## Instructions following root canal therapy

- Depending on the anesthetic used, patients will typically be numb for a few hours following root canal therapy.
- It is common for the jaw and gums to be sore following the procedure. Contact us right away if you feel the soreness is not manageable.
- Healing after root canal therapy is highly dependent upon the condition of the tooth prior to the procedure. Some teeth take longer than others to heal.
- Pain management is a key element in the healing process. Over-thecounter medications are commonly recommended to help manage pain.
  Dr. Ryan will provide advice based upon your unique needs.
- Once a root canal is complete, depending upon the condition of the tooth, care must be taken to not chew on that tooth prior to final restoration. The root canal is usually only the first step.
- Continue to brush and floss as recommended.
- It is important to follow up with us for your final restoration.

