

LARGE RESTORATIONS

You have just had a large restoration (filling) placed in a vital tooth. This will commonly lead to some post treatment discomfort. **Your tooth may:**

1. **Be extremely sensitive to temperature changes in your mouth.** *Fillings conduct hot and cold much easier than tooth structure therefore sending sensation to the nerves in the tooth more quickly. This can in some instances last months although it is much more common to diminish some time shortly following treatment. If this sensation persists without improvement or worsens, please contact us. In some instances a tooth will die from the trauma of deep decay or a large restoration and require either "Root Canal Therapy" or "Extraction".*
2. **Be tender to bite with hard or crunchy foods.** *The tooth has undergone trauma during deep decay removal and reconstruction similar to many other surgeries. There will be healing time for the tooth. If sharp pains on biting continue for long periods of time the tooth may lack the structural integrity needed to function under the pressure of your bite. If this is the case, the tooth may need to be crowned to restore the tooth to its normal functioning capacity. A "Crown" will cover the tooth and help prevent the tooth from wanting to break on chewing.*
3. **Have a throbbing ache similar to a heartbeat.** *This is usually associated with irritation to the center of the tooth where the main nerve and blood supply exist. Much like other surgeries, the tooth may have internal swelling creating pressure. Anti-inflammatory medication (ie. Aspirin, tylenol, etc.) should help. If this type of ache persists, the tooth could eventually die and require "Root Canal Therapy".*

If you have any questions regarding your treatment and possible post-treatment discomfort please contact us. We will be glad to determine your status and appoint you for a follow up if necessary.