

# **Endodontics**

**Pulp and periodontal diseases –  
diagnosis, therapy, prevention**

# **Aim of endodontic treatment**

**Healing of pulp diseases or removal  
bacteria from the root canal system  
and regeneration of damaged periodontal  
tissues. (Canal shaping, cleaning and filling)**

***„ Endodontist helps nature only “***

***W.D.Miller***

# Endodontics - terms

- Endodont (dentin + pulp)
- Pulp chamber
- Root canal
- Apical constriction
- Apical foramen
- Ramifications
- Radiographic apex
- Periodontal space

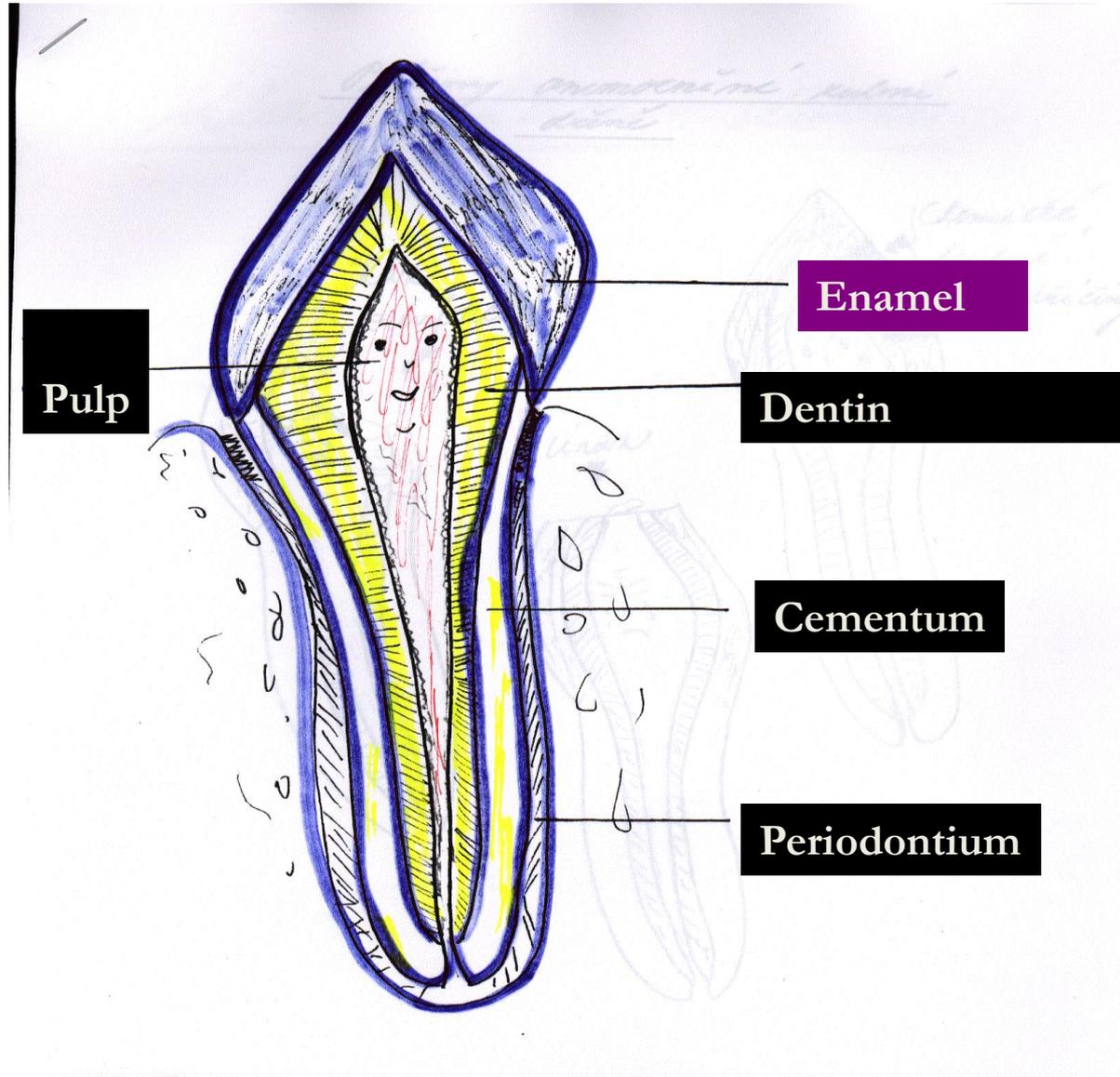
# Morphology

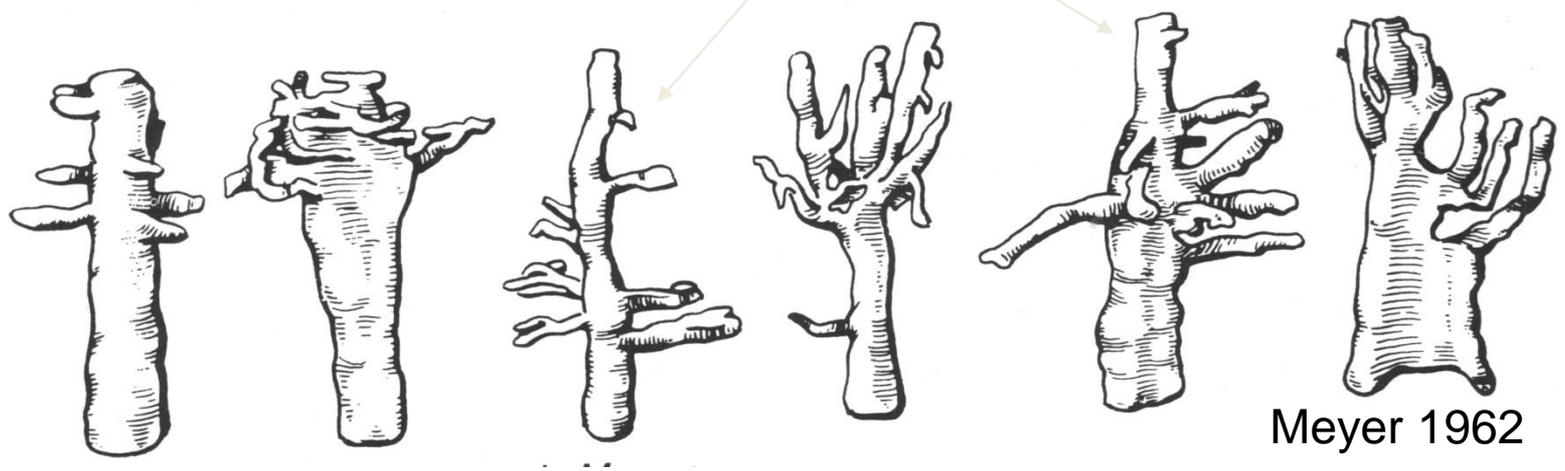
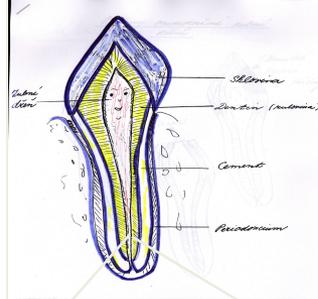
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- The root canal is not straight - it deflects distal
- Apical foramen is not on the top of the root but under it (distal or distooral side)

