PULPAL PATHOLOGY OF PRIMARY AND PERMANENT TEETH IN CHILDREN. ETIOLOGY. PATHOGENESIS. CLASSIFICATION.DIAGNOSIS. DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS. CLINICAL PRESENTATION. TREATMENT OPTIONS.





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Pulp

- > formative organ of tooth
- builds primary dentin during development of tooth
- > secondary dentin after tooth eruption
- reparative dentin in response to stimulation as long as odontoblast remain vital

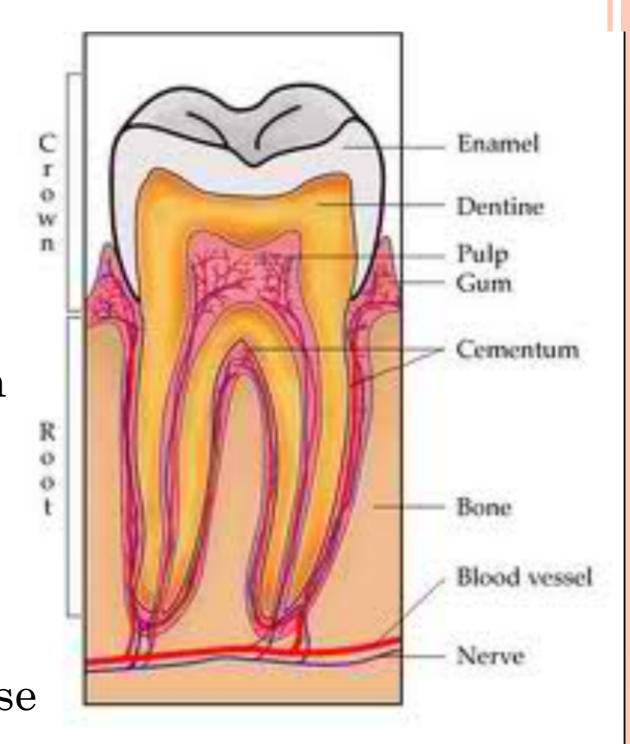


Table 9: Deciduous teeth

Upper	Lower
Longer	Shorter
Crown is wider mesiodistally	Crown is narrow
	mesiodistally
Crown is blunt	Crown is more pointed
Cingulum prominent	Cingulum is more
	prominent
Molar has 3 roots—mesiobuccal,	Molars has 2 roots—
distobuccal and palatal	mesial and distal
Wider labiolingually	Narrower labiolingually

Table 10: Deciduous and permanent teeth

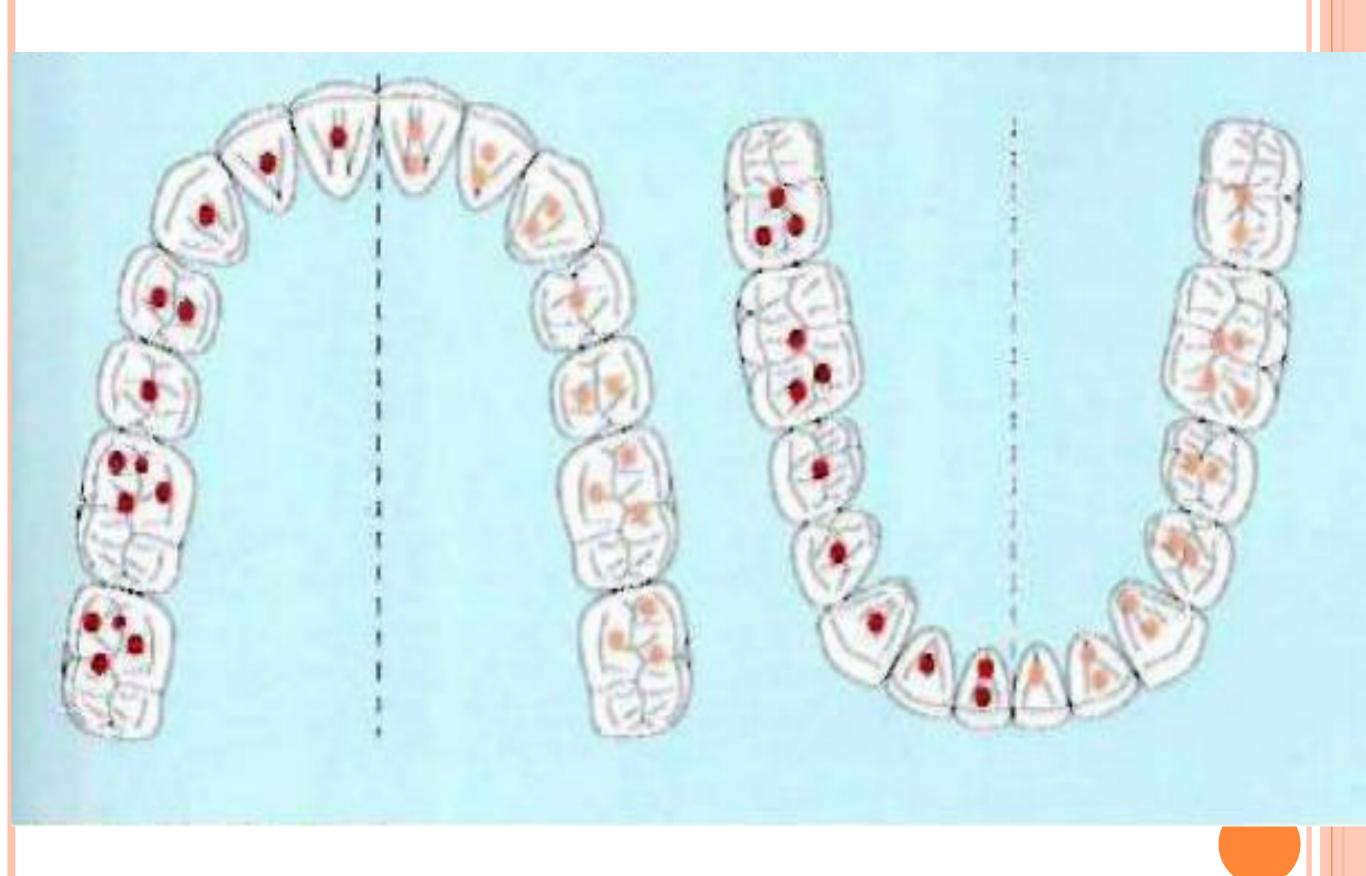
Deciduous teeth	Permanent teeth
Total 20 teeth 2 incisors + 1 canine	Total 32 teeth 2 incisors + 1 canine
2 molars	3 molars
No premolars Smaller teeth	2 premolars Larger than deciduous
Cusps are more pointed	Crowns are blunt.
and crowns are bulbous Contact areas are smaller	Contact areas are broader
Enamel is less translucent	Enamel is more translucent
White color	Color is yellowish white
Roots are shorter delicate Roots are more flared	Roots are longer and strong
Dentin is less thick	Dentin is thicker.
Pulp cavity is larger	Pulp cavity is smaller
Pulp horns arise high	Pulp horns are lower
Enamel is less calcified and shows more attrition Set perpendicularly in jaw Eruption starts at 6 months	Enamel is less permeable more calcified. Placed obliquely in jaws Eruption starts at 6 years

