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Root canal awareness

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Root canal treatment. The mere mention of this procedure in a dentist's office is apt to make patients recoil in fear. However, the truth behind root canals is far from scary.

Through Saturday, the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry Postgraduate Endodontic Program will be participating in the first-ever Root Canal Awareness Week, sponsored by the American Association of Endodontists. We are taking this week to dispel myths and misconceptions about root canals, many of which prevent people from receiving necessary dental care. For example, did you know that having a root canal is no more uncomfortable than having a cavity filled? With modern advances in endodontic technology, as well as proper anesthesia, patients often marvel at how easy a root canal can be.

I encourage everyone to learn more about root canal treatment, and help to spread the word that it is nothing to fear! Please visit <http://www.aae.org/rootcanalspecialists/> for more information.

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