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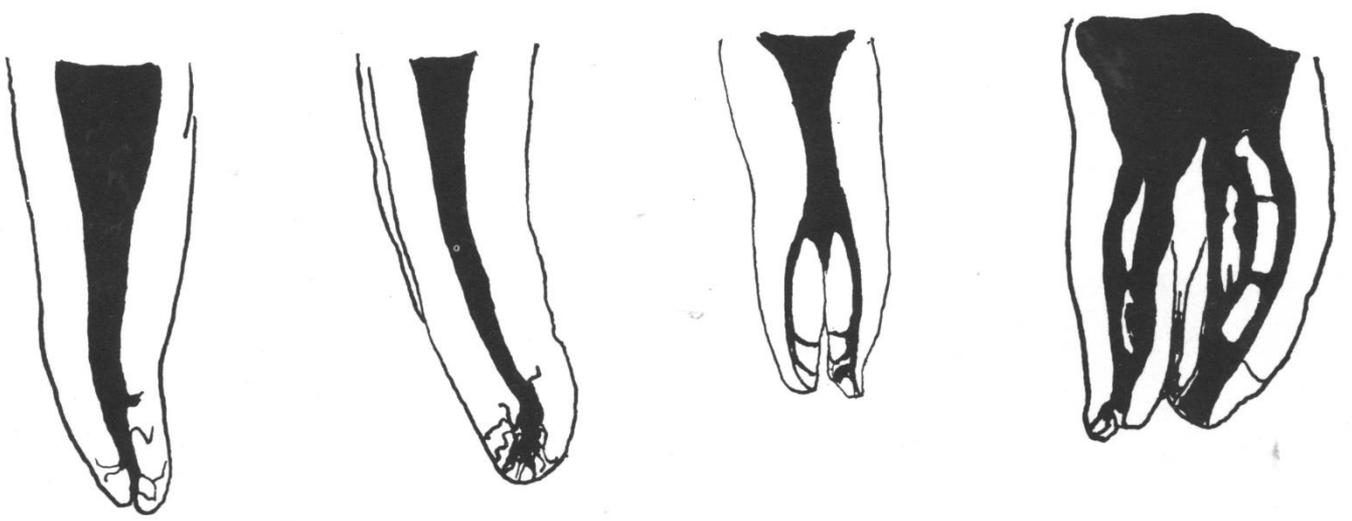
- Between apical constriction and apical foramen the wall of root canal are divergent towards periodontal space
- The root canal system has usually more foramina (ramifications)
- The ramifications are situated mostly in apical area (first apical mm)
- All apical foramina are situated in cementum

# Morphology





Meyer 1962





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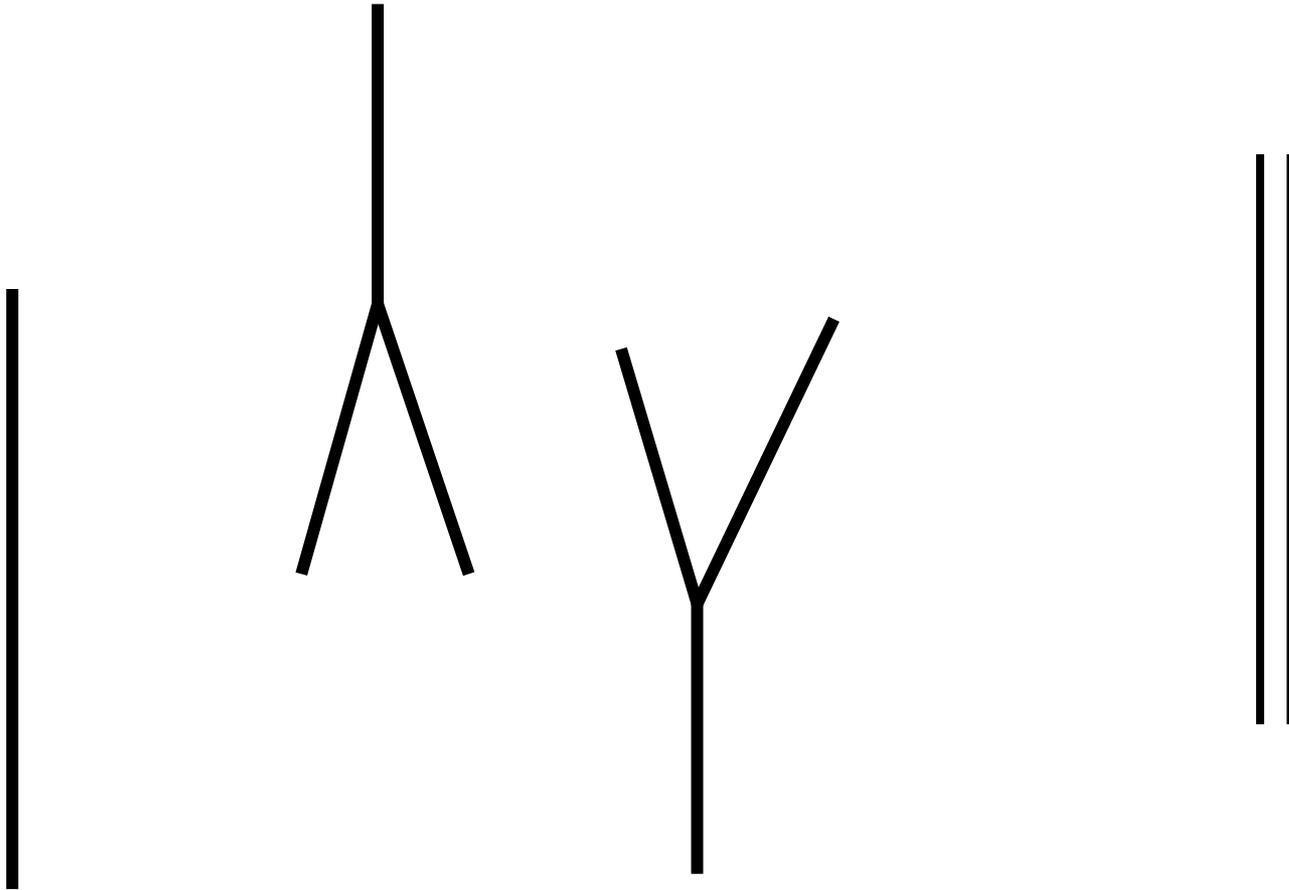
# Meyers conclusions