Anatomy of the root system of temporary teeth

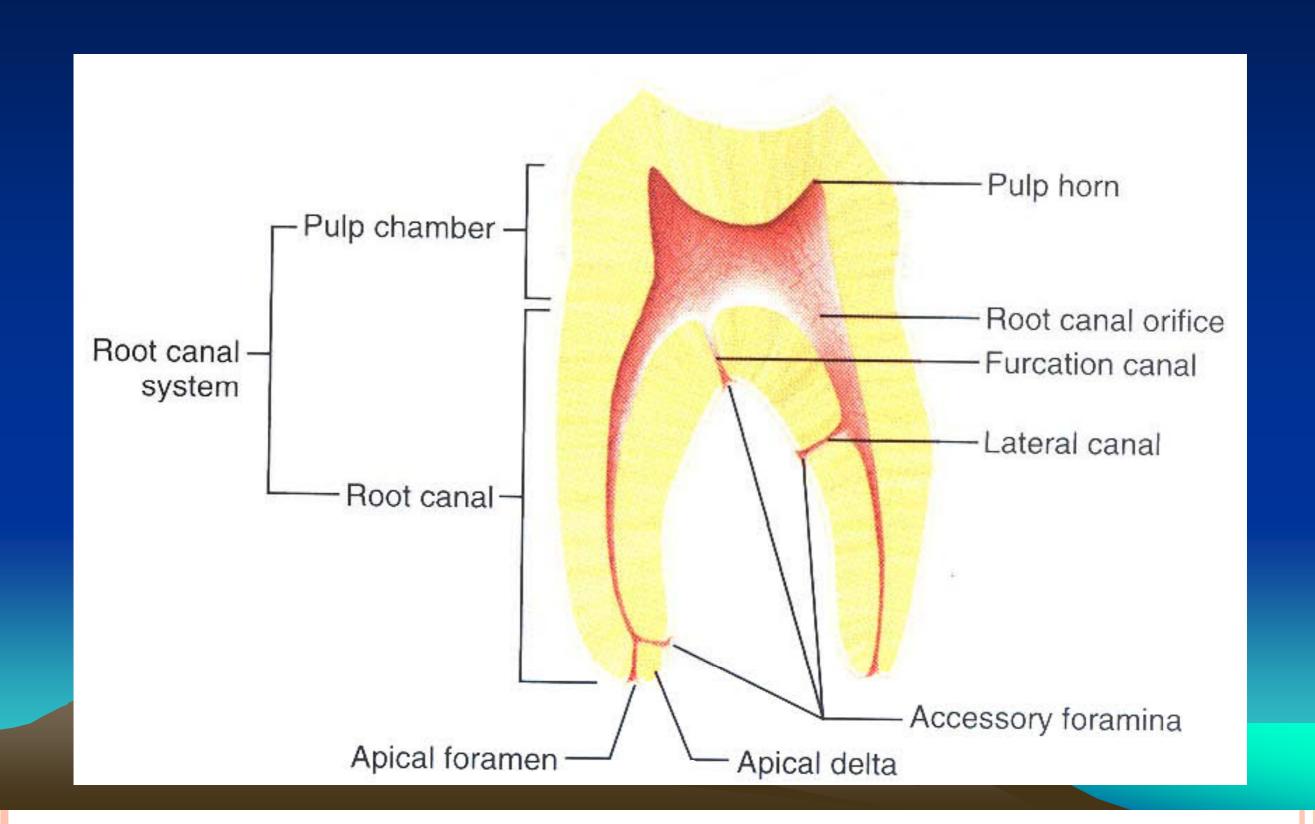
TEETH	AGE	LENGTH OF TOOTH	The rate of detection of root canals (%)			
			1	2	3	4
U.I	3-5	17,0-19,0	100	-	-	-
L.I	3-5	15,0-19,0	92	8	-	-
U.II	3-5	14,5-17,0	100	-	-	-
L.II	3-5	15,0-19,0	92	8	-	-
U.III	5-7	17,5-22,0	100		-	
L.III	5-7	17,5-22,0	100			-
U.IV	5-7	14,0-17,0	-	5	19	76
L.IV	5-7	14,0-17,0	-	22	78	-
U.V	5-7	17,5-19,5	-	2	15	83
L.V	5-7	17,5-19,5	-	18	82	-

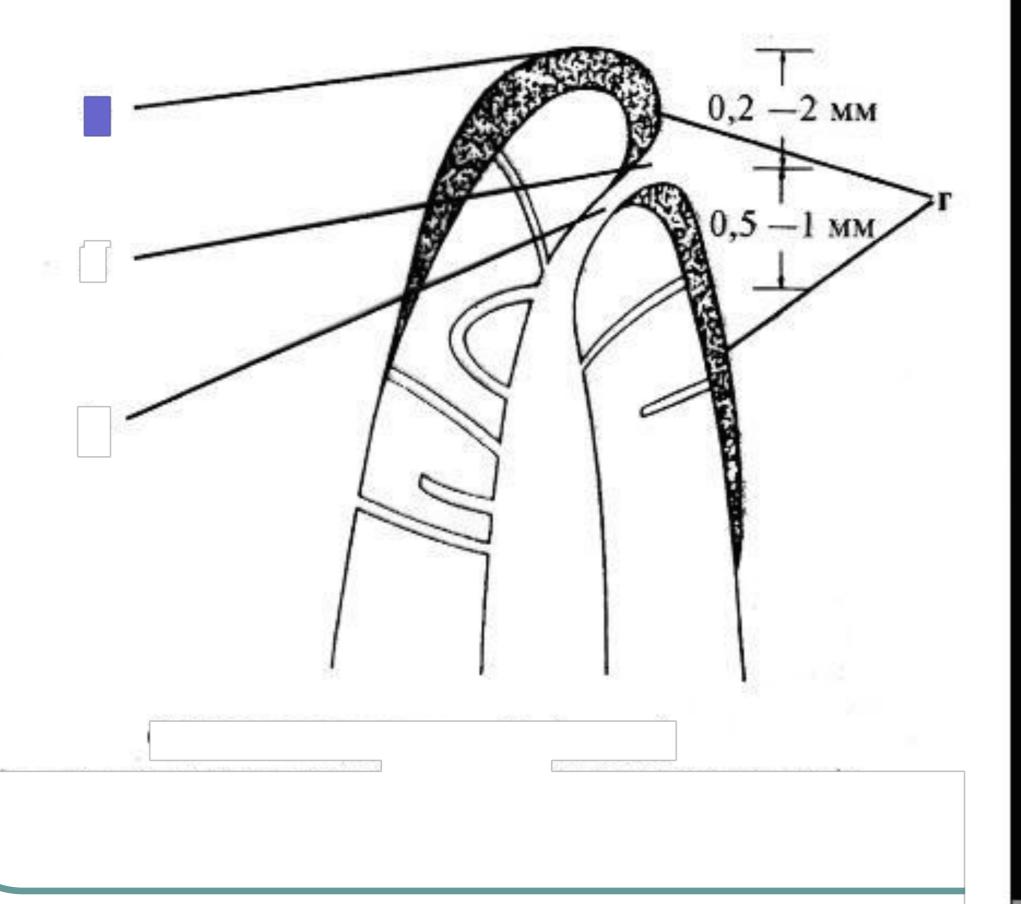
Tooth	Average Length	No. of roots	No. of canals
Maxillary anteriors			
Central incisor	22.5 mm	1	1
Lateral incisor	22.0 mm	1	1
Canine	26.5 mm	1	1
Maxillary premolar			
First premolar	20.6 mm	1	1 (6.%)
			2 (95%)
			3 (1%)
Second premolar	21.5 mm	1	1 (75%)
			2 (24%)
			3 (1%)
Maxillary molars			
First molar	20.8 mm	3	4 (93%)
			3 (7%)
Second molar	20.0 mm	3	4 (37%)

Mandibular anteriors			
Central incisor	20.7 mm	1	1 (58%)
			>2 (42%)
Lateral incisor	20.7 mm	1-2	1 (58%)
			2 (42%)
Canine	25.6 mm	1	1 (94%)
			2(6%)
Mandibular premolars			
First premolar	21.6 mm	1	1 (73%)
			2 (27%)
Second premolar	22.3 mm	1	1 (85%)
			2 (15%)
Mandibular molars			
First molar	21.0 mm	2	3 (67%)
			4 (33%)
Second molar	19.8 mm	2	2 (13%)

