

Our Fees and Services

In preparing our website, we asked patients what information they thought would be helpful. Many said that they would like an idea of the costs involved in their treatment. Our fees are based on the quality, care, training, expertise and environment of the services we provide. Please remember that Dr. Montagnese is a dentist specializing in endodontics and that our fees are based on dental specialty care and training and not general dental care and training. Out-of-pocket costs will vary depending on whether or not you have a dental insurance plan and the terms of the contract. Our Examination Visit includes the Initial examination, x-ray pictures (if needed) and clinical testing and is scheduled for about thirty minutes. At that time a diagnosis will be made of the problem, a review of your dental and medical history, radiographs (if needed), applicable tests, a discussion of the recommended procedure(s), treatment options and an estimate of costs. The fee range for this completely out-of-pocket is from \$96.00 to \$197.00. Below is a description of the most common services we provide. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Initial examination:

- This includes a visual examination to determine the physical condition of the tooth and surrounding tissues.

Digital x-ray images:

- Please note that if your dentist sends a “diagnostic quality” x-ray image to us, we may or may not need a second or third view of the tooth to be evaluated.

Vitality tests:

- These are tests done to determine the condition of the pulp and surrounding tissues.

Root canal treatment of anterior (front) teeth:

Root canal treatment of bicuspid teeth:

Root canal treatment of molar teeth:

- This includes all procedures necessary to perform the root canal treatment, including: local anesthesia, cleaning, disinfection and filling of the root canal spaces, removal of decay and old defective filling material, and placement of a temporary filling. These usually take one or two visits.

Incomplete root canal treatment:

- This occurs when root canal treatment is initiated and Dr. Montagnese finds that there is a condition or conditions that make the tooth nonrestorable and/or the root canal treatment cannot be completed with a good result. This takes time and can be determined only after completely cleaning the root canal system.

Retreatment of previous root canal therapy, anterior (front) tooth:

Retreatment of previous root canal therapy, bicuspid tooth:

Retreatment of previous root canal therapy, molar tooth:

- This is a more complex treatment that requires more time and expertise in order to address teeth that have had root canal therapy in the past and are failing due to a variety of reasons. It includes local anesthesia, removing all of the previous root canal filling and restorative materials, cleaning and disinfecting the root canal system, addressing the problem(s) that caused the treatment to fail and placement of a temporary filling. This may take one to three visits.

Apexification, Initial treatment:

Apexification, Interim treatment:

Apexification, Completion treatment:

- These procedures are used to perform root canal treatment on teeth that have not yet completely formed. The problem is that the root end is wide open. The goal is to help the body form a barrier so that a root canal filling

can seal the space. This takes time. It may occur over a period of one year or more. There may be a need for more than one Interim treatment.

Surgical procedures range:

- We provide a variety of surgical procedures from a more simple exposure of a tooth for treatment to managing cysts and inflammatory areas involving the teeth.

Crown lengthening:

- Crown lengthening is a surgical procedure performed to expose enough of a badly broken down tooth so that it can be restored properly by your dentist. It involves exposing, recontouring and removal of gum and bone tissue and stitches. It may sound worse than it is. The postoperative discomfort is usually mild and may or may not require medication for mild to moderate pain.

Intravenous moderate sedation (first 30 minutes):

- Sedation in endodontic therapy is helpful for patients who are very anxious to very fearful of dental procedures, claustrophobic, have severe gag reflexes that hinder treatment, pain in the jaw joints (TMJ), limited opening, inability to sit for longer treatment procedures, medical conditions where reducing stress is helpful and safer. This service requires that you have someone drive you to and from your appointment, avoid solid foods for six hours before treatment and not drive, operate machinery or engage in activities that require judgment or coordination for the remainder of the day. The specific techniques, monitors and drugs will be explained to you if this service is to be used.

Nitrous oxide and oxygen analgesia (laughing gas):

- The fee charged is dependent upon how long it is used. This service can be helpful in getting started when a tooth is very painful or abscessed.

Oral sedation:

- This method of mild to moderate sedation used to reduce anxiety can be used in certain circumstances but the result is not predictable. Dr. Montagnese uses this method in special circumstances but is not the method of choice in most endodontic procedures. If oral sedation is used in conjunction with intravenous moderate sedation, there is no extra charge for this service.