

Criteria for Endodontic Consult during Exam

The following conditions require an Endodontic consult prior to treatment planning:

- Previously treated teeth including pulp caps, pulpotomies, root canals and any other questionable radiographic evidence of previous pulpal treatment
- Deep carious lesions which may involve the pulp or infringement on the pulp space
- All teeth involved with complex treatment plans, i.e. FPD, crowns, RPD, etc. No inlays, onlays, crowns or fixed abutments should be treatment planned without an Endodontic Consult
- Intraoral evidence of endodontic involvement- including swelling of the soft tissue, appearance of sinus tract, fibrous scar formation, etc.
- Patients demonstrating symptoms of pain or discomfort which may be of endodontic origin
- Radiographic evidence of periapical areas of rarefaction or other questionable appearances of osseous architecture or root morphology (resorptive lesions, calcifications)
- History of trauma to the oral cavity
- Discolorations of teeth
- Change of treatment plan involving teeth meeting above criteria

For teeth with questionable restorability or having undergone preparation for crowns, the following criteria require an endodontic consultation AFTER preparation, BEFORE continuing treatment:

- Pulp exposure or infringement on the pulpal space
- Post-operative abnormal patient symptoms such as hypersensitivity, spontaneous pain, etc.
- Need for additional retention of core via placement of a post