

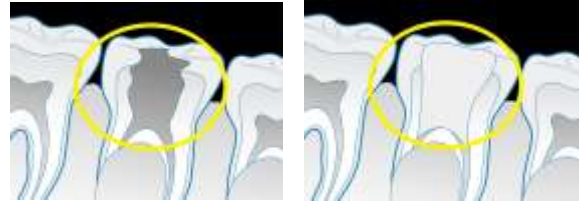


## Dental Procedure Information

### Endodontic Treatment

#### Introduction

Endodontic (pulp) treatment involves the partial or total removal of infected or injured pulp tissue. The pulp chamber and root canal(s) are then cleaned and sealed.



#### Outcomes

The purpose of this procedure is to prevent tooth loss as a result of damage to the bone around the tooth caused by the bacterial infection of the pulp.

#### Procedures

##### 1. Partial Removal of Pulp Tissues

Application: Deciduous teeth that have vital pulp tissues.

Procedures for Partial Removal of Pulp Tissues:

- Infected pulp tissue within the pulp chamber is removed.
- Pulp chamber is rinsed and cleaned.
- Appropriate medicament is placed in the pulp chamber.
- Cavity is filled.

##### 2. Total Removal of Pulp Tissues

Application: • Deciduous teeth with non-vital pulp tissues.

- Permanent teeth with non-vital pulp tissues.

Procedures for Total Removal of Pulp Tissues:

- Infected pulp tissue within the pulp chamber is removed.
- Infected pulp tissue inside root canal(s) are extirpated.
- Pulp chamber and root canal(s) are cleaned.
- Appropriate medicament is placed in the root canal(s).
- Root canal(s) and the pulp chamber are filled and sealed.
- If the tooth structure is too weak after treatment, extra protection is needed by putting on a crown.

#### Pre-procedure Preparations

The doctor will explain the reason, the procedure and the possible complications to you. You will need to sign the consent form.

**Points to note after pulp treatment**

1. Depending on the situation, it might require a few visits to the dentist to complete a pulp treatment; remember to keep the appointments for treatments.
2. If the temporary filling material has fallen off, see the dentist immediately for repair to prevent bacteria in the saliva from entering the pulp chamber.
3. If local anaesthesia is used, do not bite lips or tongue before the numbness has completely worn off.
4. Some degree of discomfort / pain is usually experienced by patients after treatment. Pain killer would be prescribed for relieving pain. However, see the dentist if severe pain occurs.

Should there be any enquiries or concerns, please consult the dentist.

Under the professional care of the dentist, you will gradually recover. We wish you all the best during your treatment and recovery.

If you have any questions after reading the entire leaflet, please write them down in the spaces provided in order for the dentist to further follow-up.

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