

Appointment Date and Time

Please bring this referral brochure with you to your appointment.

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About the Doctor

Dr. Thomas received his dental degree from Loma Linda University in 1998. He also received his advanced training in Endodontics from Loma Linda University in 2000. Dr. Thomas is currently board-eligible with the American Board of Endodontics, and has been in practice since 1998.

Dr. Thomas is an active member of the International Academy of Endodontics (IAE), American Association of Endodontics (AAE), American Dental Association, California Dental Association, and the San Gabriel Valley Dental Society.



Patient Information

Merit-Driven Endodontics

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Welcome!

You have been referred to us because your dentist feels your condition requires the services of an Endodontist. Endodontists are dentists who limit their practice to "Root Canal Treatment" and other related procedures. Endodontics is one of several specialities recognized by the American Dental Association. We are committed to providing you the highest quality endodontic treatment in a gentle and caring atmosphere. We understand that you may be apprehensive about your treatment, so every effort is made to address your needs and concerns. We look forward to restoring you to optimum dental health.

Treatment Sequence

Consultation

During your initial visit with us, we will perform an examination to determine if treatment is needed, if there are special treatment considerations and if the tooth can be saved. We will help you understand the cause of your endodontic problem, the options for treatment, the treatment sequence and course of healing.

Endodontic Treatment

Endodontic treatment involves the cleaning and sealing of the root canal spaces of diseased teeth. This can usually be accomplished by an opening made through the chewing surface of the tooth. This procedure is called "Root Canal Treatment." Occasionally, teeth cannot be treated adequately in this manner and an in-office micro-surgical approach may be recommended. In this procedure, the roots are sealed through an access made at the tips of the roots.

Follow-up Treatment

After the completion of treatment in our office, it may be necessary to contact your dentist for a follow-up restoration. You will be advised by the Endodontist if and when it is time for this appointment and this should usually be done within a few weeks of your last visit with us. Our office may examine your tooth periodically to monitor the healing process, if needed.

Common Questions

Is Treatment Painful?

With modern anesthetics, medications and newer techniques, there is usually no discomfort during treatment. In fact, endodontic treatment usually relieves pain. If you are particularly apprehensive, an oral sedative may be prescribed for you. After treatment, it is common to experience mild soreness in the area for several days, especially to chewing or biting pressure.

How Much Does Treatment Cost?

The fee for endodontic treatment is generally determined by the complexity of the procedure(s), and the type of tooth involved. You will be informed of the fee ranges before treatment is started. Fees for your initial visit are payable at the time of your first appointment. For your convenience, we accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express. We also participate with Care Credit as an alternative method of financing. If you have dental insurance, we will be happy to assist you in completing any required forms.

How Long is the Treatment?

Endodontic treatment is usually completed in one or multiple visits, depending on the complexity of the case, and most visits are one and a half to two hours in length.

Introducing

Referred by Dr.

Date

Tooth or area in question

Right (Circle Teeth for Endodontic Consideration) Left

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17

- Consultation and diagnosis
 - Endodontics necessary for proper restoration
 - Carious pulp exposure
 - X-ray revealed radiolucency
 - Patient in pain, swelling, sensitivity, please evaluate
 - Prepare post space
 - Date of most recent restoration
 - Date of previous endodontic treatment
 - Other recommendations and findings
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