

Re: Sodium hypochlorite, root canals, and bad sinuses

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Let me be clear--this is NOT a legitimate use of sodium hypochlorite solution. What you may have smelled I don't know--sodium hypochlorite is a commonly used surface disinfectant by some dentists, and the instruments/syringes etc. may have had a residual odor. I can only speculate.

Sodium hypochlorite solution should ONLY be used within the root canal or pulp chamber--nowhere near soft tissues and certainly not near the sinus.

I'm sure you're right. I probably was only smelling and tasting something residual, but it sure seemed like more than that at the time. I just know that my sinuses, especially on that side, have never been the same. However, they were probably just irritated by the procedure, not by any significant amount of chemical being washed into them.

Thanks for your help!
John