- The root canal is not round but oval (long axis mesiodistal)
- The root canal does not go straight but it deflects distal
- The apical foramen is not on the top of the root but below (distal or distooral)

# Meyer's conclusions

- The walls of the root canal between apical constriction to apical foramen are divergent
- The root canal system has usually more apical foramina (side branches – ramifications)
- The ramifications are situated mostly in apical area (first apical mm)
- All foramina are situated in cementum

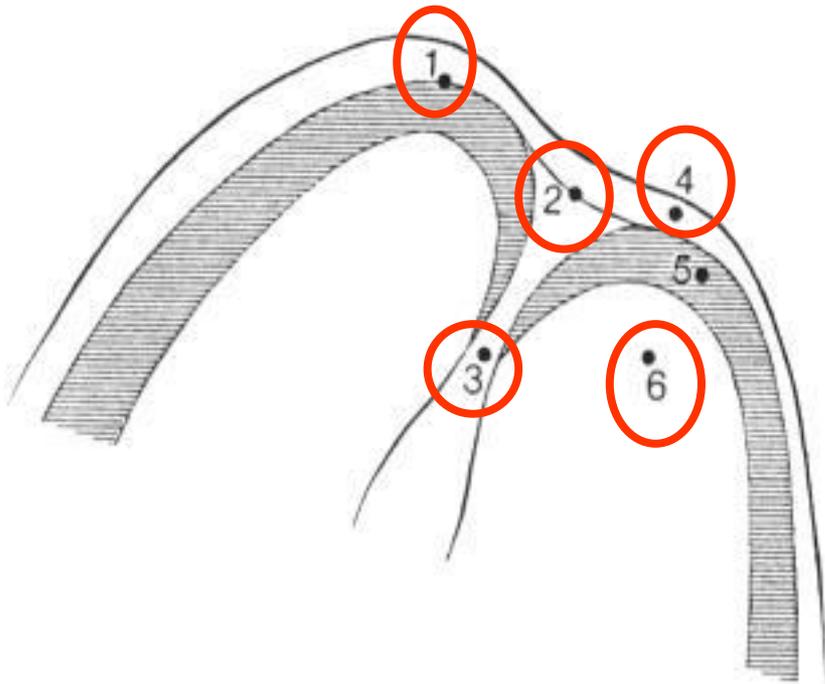
# Basic forms of the root canal system (Weine)