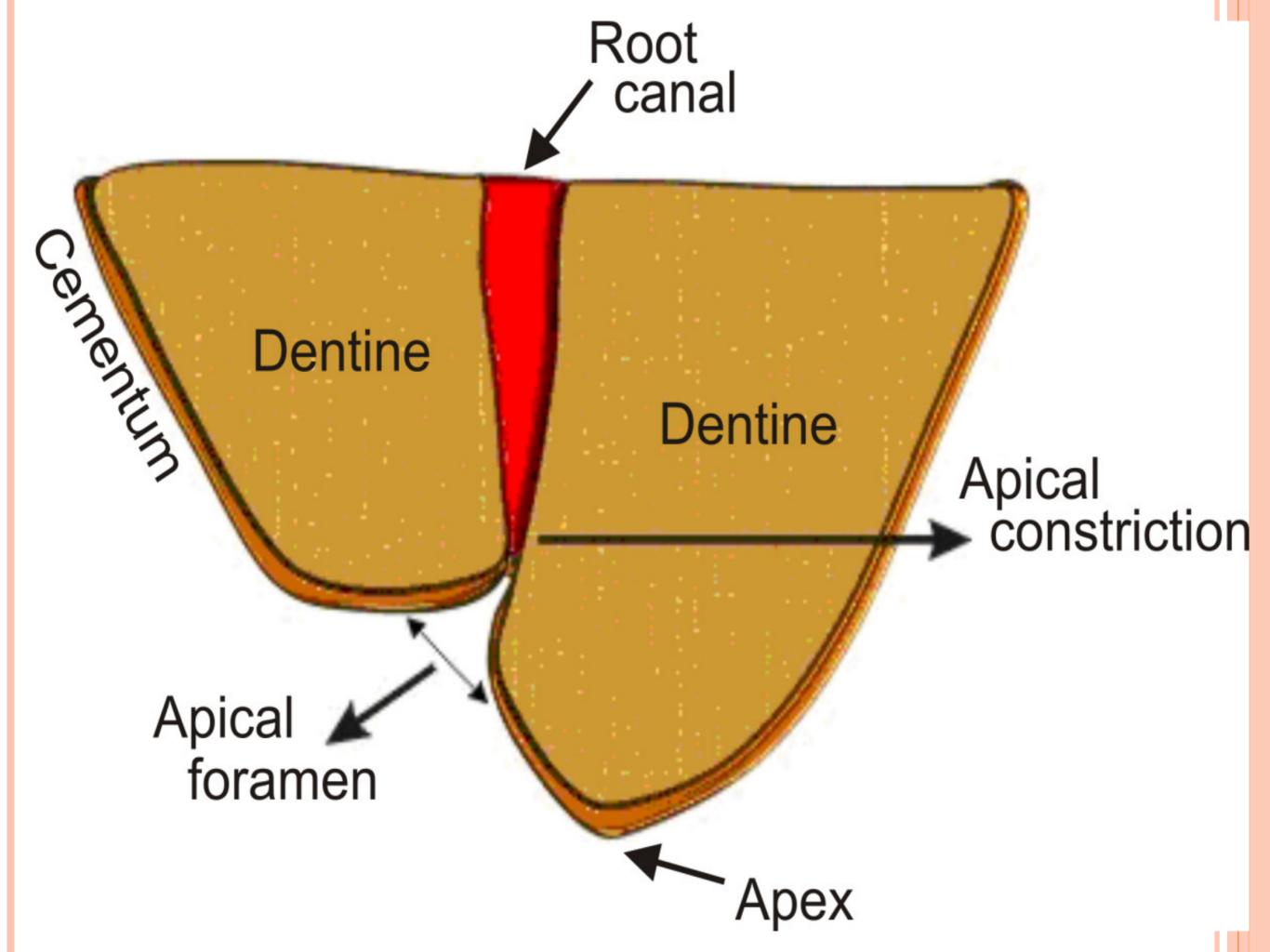


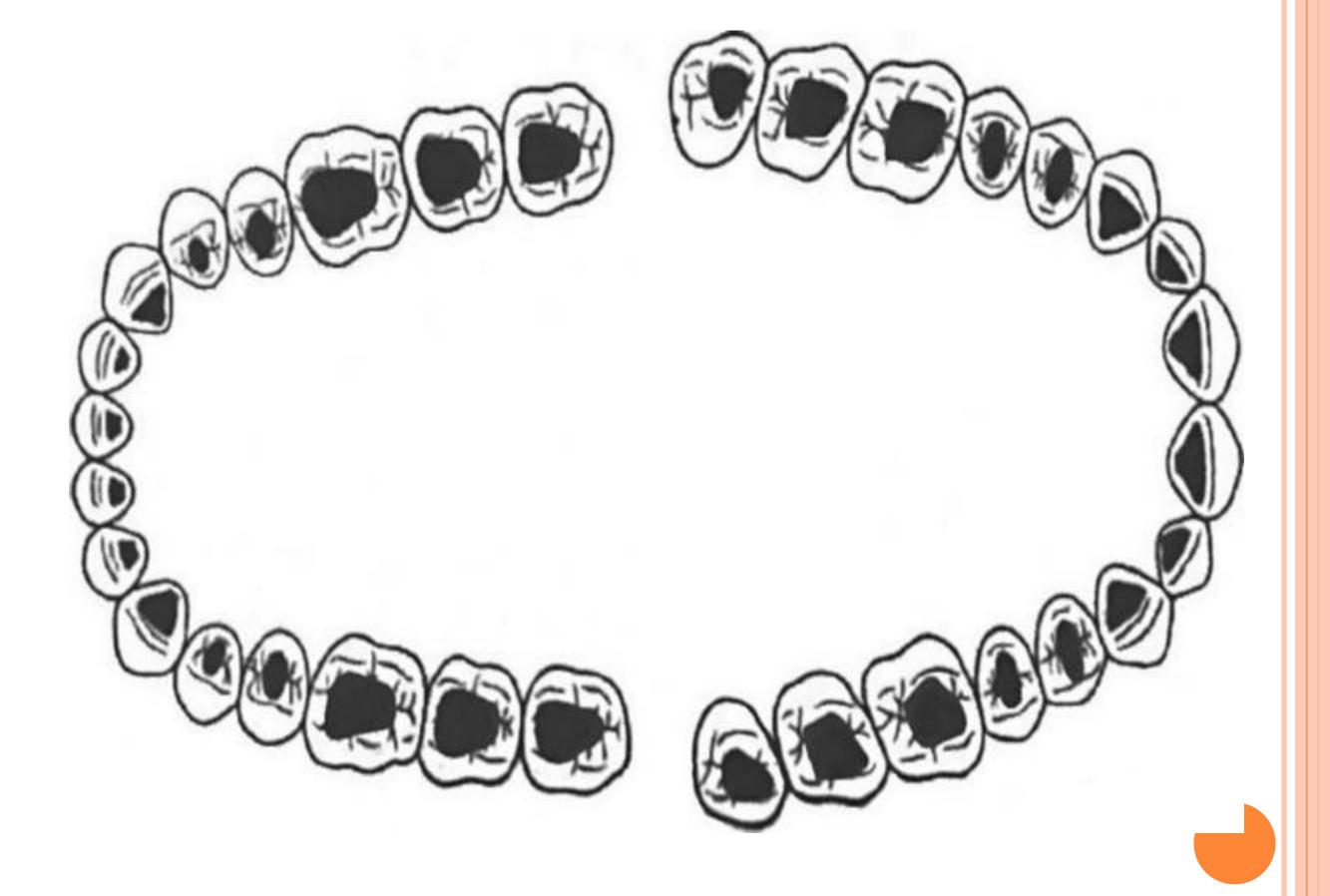
Root canal system





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Etiology

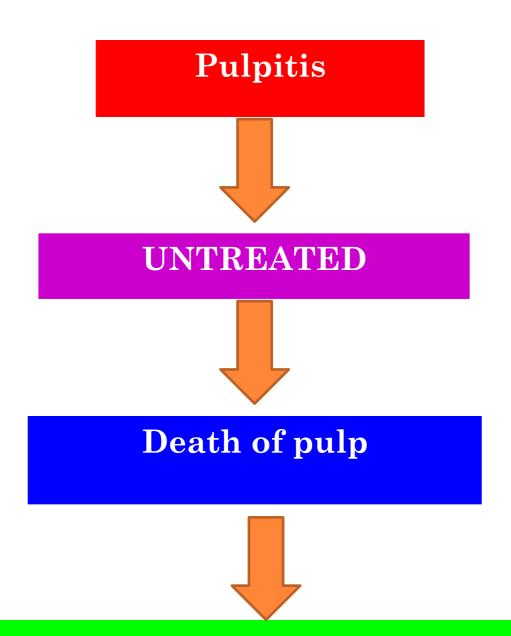
- 1.Microbial
- 2.Chemical
- 3.Thermal
- 4. Traumatic

