

NEWSLETTER

How Successful is Endodontic Therapy?

- Outcome assessment of endodontic treatment is critical for appropriate case selection and treatment planning. However, reports on outcomes of non-surgical endodontic treatment vary considerably (they range from 30%-98%).
- Recently (Dec. 2004) Salehrabi and Rotstein assessed the outcome of initial endodontic treatment done in **1,462,936** teeth over a period of **8 years**. The treatment was provided by general practitioners and endodontists. (Note: This is a very large patient population and over a long follow up period which adds to the validity of its findings.)
- Overall **97%** of teeth were retained in the oral cavity 8 years after treatment.
- The combined incidence of untoward events such as retreatments, apical surgeries and extractions was 3% and occurred mostly within 3 years from completion of treatment.
- Analysis of the extracted teeth revealed that 85% had no full coverage.

We hope that these figures provide you with a useful tool for decision making and assessment of tooth prognosis.

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