



WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU

Please call us on 9521 4131 if any questions you have aren't answered in this information brochure.



LOCATION

61 Glencoe Street Sutherland.
Entry on Stapleton Ave.
Next to National Hearing Centres.



TRAIN

Take the stress-free way to our Practice and catch the train. We're a 5 minute walk from Sutherland Station.



PARKING

Call to reserve our car space (if available). Otherwise please allow plenty of time to find a street park - Sutherland is busy.



FEES

Molar \$2150. Other teeth \$1750.
Consult \$340.
Post removal - add \$200.
Surgical endodontics - add \$530.



MINIMUM ITEM NUMBERS

Molar: 017,415,416x2,417,418x2,022x4.
Other: 017,415,417,022x4.
Consult: 017.



A NOTE ABOUT ITEM NUMBERS

We'll add other item numbers to your invoice if we can (e.g. extra canals, etc.) The fee stays the same, you just might get more back from your health fund.



TOOTH UNTREATABLE?

If treatment is started but the tooth is deemed untreatable (e.g. cracked) the fee is reduced to \$770.



PAYMENT

At time of service please.
EFTPOS, Mastercard, Visa & Cash only.
No HICAPS - Pay us first, then claim from your health fund.



TREATMENT OPTIONS

Most patients are referred with an infected tooth. There are usually 3 treatment options, as listed below.



1. DO NOTHING

Can lead to serious consequences. It may also be more difficult to treat the tooth later. Doing nothing is not normally recommended.



2. ENDODONTICS

Allows you to keep your tooth. We clean and fill the root canals. and your Dentist then places a crown or filling on the tooth.



3. EXTRACTION

Your Dentist removes your tooth. This is usually successful (if the diagnosis is correct). Post-extraction options are listed below.



A. LEAVE THE SPACE

Other teeth may move which may cause a change in appearance, joint problems, increased risk of tooth decay & gum disease, and more load on remaining teeth.



B. REMOVABLE PARTIAL DENTURE

Replaces a missing tooth (or teeth). Load is distributed on remaining teeth. Usually requires minimal (if any) work on adjacent teeth.



C. FIXED BRIDGE

A false tooth is suspended between teeth adjacent to the "gap". There are various bridge designs. Usually requires work on adjacent teeth.



D. IMPLANT

A titanium post is placed within bone upon which a crown is fixed. Suitability requires assessment of bone quantity / quality as well as other factors.



E. ORTHODONTICS

In some cases, a space can be closed using orthodontics, usually for missing first molars in the upper jaw.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW BEFORE YOU SEE US

- **Local anaesthetic.** It's needed, and we don't work without it.
- **Rubber dam.** It's needed, and we don't work without it. (Rubber dam is a sheet of latex that is held on the tooth with a small clamp. It prevents materials from falling into your airway).
- **Radiographs (x-rays).** These are required prior to, during, and at completion of treatment.
- **Post-operative pain.** You may experience pain or swelling after treatment, and may need to take analgesics (pain-killers) or antibiotics.
- **Complete treatment within 3 months.** Where multiple visits are needed, you'll need to complete treatment within 3 months or there may be additional costs.
- **Sedation.** We don't provide sedation services, but can recommend other Practices that do.
- **Children.** We're don't have staff to supervise your children whilst you have treatment.
- **Surgical endodontics.** We only provide limited surgical endodontic services (e.g., apicectomy) Contact us to determine if your case is within the scope of our normal Practice.
- **Parental consent.** Required for patients under 18. A parent must be present for appointments.
- **Interpreting.** Can be arranged if required. We need advance notice.



TREATMENT MAY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL HERE ARE SOME REASONS WHY

- **Compromised tooth.** We're trying to save a tooth that's already compromised. There isn't the same long-term chances of keeping a tooth as one without decay, cracks or fillings. There's always a financial risk with endodontic treatment.
- **Cracks.** Cracks allow bacteria to re-enter the roots, causing failure. We always check for cracks at the start of treatment. Although it's not common, your tooth may develop a crack between appointments, or after a crown or filling has been placed by your Dentist.
- **Complex Root Canal Anatomy.** There may be a space harbouring bacteria that we cannot clean and disinfect. Sometimes there is an infection beyond the end of the root that can only be treated surgically.
- **Accidents.** Very rarely, something may occur during the course of treatment that affects the chances of success. For example, a file or instrument used to clean the canals may fracture and prevent complete cleaning and disinfection of the remainder of the canal. File fracture is rare, but is a risk that is inherent in performing root canal treatment.
- **Long term risks.** Reinfection of the root canal spaces may occur through cracks or decay that develop in the future. If you have periodontal disease, this may also lead to loss of your tooth in the longer term.



ADDITIONAL COSTS YOU SHOULD PLAN FOR

Once endodontic treatment is complete, you will need to see your Dentist to have a final filling or crown made for your tooth. You should contact your Dentist beforehand to ask what type of filling or crown they are planning for your tooth, and what the fees for this are likely to be.



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