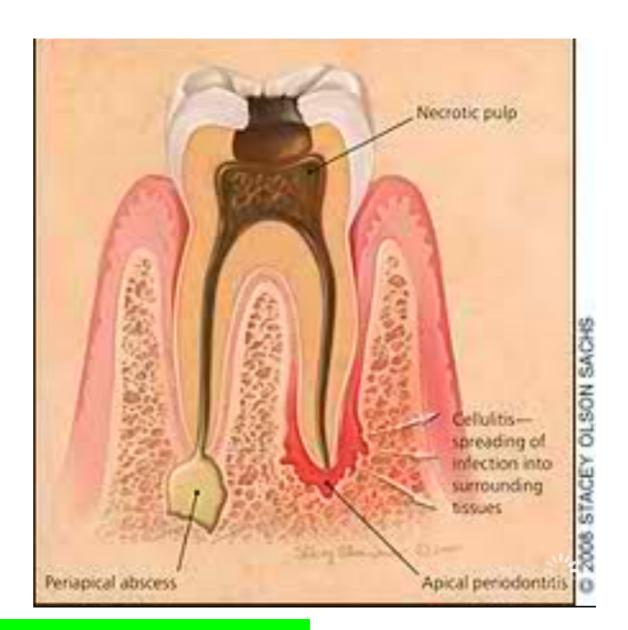
Reversible Pulpitis is based upon subjective and objective findings indicating that the inflammation should resolve and the pulp return to normal following appropriate management of the etiology. Discomfort is experienced when a stimulus such as cold or sweet is applied and goes away within a couple of seconds following the removal of the stimulus. Typical etiologies may include exposed dentin (dentinal sensitivity), caries or deep restorations. There are no significant radiographic changes in the periapical region of the suspect tooth and the pain experienced is not spontaneous. Following the management of the etiology (*e.g.* caries removal plus restoration; covering the exposed dentin), the tooth requires further evaluation to determine whether the "reversible pulpitis" has returned to a normal status. Although dentinal sensitivity per se is not an inflammatory process, all of the symptoms of this entity mimic those of a reversible pulpitis.

Symptomatic Irreversible Pulpitis is based on subjective and objective findings that the vital inflamed pulp is incapable of healing and that root canal treatment is indicated. Characteristics may include sharp pain upon thermal stimulus, lingering pain (often 30 seconds or longer after stimulus removal), spontaneity (unprovoked pain) and referred pain. Sometimes the pain may be accentuated by postural changes such as lying down or bending over and over-the-counter analgesics are typically ineffective. Common etiologies may include deep caries, extensive restorations, or fractures exposing the pulpal tissues. Teeth with symptomatic irreversible pulpitis may be difficult to diagnose because the inflammation has not yet reached the periapical tissues, thus resulting in no pain or discomfort to percussion. In such cases, dental history and thermal testing are the primary tools for assessing pulpal status.

Asymptomatic Irreversible Pulpitis is a clinical diagnosis based on subjective and objective findings indicating that the vital inflamed pulp is incapable of healing and that root canal treatment is indicated. These cases have no clinical symptoms and usually respond normally to thermal testing but may have had trauma or deep caries that would likely result in exposure following removal.

Pulp Necrosis is a clinical diagnostic category indicating death of the dental pulp, necessitating root canal treatment. The pulp is non-responsive to pulp testing and is asymptomatic. Pulp necrosis by itself does not cause apical periodontitis (pain to percussion or radiographic evidence of osseous breakdown) unless the canal is infected. Some teeth may be non- responsive to pulp testing because of calcification, recent history of trauma, or simply the tooth is just not responding. As stated previously, this is why all testing must be of a comparative nature (*e.g.* patient may not respond to thermal testing on any teeth).





Spread of Infection through apical foramina into periapical tissues

Causes Periapical Periodontitis

Medical/dental history	Past/recent treatment, drugs
Chief complaint (if any)	How long, symptoms, duration of pain, location, onset, stimuli, relief, referred, medications
Clinical exam	Facial symmetry, sinus tract, soft tissue, periodontal status (probing, mobility), caries, restorations (defective, newly placed?)
Clinical testing: pulp tests	Cold, electric pulp test, heat
periapical tests	Percussion, palpation, Tooth Slooth (biting)
Radiographic analysis	New periapicals (at least 2), bitewing, cone beam-computed tomography
Additional tests	Transillumination, selective anesthesia, test cavity

Thermal Tests

- Isolate area with cotton rolls
- Dry teeth to be tested
- Ask patient to:
 - "Raise hand on feeling cold"
 - "Lower hand when cold feeling goes away"
- Record:
 - + or sensitivity to cold
 - Time until cold sensitivity was felt
 - Time that cold sensitivity lingered



Thermal Tests

Classic Responses to Thermal (cold) Testing:

- Normal Pulp: Moderate transient pain
- Reversible Pulpitis: Sharp pain; subsides quickly
- Irreversible pulpitis: Pain lingers
- Necrosis: No response

(Note false positive and false negative responses common)

Electric Pulp Test

- A direct test of nerve elements of pulpal tissue
- Vitality versus non-vitality only not whether vital pulp is normal or inflamed
- In multi-rooted teeth, where one canal is vital tooth usually tests vital
- False positives and false negatives may occur

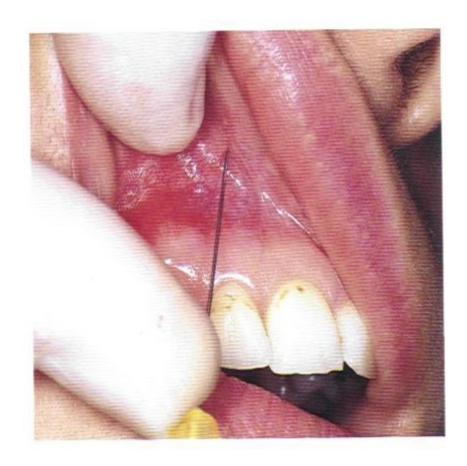
Electric Pulp Test





Selective Anesthesia

- May help to identify the possible source of pain
- An IDN block can localize pain to one arch
- Ability to anesthetize a single tooth has been questioned



Possible Pulpal Diagnoses

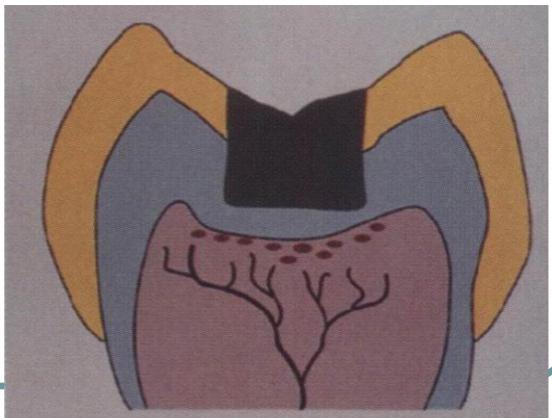
- Normal
- Reversible pulpitis
- Irreversible pulpitis
- Necrosis
- Previous endodontic treatment

