

Re: Should Old Silver Point RC's Be Redone?

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On Tue, 28 Aug 2007 18:24:41 -0400, frankieinpeace@xxxxxxx (Frank L) wrote:

When I had my checkup, my dentist said I should really have these 2 root canals redone. Teeth 3 and 4 are root canaled with silver points, done when I was about 25, I am now 60.

Have seen "well done" silver point endo last that long and longer.

Here's what worries me. Tooth 3,4 and 5 are covered with one long crown. How would the dentist proceed to do this?

That really depends.

Is it hard to remove
that piece?

Again that depends, but know this;
These teeth are likely to be very brittle now.

Do they bang it off or drill it off?

Wouldn't 'bang' it off, risk of root fracture too high.
You can cut off the structure with a bur however.

Another option is to go through the crown from the top.

What does he do
then...cover the 3 teeth with 3 temp caps then send me to an
endodontist?

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Think that a consult with an endodontist should be the first step.

I always fear getting a toothache or abscess in one of these teeth because they can't drill through this one piece crown (or can they?)

Yes, that can be done.

I got this to save money years ago but wish I had gotten individual crowns. Also, should I have these teeth redone if they're not bothering me?

I would be reluctant to wake a sleeping bear.

I am the one that posted about sinus pain last week and this is the area that bothers me (but the left side does too at times)...I just wonder if silver points could last into old age but this dentist feels that things could be crumbling underneath and there's no way to tell on x-rays. Any opinions would be appreciated. Money is a factor, this will cost thousands so I am depressed over this and don't want to do it if it's not necessary.

Don't be depressed.
Go get a second opinion from an endodontist.

American Association of Endodontists
has some good info.
www.aae.org