

WELCOME Thank you for enquiring about our Practice, and hopefully for choosing to see us for your endodontic care. Our aim is to help you understand what the problem is that you've been referred for and to assist you to make an informed decision on how to proceed. Should endodontic treatment be your preferred option, we will do our best to deliver the highest standard of care possible to help you retain your tooth. This page gives a brief outline of the information that most patients would like to know before they decide to book an appointment with us. If you have questions that aren't answered here, please call our friendly Receptionist Meagan and she will do her best to help you.

LOCATION 61-65 (Suite 53) Glencoe St Sutherland. Next to Amplifon Hearing, street level, on Stapleton Ave.

PARKING Call to reserve our car space (if available) otherwise please allow sufficient time for street parking.

IMPORTANT Local anaesthetic, rubber dam to isolate the tooth, and radiographs (X-Rays) are needed for treatment at our Practice. Also, you may experience pain after treatment, and may need to take pain relievers or antibiotics. If you have concerns about any of these things, please call us now, before your appointment.

SEDATION We don't provide sedation, but can guide you to Practices that do. Please call us now if you need sedation.

CHILDREN We can't supervise children whilst you're receiving care. Please make alternative arrangements.

SURGICAL ENDODONTICS We perform only limited surgical procedures, but can guide you to Practices that do.

FEES Molar \$2980. All other teeth \$2390. Consult \$485. If treatment started & tooth is cracked/untreatable \$840.

PAYMENT At the time of service please. EFTPOS, M/C, Visa & Cash. Pay first, then claim from your health fund.

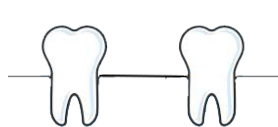
ADDITIONAL COSTS Your Dentist needs to place a final filling or crown on your tooth. Check with your Dentist about this so you understand the overall cost.

ITEM NUMBERS Molar 017,415,416x2,417,418x2,022x4. All other teeth: 017,415,417,022x4. Consultation only: 017.

EXTRA ITEMS We'll add more items if we can (e.g. extra canals, etc.). The fee does not increase if we do this.

TREATMENT FAILURE We will do our best to help you save what is already a compromised tooth, however treatment is not always successful. Cracks or future decay can allow bacteria to re-enter the roots, causing failure. We always check for cracks at the start of treatment, however sometimes cracks develop between appointments or after a final crown or filling has been placed. Sometimes there are spaces within your tooth harbouring bacteria that we cannot reach, or an infection may exist beyond the end of the root that can only be treated surgically or by extraction. 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. If you have periodontal (gum) disease, this may also lead to loss of your tooth in the longer term.

ALTERNATIVES TO ENDODONTIC TREATMENT If you've been referred for endodontic treatment, you usually have three options; no treatment, endodontic treatment, or have your tooth extracted. Having no treatment can lead to serious consequences, and it may make it more difficult to treat your tooth later. We do not normally recommend having no treatment. If extraction is chosen rather than endodontic treatment, this would be organised by your referring Dentist. After an extraction, options available to you include:



DO NOTHING

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



DENTURE

Dentures replace a missing tooth (or teeth) and are removable. The load of chewing is usually distributed on the remaining teeth.



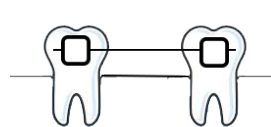
FIXED BRIDGE

Usually bridges are made by fabricating crowns for adjacent teeth with a false tooth suspended between them. There are many types of bridge designs.



IMPLANT

Implants are placed within bone and a crown is fixed on top. Suitability requires careful assessment of bone quantity & quality as well as other factors.



ORTHODONTICS

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