Normal Pulp

- Symptoms None
- Radiograph No periapical change
- Pulp tests
 Responds normally
- Periapical tests Not tender to percussion or palpation

Reversible Pulpitis

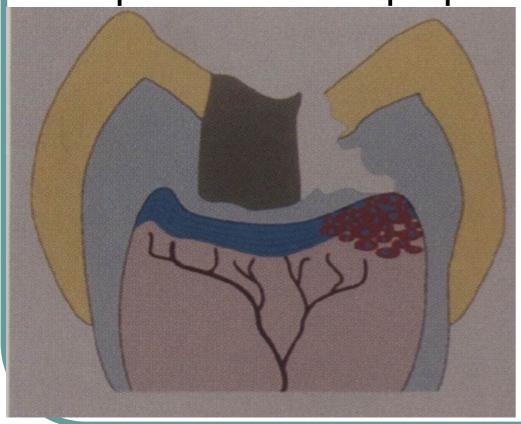
- Symptoms May have thermal sensitivity
- Radiograph No periapical change
- Pulp tests Responds sensitivity not lingering
- Periapical tests Not tender to percussion or palpation

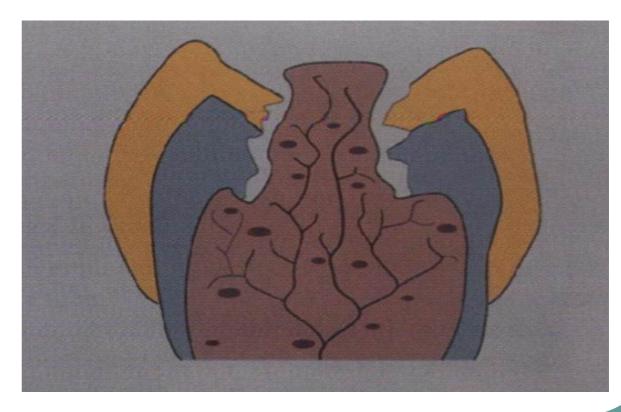


Irreversible Pulpitis

Symptoms Spontaneous, long-lasting, irradiating, nocturnal pain

- Radiograph No periapical change
- Pulp Tests
 Pain that lingers
- Periapical tests Generally not tender to percussion or palpation





Necrotic Pulp

- Symptoms No thermal sensitivity
- Radiograph Dependent on periapical status
- Pulp tests
 No response

periapical status



Treatment Planning

- Treatment decisions are based on:
 - Pulpal diagnosis
 - Periapical diagnosis
 - Restorability of tooth
 - Periodontal considerations
 - Difficulty of case
 - Financial considerations
 - Patient's cooperation

Four basic treatment options

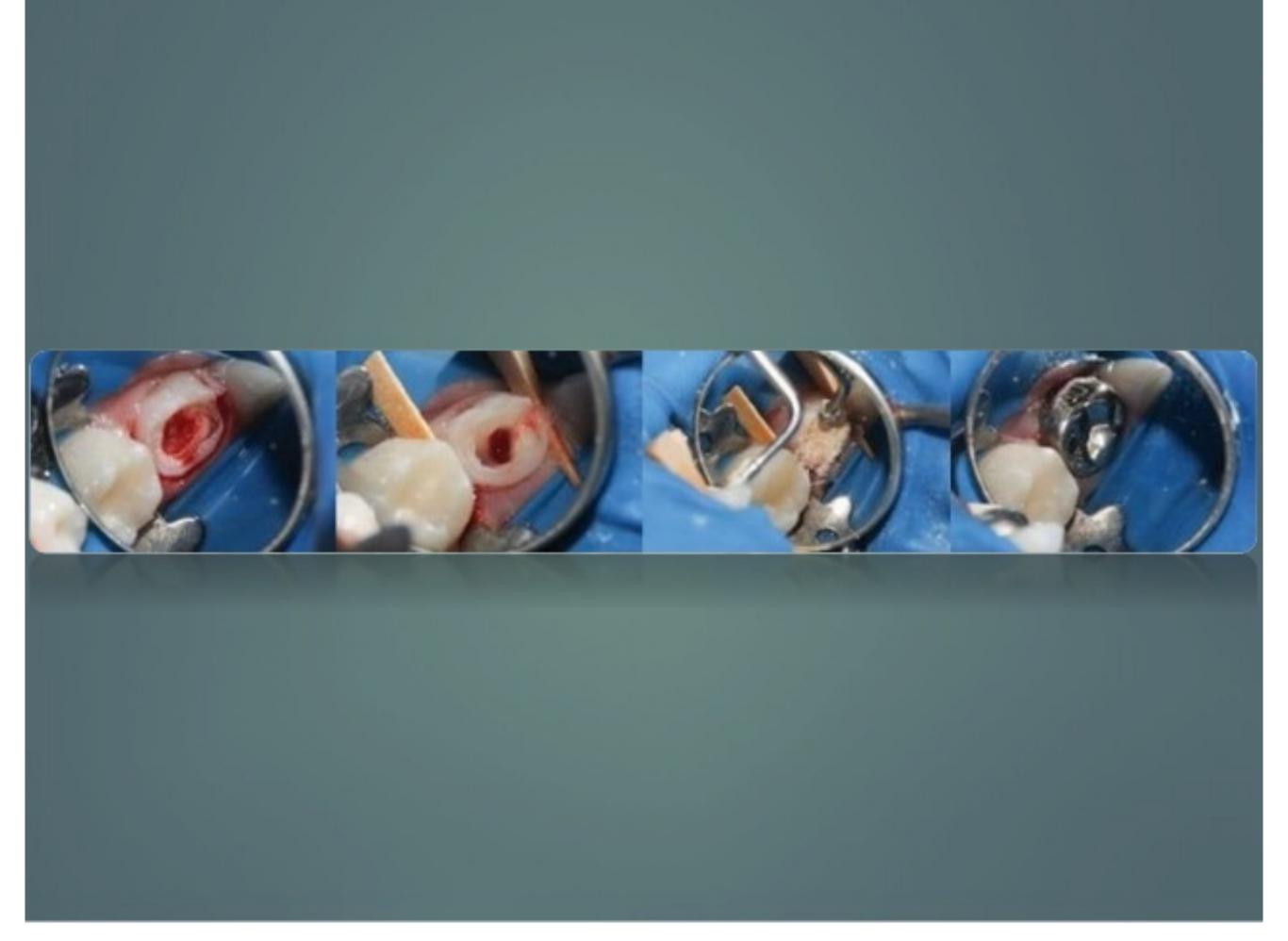
1. indirect pulp capping
2. direct pulp capping
3. pulpotomy
4. pulpectomy

