

THE DANGERS OF ROOT CANALS AND THE INCREASED THE RISK OF CANCER(S), DIABETES AND DISEASES OF THE BRAIN

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As it turns out, in addition to being incredibly unpleasant, root canals may actually pose a major health risk. Dr. Weston Price was one of the first researchers to notice a link between the dreadful dental procedure and illness, but today many doctors believe that root canals have the ability to negatively affect the immune system and total body health.

Few people question their dentist regarding the recommendation to get a root canal. But, Dr. Gary Larsen points out that could be a big issue.

Dr. Larsen graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry with an award in implantology. His practice has focused on providing toxic-free family and implant dentistry for over 17 years. So why is Dr. Larsen concerned about root canal therapy? After all, over 41,000 root canals are performed every day – about 25 million each year – in dental office across the country, according to the Alliance for Natural Health – USA. Conventional dentists typically recommend a root canal when a cavity has not been caught in time, and goes to the root of the tooth.

Plus, just in case you're wondering, a root canal involves the surgical drilling out of the tooth pulp and replacement of the root with a filler material. This enables the natural tooth to stay in place – which (unfortunately) most dentists think is a very "good thing".

One of the primary concerns about root canals is the risk of secondary infection. A chemical solution is used to cleanse the area of any remaining bacteria, but the potential for lingering bacteria to cause further infection is always there. One key misconception is that harmful microbes and other organisms are only in the gums, and that they can easily be eradicated with disinfecting agents. However, there are millions of microscopic tubules beneath the surface, and it is unlikely that they are ever fully cleansed.

Studies have revealed that up to 50 percent of bacteria survive unscathed after being treated with sodium hypochlorite, a common disinfectant. This suggests

that secondary infection following a root canal would not be unusual. And after a tooth has been sealed off, anaerobic bacteria can still continue to thrive.

The Truth About Cancer reports that a study led by Dr. Stuart Nunnally, DDS, MS, involved following the outcomes of patients who'd had root canals, and the results were shocking. Within three years, every single one of the 87 patients included in the study reported a significant decline in their overall health following their root canal procedures.

Root canals are a temporary solution to what often becomes a chronic problem. After the initial treatment, all seems well. You can eat again, your tooth doesn't hurt; everything is good again. However, root canal-treated teeth are prone to becoming chronically infected. Moreover, because most of the nerve, if not all of it – is removed, no pain is felt. This leaves pathogens free to multiply and produce toxins that can spread throughout the body. There is really not much left of a root canal-treated tooth, which means in addition to not feeling any pain, there is no way for what's left of the tooth to protect itself; what is left of the tooth will be extremely vulnerable to pathogens. These pathogens can then circulate from the tooth, into the blood stream and around the body – wreaking havoc wherever they may go.

Toxins and pathogens are a primary cause of disease and degeneration. Due to their oxidative nature, these harmful microorganisms and substances are known for depleting the body's antioxidant supply. This paves the way for disease to set it in.

Dr. Josef Issels, a world-famous cancer specialist, even requires that his cancer patients have any teeth that have been treated with a root canal removed. In fact, having these death teeth removed is an integral part of his treatment protocol. Dr. Issels discussed in his book, *Cancer: A second Opinion*, how he came to believe that dead, root canal-treated teeth instigate disease.

He states that over the course of 40 years in practice he's treated over 16,000 cancer patients. Of those, he reports that well over 90 percent of them had between two and 10 death tooth that had been treated via root canal. Dr. Issels strongly believes that when dead teeth are left in your mouth they serve only to

generate large amounts of harmful toxins that are capable of causing cancer and other disease.

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