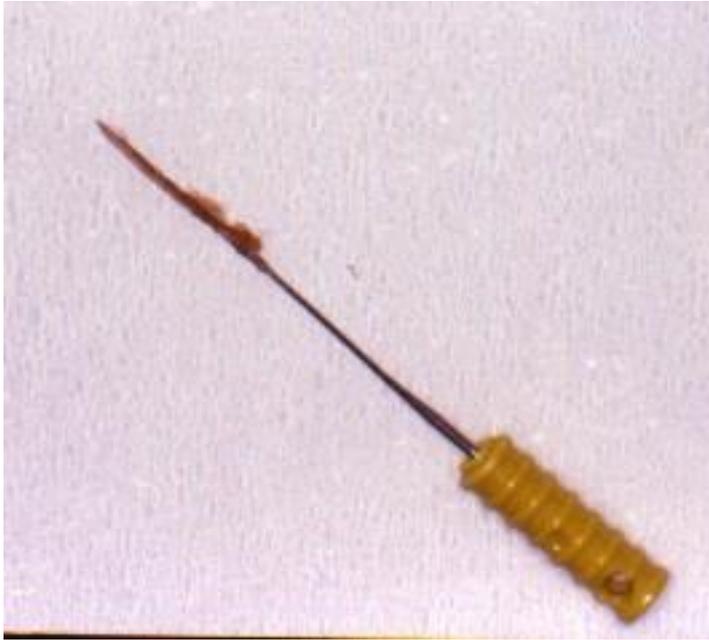


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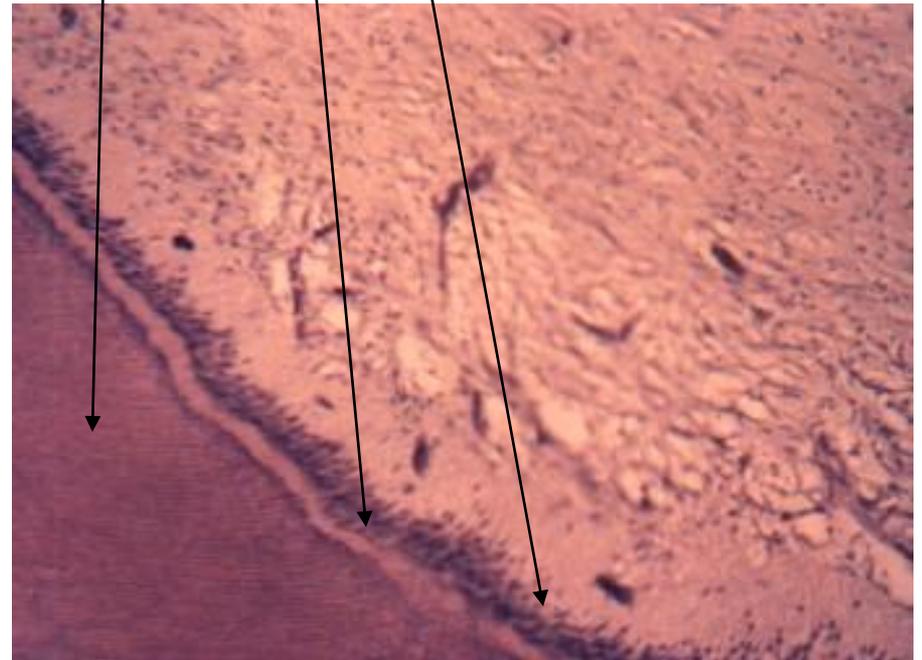
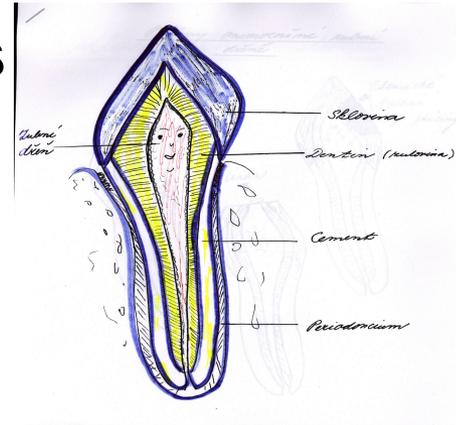
# Apical morphology



