

# **Pulp Extirpation**

Our dentists at Paramount Dental Sydney have a proven track record in saving teeth from extraction.

### About

A pulp extirpation is part of a root canal treatment. When the innermost part (the pulp) has become badly infected, an extirpation is carried out to remove the bacteria and the inside of the tooth is cleaned, saving the tooth instead of having it extracted.

### Symptoms

Symptoms include; Aching in the Roots and Gum, Pain when Biting Down, Swelling in the Gum, and Discolouration.

### Causes

Main reasons include; Tooth Decay, Repeated procedures to the tooth, Cracked, Chipped or Broken teeth, Infections, Injury or Trauma.

### What Does the Pulp Do?

The pulp contains blood vessels and keeps the tooth alive by supplying blood and nutrients to the tooth. We are able to sense pressure and temperature because of the nerves in the pulp of our teeth. The pulp also helps the tooth to fight bacteria, which is why if the pulp is badly infected, an extirpation must be carried out to save the tooth. A successful root canal treatment is to remove the bacteria and prevent it from entering back into the tooth.

### Procedure

- 1. A local anaesthetic is given to numb the tooth
- 2. A hole is created in the crown of the tooth using laser.
- 3. The infected pulp is removed using a small instrument.
- 4. The infected area is cleansed to prepare for a root canal filling.
- 5. Once the root canal filling is put in place, your tooth is sealed and a permanent crown is placed on the tooth.

If the infection in your tooth cannot be properly cleansed in one visit, a temporary crown will be placed on the tooth and after several days you will need to revisit us for the procedure to be completed.

### After procedure care

## Root Canal Treatment & Temporary Crown

- Minimise forceful chewing around the affected area.
- Don't brush your teeth too vigorously.
- Avoid flossing the area surrounding the crown.
- Use a mouth rinse several times a day to keep your mouth clean.
- If your pain worsens or the crown comes loose, please don't delay contacting us.

### Root Canal Treatment & Permanent Crown

 You may experience some inflammation of the gums. If so, you can control this with over-the-counter pain relievers such as ibuprofen.

### Prevention

- 1. Good oral hygiene is the best way to prevent decay and infection, such as brushing twice daily and flossing once a day.
- 2. To prevent decay and infection from cracked, chipped or broken teeth be sure to book a checkup or consultation here at Paramount Dental Sydney to ensure the situation doesn't get any worse.

### Cost | From \$550

The total cost of a tooth extraction can be affected by several factors including:

- The position of tooth in your mouth
- The amount of nerves in the tooth
- The curvature of the roots of the teeth
- The degree of difficulty during the procedure
- If decay or infection is worse than first thought; there are some things we cannot see until we take a look inside
- If you require follow-up treatment

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