

Silicon Valley Endodontics & Microsurgery

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10 Questions to Ask Your Endodontist

Most endodontic offices look similar from the outside. These are the operational differences that change your outcome. Full guide with detail: svendodontics.com/questions-to-ask-your-endodontist.

- 1 Are you a specialist endodontist, or a general dentist who does root canals?**
Specialists complete two extra years of full-time residency limited to endodontics — training that measurably changes outcomes on complex cases.
- 2 Will you use a surgical operating microscope on my case — routinely, not just for surgery?**
The microscope is the modern standard of care for finding hidden canals (like MB2) and spotting cracks.
- 3 Do you have CBCT 3D imaging in-house, and is it used when my case needs it?**
Recommended by the AAE/AAOMR position statement for complex anatomy, fractures, resorption, and surgical planning. No in-house CBCT means skipped imaging or referral delays.
- 4 Will I see the same doctor at every visit?**
In group practices the consulting doctor may not be the treating doctor. Continuity matters for multi-visit cases.
- 5 Do you treat under rubber-dam isolation?**
The universal standard of care — required by AAE quality guidelines. The honest answer should be yes, on every case.
- 6 Is the office open on weekends or after-hours for emergencies?**
A practice with real Saturday/Sunday operatory hours is structurally different from an on-call phone line.
- 7 What languages does the doctor speak in the operatory?**
Informed consent for a complex decision is better in your own language — ask about the doctor, not just the front desk.
- 8 What's the success rate for what you're recommending — versus the alternatives?**
A specialist should quote published ranges for each option. "Don't worry about it" is a flag.
- 9 Will my general dentist receive a written report after the visit?**
A diagnostic and treatment summary sent to your dentist is the standard of care. Ask for your own copy too.
- 10 What will it cost, and do you accept my insurance?**
You should get a written out-of-pocket estimate after benefits verification — before treatment, with the billing codes named.

Ask us all ten — we'll answer in writing.

(669) 234-2354 — specialist endodontist, microscope + CBCT in-house, open Saturday and Sunday 8 AM–3 PM.

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Standards referenced: AAE quality-assurance guidelines (rubber-dam isolation), AAE/AAOMR Joint Position Statement on CBCT, and the AAE Treatment Options framework. Full explanations of why each question matters: svendodontics.com/questions-to-ask-your-endodontist.