne has access to specialist endodontists at the Collins Street Specialist Centre. Dr Greg Tilley (BDS, FRACDS, MRACDS Endo), with over 35 years of specialist experience, is available to Core Dental patients via referral. Your dentist will advise if specialist referral is the best option for your situation.

After Your Treatment

After root canal treatment, mild soreness for two to three days is normal and expected. Over-the-counter pain relief is usually sufficient. We recommend eating soft foods while any temporary filling is in place, and we will schedule you for a crown or permanent restoration at a follow-up appointment.

Book at Core Dental South Melbourne

Core Dental South Melbourne is located at 87 Market St, South Melbourne VIC 3205, close to South Melbourne Market. We offer tram access and nearby street parking. Our team includes multilingual clinicians speaking Mandarin Chinese, Malay, and Cantonese.

- **Phone:** (03) 9114 7700 - **Email:** southmelbourne@coredental.com.au - **National bookings:** 13 13 16 - **Online:** coredental.com.au

We offer HICAPS on-the-spot health fund claiming at every appointment. Interest-free payment plans through Payright are available for up to 30 months. The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) covers root canal treatment for eligible children - ask us about bulk billing.

Core Dental South Melbourne - Your Local Dental Practice

Our South Melbourne practice is conveniently located on Market Street, minutes from South Melbourne Market, with tram access from across the inner south. Our multilingual team offers consultations in Mandarin, Malay, and Cantonese, ensuring patients from South Melbourne's diverse community can discuss their root canal treatment with complete confidence.