1. X – ray apex
2. Foramen apicale
3. Apical constriction
4. Periodontal ligament
5. Root cementum
6. Dentin



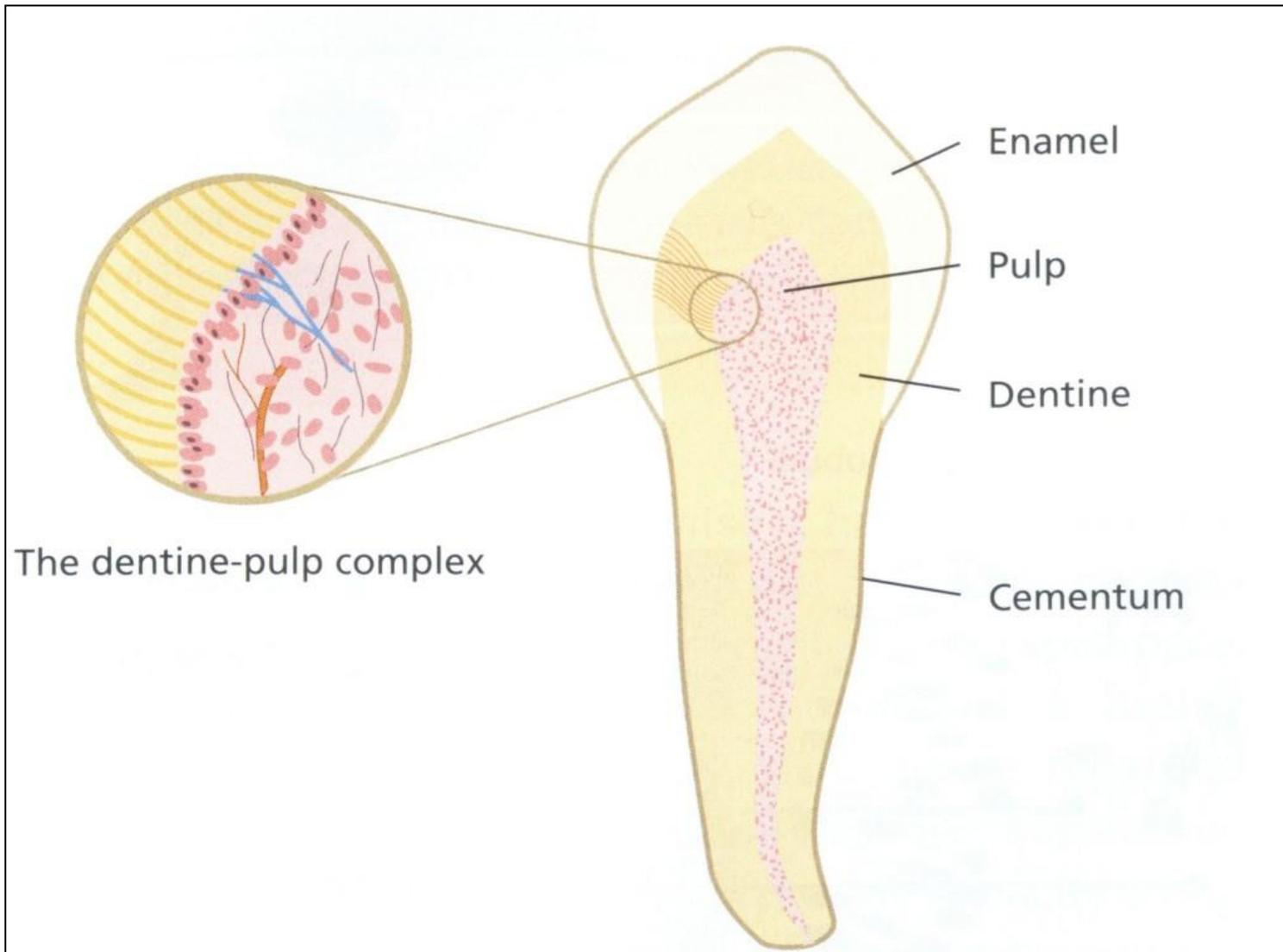
**Odontoblasts**  
**Predentin**  
**Dentin**



**Dental pulp**  
**is in close connexion with dentin**  
**pulp – dentinal complex - endodont**

# Dental pulp is a tissue of mesenchymal origin

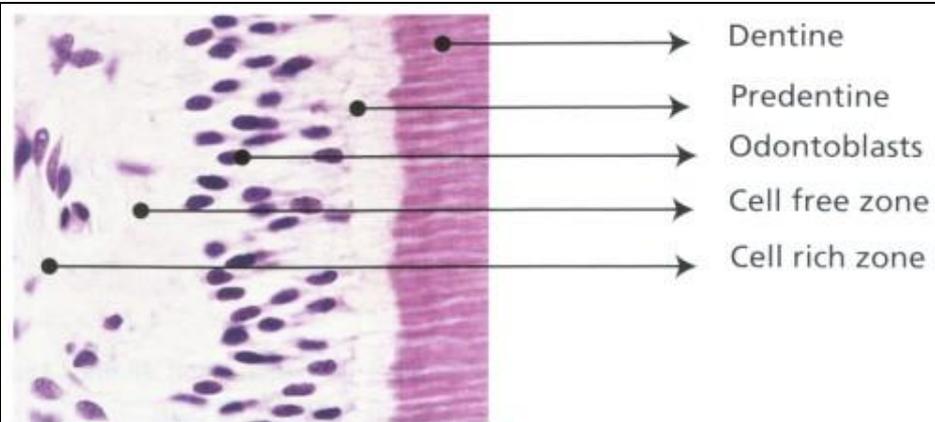
- Composition of the dental pulp
- connective tissue
  - collagen fibres
- ground substance
  - interfibrillar substance
- connective tissue cells (other cells- histiocytes, macrophages, dendritic cells, stem cells)
- blood vessels
- nerve fibres
- odontoblasts - dentine forming cells



