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Sometimes a tooth that has a root canal becomes re-infected or never became healthy after root canal therapy. The patient and clinician must then decide whether to retreat the root canal, or replace the tooth with an implant. Success rates for root canal therapy are as low as 53% and as high as 95% according to Eriksen 1991. A root canal infected with bacteria will develop a hollow space in the bone at the tip of the root. If this occurs, the success rate for the root canal retreatment is reduced 10-20% according to Sjogren 1997.

that preceded them.

When an individual loses a tooth there are important decisions to be made. To learn more about tooth replacement options including using dental implants to replace a missing tooth visit <http://www.drsharf.com> Dr. Scharf is a board Certified Periodontist specializing in placing dental implants and treating periodontal disease in Babylon, Suffolk County, Long Island New York. You can watch Dr. Scharf on youtube.com be interviewed on "The Wellness Hour" on the topic "Who is a Candidate for Dental Implants" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nX0dDUF0T8> Learn more about this topic by watching the utube.com video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InEC5SkyJXI>

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