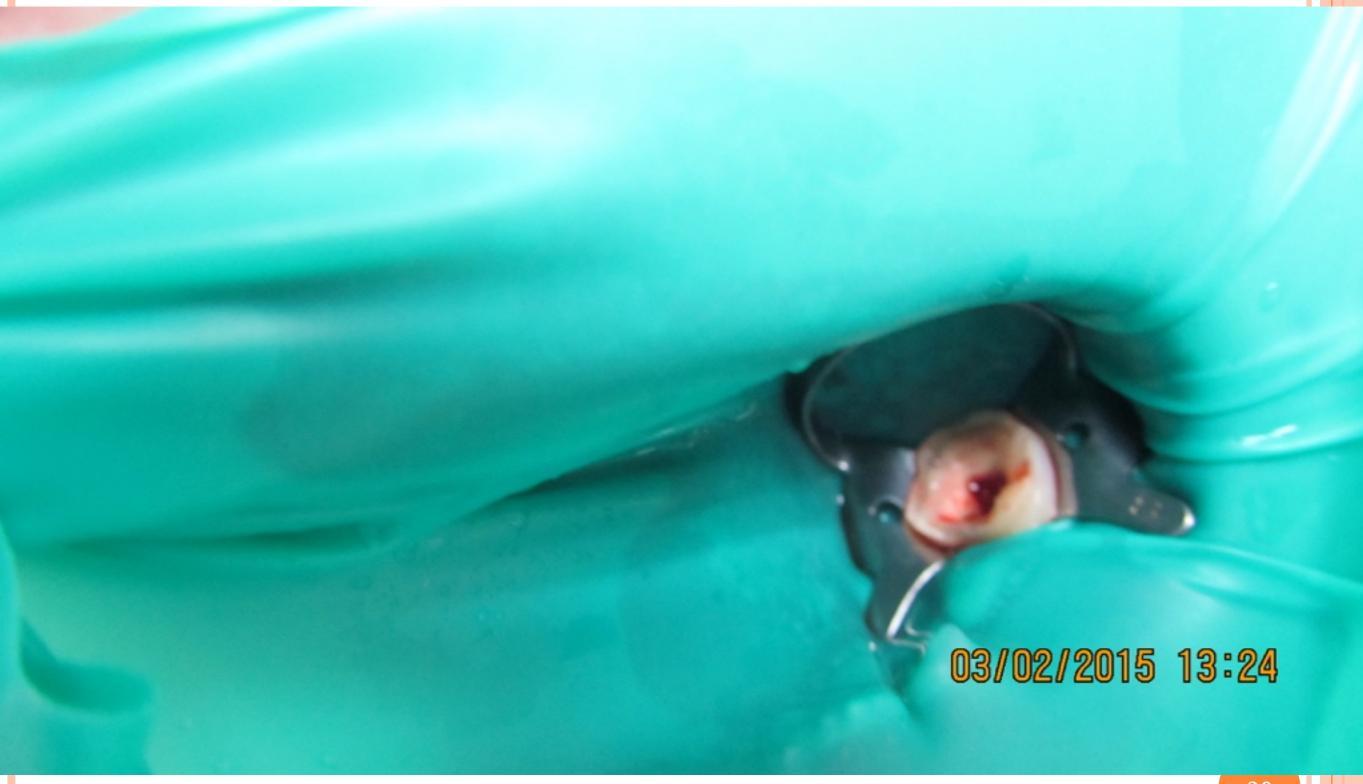


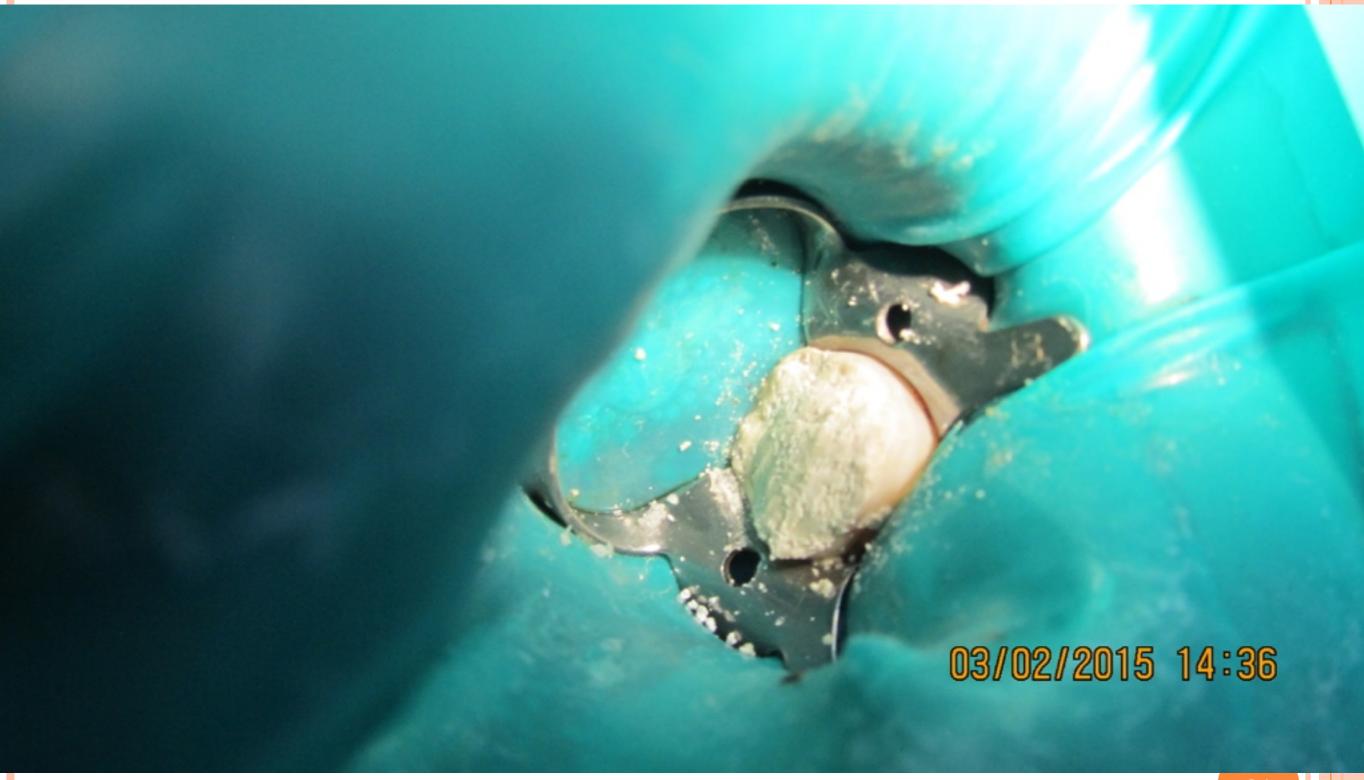
Indirect pulp capping with Biodentine



Direct pulp capping with Biodentine





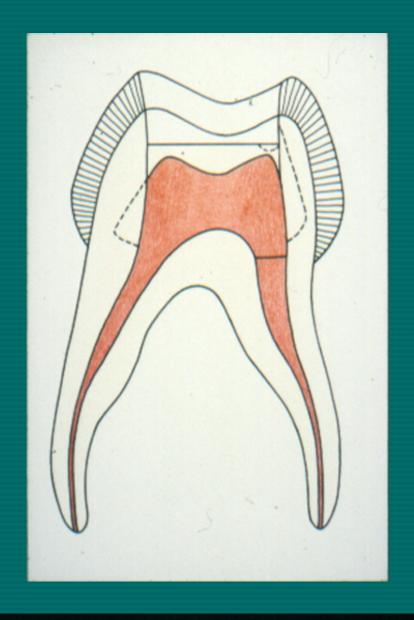




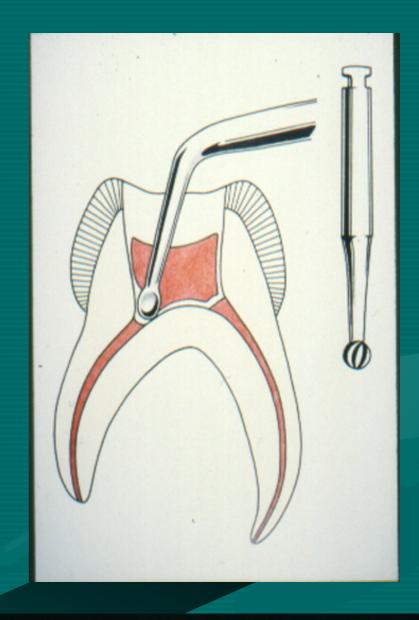
Aim of a pulpotomy

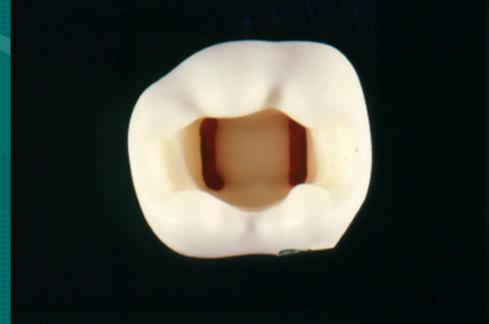
removal of coronal pulp while the radicular pulp remains vital

