## Post Root Canal Therapy Home Care Instructions

**Endodontic Treatment Not Completed -** Your endodontic treatment is not yet complete. Medication has been placed and the tooth has been restored with a temporary material until your treatment is completed at your next visit. Please avoid chewing hard or sticky foods on the tooth undergoing treatment, as this may result in loss of temporary filling and/or fracture of the tooth. If your temporary filling is lost prior to your next appointment, please call our office as soon as possible to have it replaced.

**Endodontic Treatment Completed -** Your endodontic treatment has been completed. The tooth has been temporarily sealed with a material to prevent recontamination of the root canal therapy. However, this temporary material will only perform this function for a short time. It is strongly recommended that you see you general dentist for permanent restoration of the tooth in less than two weeks; until such time, please avoid chewing hard or sticky foods on the tooth treated, as this may result in loss of temporary filling and/or fracture of the tooth. If your temporary filling is lost prior to your next appointment, please call our office as soon as possible to have it replaced.

What to Expect after Endodontic Treatment - Post operative pain is typically minimal after root canal therapy is initiated, or completed. However, it is not uncommon to have discomfort upon biting on the treated tooth for several days after treatment. Occasionally, moderate to severe pain and/or swelling may occur, which require the prescription of pain medication and/or antibiotics. In such cases, it is important to contact our office immediately. If swelling develops, and you are unable to reach us for any reason, you are advised to refer to the nearest emergency room for treatment.

**Use of Medication for Pain Control after Endodontic Treatment -** You will be given specific instructions on when and how to take pain medication. Please follow these instructions carefully, to minimize your post operative discomfort.

In case of emergency, call Dr. Jim Wright on his cell phone: 702-281-9900