

**4. PERIODONTAL DISEASE**

Periodontal disease affects the gums and bone which support the teeth. It is a serious, progressive infection, causing breakdown of the gums and bone and eventual loss of teeth. It is best treated in its early stage. Treatment options may include gum surgery, extractions and replacements. Undertaking any dental procedure may have a future adverse effect on the periodontia.

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**5. ENDODONTIC TREATMENT (ROOT CANAL)**

Although over 90% effective, there is no guarantee that root canal treatment will succeed and complications can occur from the treatment. Endodontic files and reamers are very fine instruments and can separate during use. Additional surgical procedures may be necessary following root canal treatment. Despite all efforts to save it, the tooth may still be lost.

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**6. REMOVAL OF TEETH (EXTRACTIONS)**

Teeth may need to be extracted for various reasons, such as non-restorability, lack of bone support, part of orthodontic treatment, impactions, etc. There are alternatives to the removal of treatable teeth and these options include root canal treatment, periodontal treatment and crowns. Removal of teeth does not always remove the infection, if present, and further treatment may be necessary. There are risks involved in having teeth removed, including, but not limited to pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry socket, loss of feeling in the teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissues (*which is usually temporary, but in rare cases is permanent*), sinus involvement and jaw fracture. If complications arise during or following treatment, referral to a specialist may be needed, requiring further treatment and additional cost.

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**7. DRUGS, MEDICATIONS, AND ANESTHETICS**

Antibiotics, analgesics, natural supplements and other medications can cause allergic reactions such as redness and swelling tissues, pain, itching, vomiting and/or anaphylactic shock. Injections of local anesthetics can cause paresthesia (numbness) of teeth, lips and surrounding tissues. Though quite rare, this numbness can sometimes be permanent. Studies have shown that Bisphosphonate (ex. Fosomax) therapy for osteoporosis can compromise treatment results.

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