



PREVENTION OF DENTAL PULP AND ROOT INFECTIONS

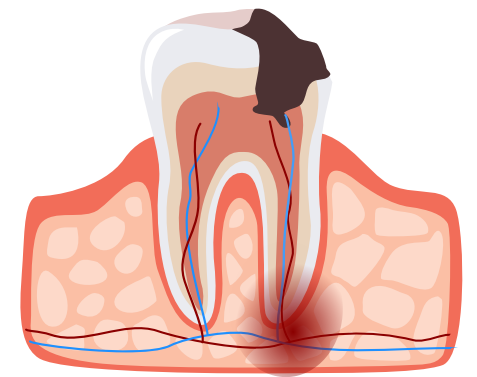
6. WHEN SHOULD YOU SEE YOUR DENTIST?

- Every 6 months for a checkup and preventative cleaning.
- If you experience frequent or persistent pain.
- If you have an abscess or swelling in your gums.
- If your tooth becomes discolored or cracked.
- After any dental injury.

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Your smile starts with
the health of
your tooth roots

1. WHAT IS THE PULP OF A TOOTH?

The pulp is the inner part of the tooth that contains the nerves and blood vessels responsible for nourishing the tooth.



Function

- Nourishing the tooth and providing it with sensation.
- Assisting in the formation of the dentin layer during tooth growth.

2. WHAT ARE PULP AND ROOT INFECTIONS?

It is an infection that affects the dental pulp as a result of bacteria entering through deep decay or a tooth fracture.

Types of pulp and root infections:

- Reversible pulpitis.
- Irreversible pulpitis.
- Apical (root) inflammation.

3. CAUSES & CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- Deep dental caries.
- Dental trauma or tooth fracture.
- Repeated dental procedures on the same tooth.
- Poor oral hygiene.
- Gum recession and root exposure.

4. SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:

- Sharp or throbbing pain, especially when chewing or consuming hot/cold items.
- Swelling around the tooth.
- Tooth discoloration.
- Headache or pain radiating to the jaw or ear.

5. PREVENTION & DAILY CARE:

- Brush teeth twice daily (morning and night) using fluoride toothpaste.
- Use dental floss regularly.
- Reduce intake of sugars and soft drinks.
- Visit the dentist every 6 months.
- Treat dental caries early before it reaches the pulp.