

Numb Tongue

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Hello,

I went to the dentist to have a filling inserted... when the dentist put the needle in on the right lower side of my mouth, I felt a very strong 'tingle' or electric jolt in my tongue (and I let the dentist know about it at the time) as though he had hit the nerve. The procedure continued, and after the anesthetic wore off, it felt as though my tongue is permanently burnt (numb on top, but motion of the tongue is ok).

Is this normal? It has been several weeks now and my tongue is getting better, but still numb on the right side (the side of the needle). I'm hoping this is not permanent.

One more thing... the dentist did something that he called a 'trick' to help the anesthetic become distributed into my mouth area... he inserted the needle and started to slightly wiggle it and my jaw around. I could feel the tingling the whole time. I am worried that this is not a standard procedure and perhaps for good reason: if you're on the nerve, the wiggling could continue to sever that nerve. In other words, if he had just inserted the needle, perhaps the damage would not be so bad.

Thanks for any insight.
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