

# Welcome

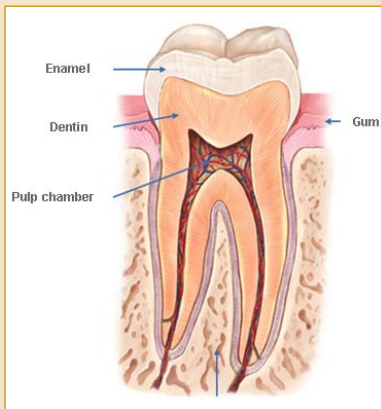
The LSU School of Dentistry is a public school and is the only dental school in Louisiana. Founded in 1968, the school has educated over 4,700 dentists, dental hygienists and dental laboratory technicians. Since 1974, the school has also educated over 900 dentists in the specialty fields of endodontics, orthodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, pediatric dentistry, advanced general dentistry, oral maxillofacial prosthetics and oral medicine. Today, over 75 percent of the dental professionals practicing in Louisiana are LSUSD graduates.

## ENDODONTICS

Endodontics is the branch of dentistry dealing with the study and treatment of diseases of the dental pulp, usually by removal of the nerve and other tissue of the pulp cavity and its replacement with suitable filling material. A **root canal** is the space within the root of a tooth, part of a naturally occurring space

within a tooth that consists of the pulp chamber within the crown and the main canals in the roots.

This space is filled with a highly vascularized, loose connective tissue, the dental pulp.



A **root canal (procedure)** is also a colloquial term for a dental operation, endodontic therapy, wherein the pulp is cleaned out, the space disinfected and then filled in order to save the natural tooth.

Additional information can be found at the web site <http://www.aae.org>; click on the icon **Patients & the Public**.



LSU School of Dentistry Department of Endodontics  
E. E. Jeansonne Clinic Building  
4th Floor Check-In and Clinic

**Directions from East:** Take I-10 West until the I-610 split just on the other side of the high-rise bridge. Travel on I-610 West towards Baton Rouge. Take the Paris Avenue exit. Turn left onto Paris Avenue and travel under the I-610 overpass. At the first traffic signal, turn right onto Gentilly Boulevard. Stay in the right lane and at the next light, turn right onto St. Bernard Avenue. About a block down you will see the LSU Dental School sign on the median (neutral ground). Take the left turn lane (before the railroad overpass). Turn left on Florida Avenue. Continue on this road. The dental school will be on your left.

**Directions from West:** Take I-10 to the I-610 split, and take I-610 to the St. Bernard Avenue exit. At St. Bernard Avenue, turn right and pass under the railroad overpass. Take the next right onto Florida Avenue. Continue on this road. The dental school will be on your left.

**Parking:** Free patient parking is conveniently located across Florida Avenue from the school. Handicap permit parking is also available.

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*Dental Clinic*

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## For the Referring Doctor

Please fill out this form; email to Endodontics@lsuhsc.edu or fax to 504-941-8400. It may also be printed and given to the patient.

Patient name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Referral to:

☐ Postgraduate clinic ☐ Pre-doc clinic ☐ Either

Referring doctor name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred means of communication with referring doctor:

☐ Email ☐ Phone

Tooth or teeth to be evaluated:

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### Reason for referral:

- ☐ Consultation only
- ☐ Periapical radiolucency present
- ☐ Pulp exposure
- ☐ RCT required for proper restoration
- ☐ Evaluation for endodontic surgery

### Radiographs:

- ☐ Are being emailed as an attachment to this form\*
- ☐ Are being postal mailed
- ☐ Given to patient

### Restorative treatment plan:

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### Restorative Instructions:

- ☐ Place post and buildup
- ☐ Place core buildup in access cavity
- ☐ Leave post space
- ☐ Place interim restoration in access cavity

### Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Call me about this case
- ☐ Crown/bridge is cemented
  - ☐ Temporarily ☐ Permanently
- ☐ Crown/bridge is:
  - ☐ Cerac ☐ All porcelain ☐ Porcelain/metal
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Nitrous oxide, oral sedation or other pre-medications may be necessary:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are additional copies of this referral form necessary?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Special Instructions:

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## For the Patient

Make sure your doctor has faxed or emailed this information to the LSU School of Dentistry before you schedule your appointment. After the dental school receives this information, call the Endodontics appointment desk at 504-941-8402 to schedule your appointment. Bring this form and all other necessary medical and dental records to your appointment.

**There is no charge for the initial consultation; however, there are fees for all procedures. Fees are based on a sliding scale, depending on the complexity of the case. You will receive an estimate of fees before any procedures are performed.**

## Common Questions

**Is a root canal painful?** Many endodontic procedures are performed to relieve the pain of toothaches caused by inflammation or infection. With modern techniques and anesthetics, patients report that they are comfortable during the procedure.

For the first few days after treatment, your tooth may feel sensitive, especially if there was pain or infection before the procedure. This discomfort can often be relieved with over-the-counter or prescription medications. Follow your endodontist's instructions carefully.

Your tooth may continue to feel slightly different from your other teeth for some time after your endodontic treatment is completed. However, if you have severe pain or pressure or pain that lasts more than a few days, call your endodontist.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

*\*After hitting SUBMIT button, an email window will open. Please attach patient Xray files to your email message.*