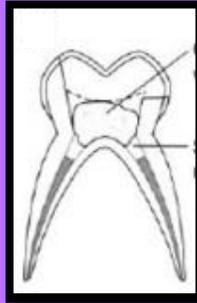




Pulpotomy



Caries



Pulp removal



Medicated and restored

The dental pulp has nerves and blood vessels. When the pulp is injured through tooth decay or trauma, the primary tooth can abscess. A pulpotomy is a procedure used to save a tooth when the nerve of the tooth is infected by decay or exposure. If this condition is left untreated it may affect the bone around the developing tooth or result in facial swelling and loss of tooth.

The treatment involves removing the infected portion of the dental pulp and cleaning, medicating and sealing the area.

In most cases, the pulpotomy is an excellent way to save a primary tooth. After the pulpotomy treatment, a crown is usually placed to prevent fracture of the tooth.