

## Long Term Survival of Endodontically Treated Teeth

Endodontically treated teeth often present a dilemma as to whether a crown should be placed. Clinically it has always seemed that endodontically treated teeth fracture at a higher rate if coronal coverage is not provided. Patients often will be more concerned with the economics of having a root canal and crown constructed thereby opting to hold off on the crown. An article by Aquilino and Caplan in the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry* (2002; 87: 256-63) looked at tooth survival of endodontically treated teeth to determine if crown coverage played a significant role. They found that a tooth without a crown after endodontic therapy was six times more likely to be lost over a ten year period. This study provides valuable documentation, to dentists, for informing patients regarding the appropriate type of restoration for a tooth having endodontic therapy.