

## **Specialist Endodontist**

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Dr Masih is a registered specialist in Endodontics and has limited his practice to Endodontics since 2003. In addition to practicing in Milton Keynes, Dr Masih is also a part time clinical teacher in Endodontics at the Eastman CPD department, Eastman Dental Institute, UCL.

Treatments undertaken at MK Dental Spa include:

- Pain Diagnosis (Cause of dental pain)
- Root Canal Treatment
- Treatment of failed root canal treatment (Re-Root Canal Treatment)
- Apicectomy (Apical Surgery)
- Management of traumatised teeth

Dr Masih is committed to providing endodontic treatment in a friendly and relaxed environment. He is dedicated to the highest standards of clinical care, and the ongoing process of postgraduate education.

### **What is Endodontics?**

Endodontic treatment (of which root canal treatment is one type) is carried out when the soft pulp tissue (nerve and blood vessels) normally contained in the centre of the tooth becomes diseased or dies. This may lead to inflammation or infection (an abscess) in the surrounding jaw bone causing pain and swelling at the end of the tooth root, although it can sometimes remain pain-free. An Endodontist is a dentist who specialises in Endodontic treatment.

### **What does root canal treatment involve?**

The Endodontist will remove the diseased pulp tissue (nerve and blood vessels) from the centre of the tooth (root canal). The root canal will then be carefully cleaned and shaped prior to being filled, which will help prevent re-infection.

The treatment can be time-consuming because of the skill and gentle approach required but is readily undertaken using local anaesthetic techniques with minimal or no discomfort. Sometimes Endodontic treatment is completed in one visit, but usually two appointments are needed. For the first few days after treatment, there may be some sensitivity to biting pressure, especially if there was pain or infection before the procedure. Sometimes anti-inflammatory medications are recommended for a day or two

Afterwards, you return to your general dentist who, having received a full clinical report, will place a crown or other restoration on the tooth to protect it from fracture and restore it to full function. The tooth may be reviewed a few months after treatment to monitor healing of the inflamed tissues in the jaw bone.

## What are the options?

The alternative to Endodontic treatment is removing the tooth. Treatment will therefore help to retain the tooth in the mouth:

- Preserving your appearance
- Allowing you to chew with comfort
- Maintaining neighbouring teeth in their position.  
(Loss of a tooth may allow neighbouring teeth to drift into the space that the problem tooth once occupied. This can lead to poor appearance and can make it difficult to keep your teeth clean).

## How much will the treatment cost?

Endodontic therapy and the restoration of your natural tooth may be less expensive than the option of tooth extraction and replacement with a bridge, implant, or removable partial denture. The cost of Endodontic treatment will vary depending on the nature of the problem and the tooth affected. An estimate of the cost of your treatment will be provided on the day of your first consultation.

## Fee Guide

Treatment	Fee
Consultation	£80-00
<b>Root Canal treatment from:</b>	
Single canal teeth	£550-00
Pre-molars	£600-00
Molars	£680-00
Re-RCT	£100-00
<b>Surgery from:</b>	£550-00

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