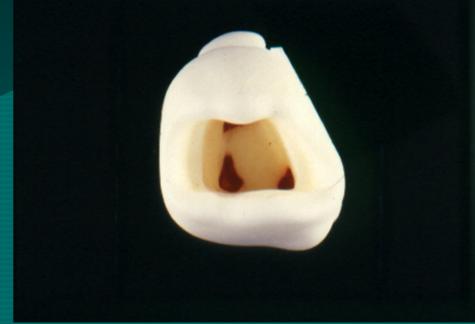
to stimulate the formation of a dentin bridge for protection



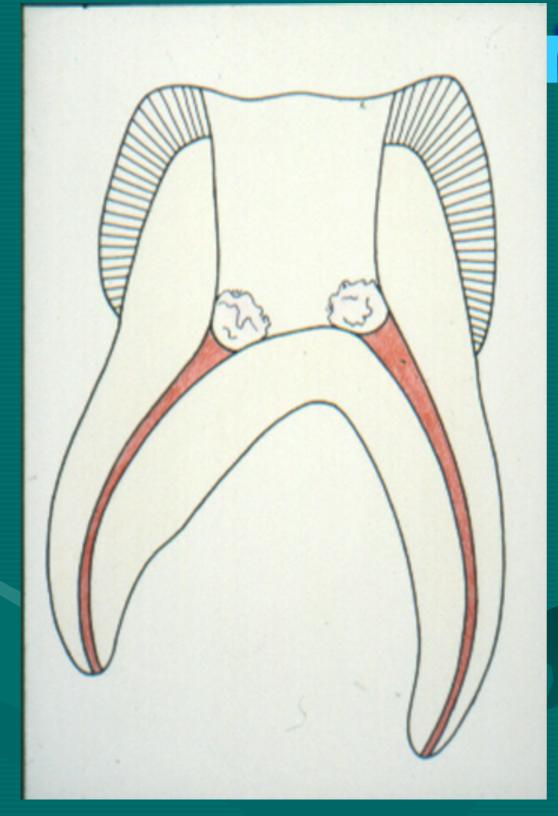
TECHNIQUE

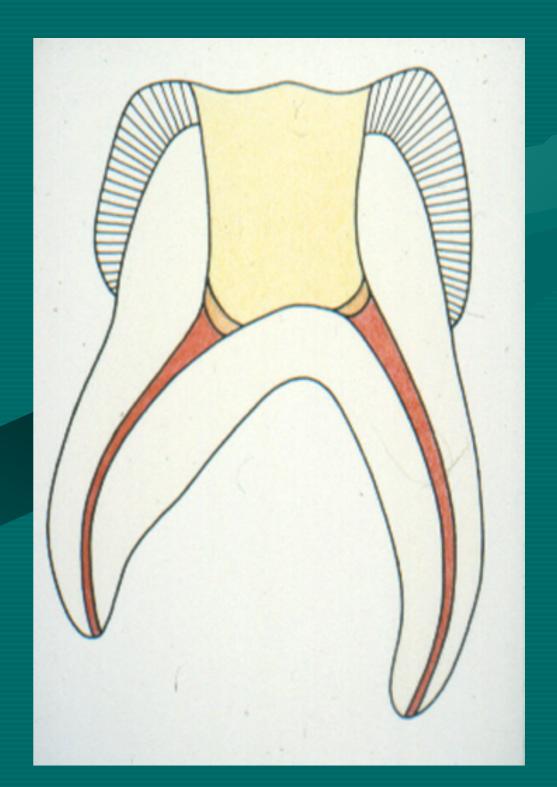






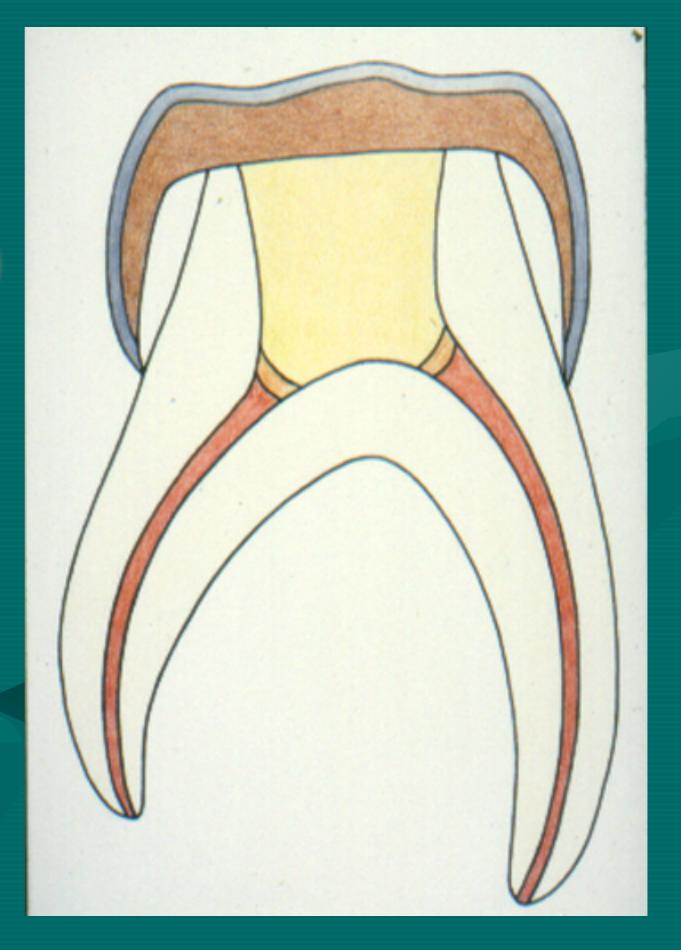
CHOICE OF MEDICATION



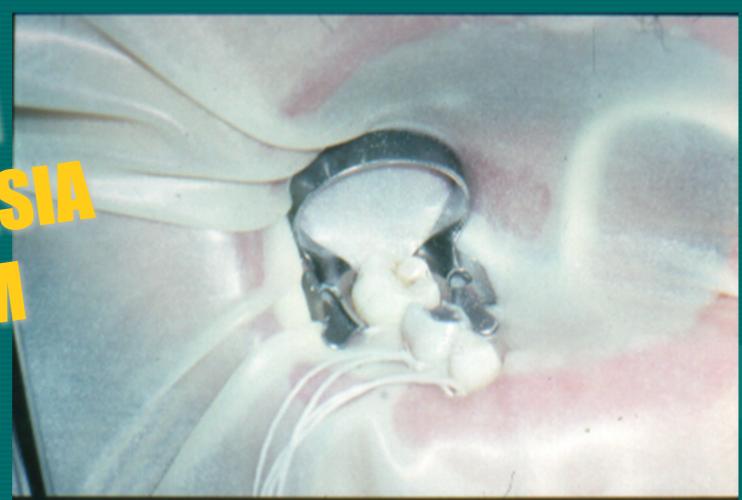


THE MOST RELIABLE RESTORATIO N

BUT UNAESTHETIC



RADIOGRAPH LOCAL ANESTHESIA RUBBER DAN







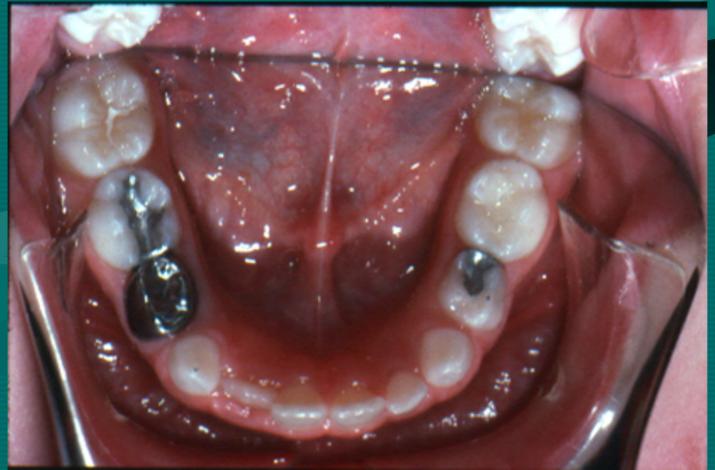


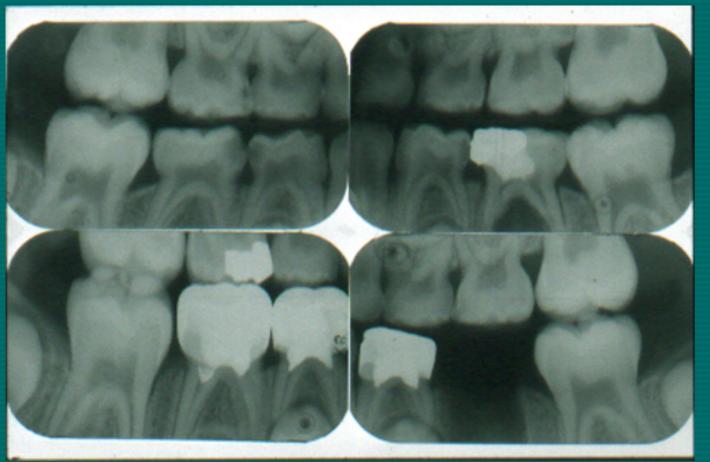
CHOICE OF MEDICATION: FORMOCRESOL Ca(OH)2













IF WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE CORONAL PULP THE HEMORRHAGE CANNOT BE STOPPED

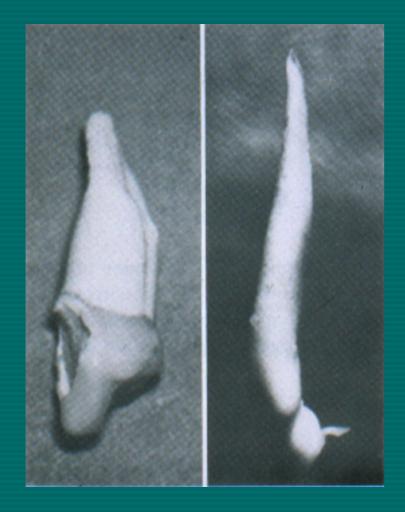
THEN THE PULPOTOMY IS CONTRA-INDICATED

THE AIM OF A PULPECTOMY IN PRIMARY MOLARS

TOOTH REMAINS FUNCTIONAL NO PAIN, INFECTION, RADIOGRAPHIC SIGNS NORMAL RESORPTION NO DEVELOPMENTAL DISTURBANCES



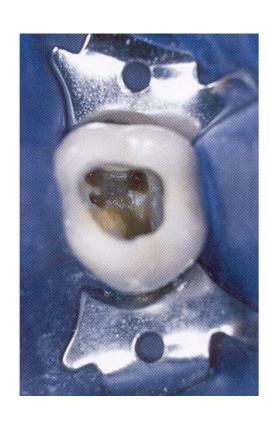




