Integrative Micro Endodontics — A Way to Minimize the Risks of "Old School" Root Canal, Part 1

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Your tooth aches! Your dentist says you need a root canal. What should you consider?

Research, since Dr. Weston Price in the 1900s and even up until today, has been controversial and inconclusive about the effects of treating teeth that need Endodontic Therapy (root canal). The controversy is whether or not Endodontic Therapy contributes to the occurrence of illness and disease in the body. Dr. Price's research and others have stated that bacteria trapped in the teeth during root canal treatment can cause a variety of diseases, including but not limited to arthritis, heart disease, kidney disease and other autoimmune diseases. Can you save your tooth and minimize the risk to your overall health?

Here at the Golden Dental Wellness Center, we consider each patient's individual circumstances before determining the viability of saving the tooth. We use a variety of state of the art integrative techniques to assess the situation. When it is possible to save a tooth, we do. The integrative techniques include:

- CBVT (3D Cone Beam Volumetric Tomography) to assist the practitioner in determining the degree of infection and the possibility of a root fracture.
- Utilization of the Zeiss® Microscope to determine if the tooth has a fracture.

We use the data received from these techniques, in conjunction with a thorough health history, to present a recommendation to either restore the tooth in question with minimized risk or extract it.

Nothing is as good as your natural teeth! So this begs the question: How can your tooth be saved without compromising your overall well-being? If we choose to save your tooth, at the Golden Dental Wellness Center, we will be using the integrative modalities. Part 2 of this article, which will be published in the February/March issue, will describe these in detail.

You can research many websites and books on Eastern and Western medicine to determine the course of treatment that is best for you. Some of these sites are www. IAOMT.com, www.dentalwellness4u.com; www.holisticdental. Informed consumers are our best patients. Be well!

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