

Endodontics

Referrals for endodontics must be made using the Specialist Endodontic Referral Form found at the link below:

- [Specialist Endodontic Referral Form](#)

Completed referral forms should be emailed to leedsth-tr.restorativereferral@nhs.net.

The Leeds Dental Institute provides a diagnostic, treatment planning and advice service for patients with endodontic problems and specialist treatment when indicated

In addition to the completion of the Specialist Endodontic Referral Form, referrals *must include*:

- A periapical radiograph of **diagnostic value**
- Confirmation that the tooth has a good periodontal and restorative status
- An important reason to retain a tooth

Referrals *will be returned* if:

- They are illegible
- The form is incomplete or does not meet the acceptance criteria detailed below

Criteria for *acceptance* for treatment:

- For advice only on endodontic problems and/or a pain diagnosis
- Root canals with anatomical complexities e.g. curvatures of $>45^\circ$
- Root canals that are NOT considered negotiable from radiographic or clinical evidence through their entire length. This is on the understanding that patients will be returned to you for completion of root canal treatment and final restoration where indicated.
- For endodontic complications of trauma e.g. Tooth with open apices, root fractures etc.

- Periradicular surgery of failed RCT in the presence of **adequate conventional** obturation
- Pathological resorption
- Feasible removal of fractured instruments and intra-radicular posts in teeth of reasonable prognosis
- Root perforations
- Conventional re-treatment of failed root canal treatment

Patients *will not* be offered treatment if:

- They are not registered with a dentist
- They have poor oral hygiene, active caries and/or periodontal disease which is unmanaged
- The referral has been made on the patient's inability/unwillingness to pay NHS charges
- The prognosis for the tooth is considered poor
- They require sedation or GA for routine dental treatment
- The tooth is a molar unless it is of strategic value to the overall treatment plan