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Ask The Dentist

to prevent infection from leaking into the bone. If your tooth has been broken for a while, there is a chance the tooth has been infected with bacteria from your mouth or decay in the tooth.

Like a lot of dental problems, until the infection worsens you may not feel any pain at all. If left untreated, the infection will eventually cause your body to react with pain and swelling. In advanced infection situations, the tooth may be lost and treatment may involve hospitalization.

Not all broken teeth need root canals, however. A thorough examination of your situation will lead to a diagnosis and your

treatment options. The sooner treatment begins, the easier it is.

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Q: I have been told I need a root canal on one of my back teeth. My tooth has been broken for a while, but there is no pain at all. Why do I need a root canal and what is a root canal, anyway?

A: A root canal, also known as endodontic therapy, cleans the inside of an infected tooth