

Re: Metallic taste in mouth and pain after filling replacement

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allenjo5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Steven Bornfeld wrote:

allenjo5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

As I stated in another thread (titled "Amalgam Sensitivity"), I was having pain and a metallic taste in my mouth two weeks after getting a second amalgam filling. My Endodontist said there was no sign of infection and no apparent need for a root canal. He suggested that my regular dentist drill out the old filling where the pain was originating, examine it for decay and refill it.

So, I had the tooth refilled yesterday. He did not see any sign of decay although he did think he saw a crack in the tooth on the side where the filling was very close to the edge of the tooth and the remaining tooth was very thin. He ended up drilling that part of the tooth away, and rebuilding it with amalgam. I thought this sounded like a promising solution.

However, today, 24 hours after the procedure, I am still in significant pain and the metallic taste is stronger than it was yesterday. Any ideas about what the heck is going on here? If the pain continues, I think my next step is a root canal on that tooth, which I want

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to avoid
if possible. The only far out idea I can think of is a small
electric
current between my two amalgam fillings (which are now of
the same
metals) causing both the pain and the metallic taste, but I've
been
told that is unlikely.

Considering the dentist was able to visualize a crack, I would want to
be very certain where the crack is and where it may extend to prior to
doing a lot of dentistry on this tooth.

Presumably the dentist did this and did the best he could to eliminate
the
crack. Admittedly though, he did not spend a whole lot of time
examining
the crack, but I assumed he knew what he was doing. Yeah, perhaps
that's
a bad assumption...

I didn't mean to imply he didn't know what he is doing. Cracks can be difficult to impossible to find. But you
have to at least have to maximize your chances of finding cracks by removing all traces of old restorations,
decay, etc. and using magnification—the higher, the better.

Steve

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