ENDODONTICS AND ENDODONTIC CONDITIONS FAQ

What is Endodontics?

Endodontics is an area of dentistry which is concerned with inflammatory diseases and conditions associated with the dental pulp (the nerve and blood supply which supplies each tooth) as well as the surrounding tissues of the tooth root.

Pathologies related to the dental pulp are caused by a polymicrobial infection. These infections lead to inflammatory changes within the dental pulp (pulpitis) and ultimate degeneration of the dental pulp.

The ultimate aim of any endodontic procedure is to eliminate the infective organisms in order to restore health and function.

Who will I be seeing?

Robert Kelly (Practice Limited to Endodontics).

Why am I seeing Robert?

Robert is a dentist whose practice is limited to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of endodontic conditions.

All dentists recieve undergraduate training in endodontics, However not all dentists either enjoy or perform many endodontic procedures. Your general dentist may wish for you to be seen by Robert in order to achieve the best outcome for your tooth / teeth.

Benefits of seeing an Endodontic Practitioner

- They routinely undertake root canal treatment procedures and therefore have developed particular skill and expertise in performing such procedures
- They have greater experience when dealing with patients in pain and have the ability to manage patients in acute pain.
- They have more experience and expertise when dealing with chronic pain related syndromes and therefore has the ability to offer appropriate management.
- They have access to specialised equipment as well as the latest imaging software and magnification hardware (microscope) in order to achieve a positive outcome to your treatment.
- Research has confirmed that procedures carried out by an endodontic practitioner or an endodontist have a higher success rate.

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Robert Kelly Endodontics @ SD&IC

Rob graduated in 2010 from Trinity College, Dublin. He has broad based experiences working in both primary and secondary hospital based specialist services including oral and maxillofacial surgery, restorative dentistry, paediatric dentistry and oral surgery.

He is currently undertaking a post-graduate specialist training programme in endodontology (root canal treatments) at King's College, London while at the same time coming to the final stages of completing his PhD. His research interests include the behaviour of dental biomaterials in extreme oral environments. Robert has several peer-reviewed publications relating to his research and clinical experiences.

Rob is an active member of the British Endodontic Society and has been performing endodontic treatments and receiving endodontic referrals for several years across the Southwest and Southeast of England. Rob is happy to assess patients in relation to all aspects of root canal treatments, re-treatments as well as surgical Endodontic procedures.

What can I expect from a consultation?

Each consultation is tailored to the needs of each patient and each tooth under investigation will be assessed based on its own merits as well as being assessed as part of a comprehensive plan.

However, a thorough endodontic assessment will be carried out to:

- Confirm the diagnosis: meaning to find out what is wrong with your tooth
- Treatment options for the tooth/teeth with problems including the relative advantages and disadvantages of each option.
- A description of what to expect of the endodontic treatment and estimation of success;
- The cost of the treatment;
- A complete report of the consultation will be sent to you and your referring dentist.

Is this treatment available on the NHS?

Whilst endodontic treatment is available on the NHS, this will involve referral to an Endodontist working within secondary care such as a teaching hospital. Most NHS organisations have a longer waiting list of consultation and treatment as compared to a private clinic and this may mean a potential delay in treatment.

Should you have any queries or concerns with regard to treatment Rob is very happy to assist you in any way possible.

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