ROOT CANAL FILLING OF A PRIMARY TOOTH PULPECTOMY SHOULD BE: resorbable + underfilled



Access and Working length





ENDODONTICS OF YOUNG PERMANENT TEETH

INCISORS - pulp capping or Ca(OH)2 to stimulate apexification apexogenesis

YOUNG PERMANENT MOLARS WITH WIDE OPEN APICES

CONSIDER PULP CAPPING

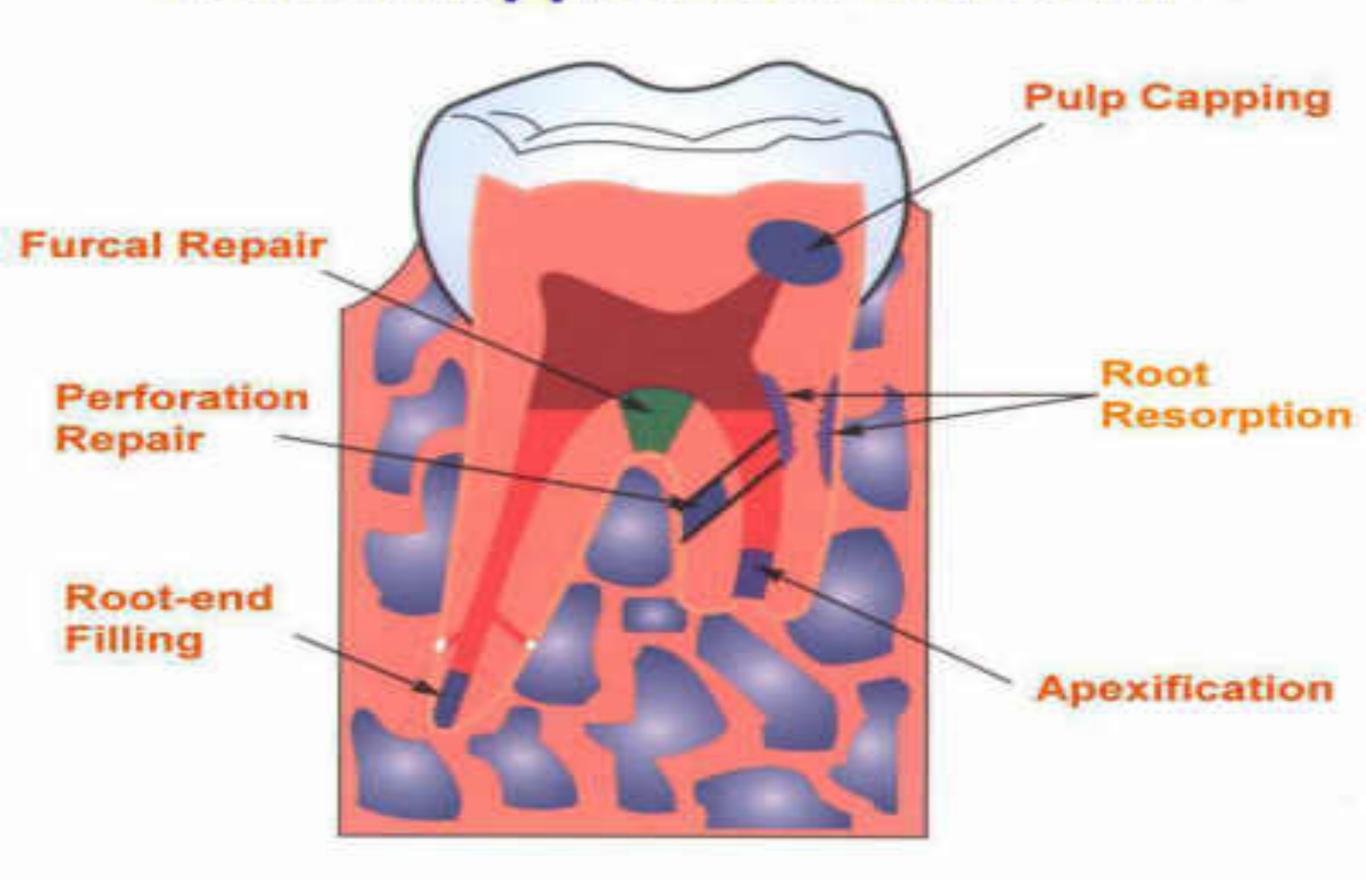
Ca(OH)2 for root apexification

HOW LONG WILL
THIS TOOTH LAST ??

Goal of Treatment

- The main goal in the treatment of an immature tooth is to maintain a vital root forming organ, as long as possible, to allow physiological apical root formation.
- If this happens, the rest of the treatment is routine endodontic treatment
- The second important consideration in treating immature teeth is to keep the surgical procedure as superficial as possible, with minimal instrumentation to not disturb the not yet fully formed roots.

Clinical Applications of MTA



Clinical Applications of Biodentine