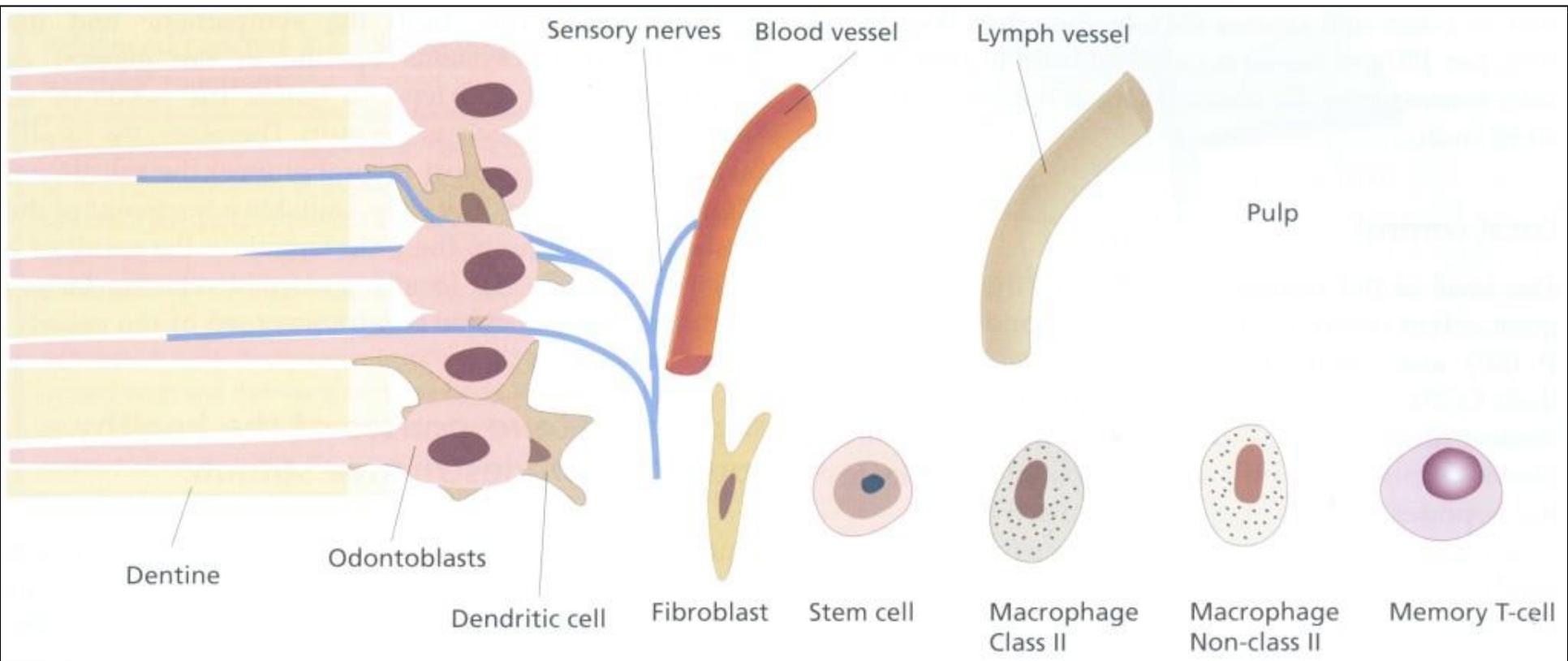
**Fig. 3.1** Soft tissue of the pulp surrounded by dentine and enamel and cementum. Inset depicts the interface between dentine and pulp.

# 4 zones

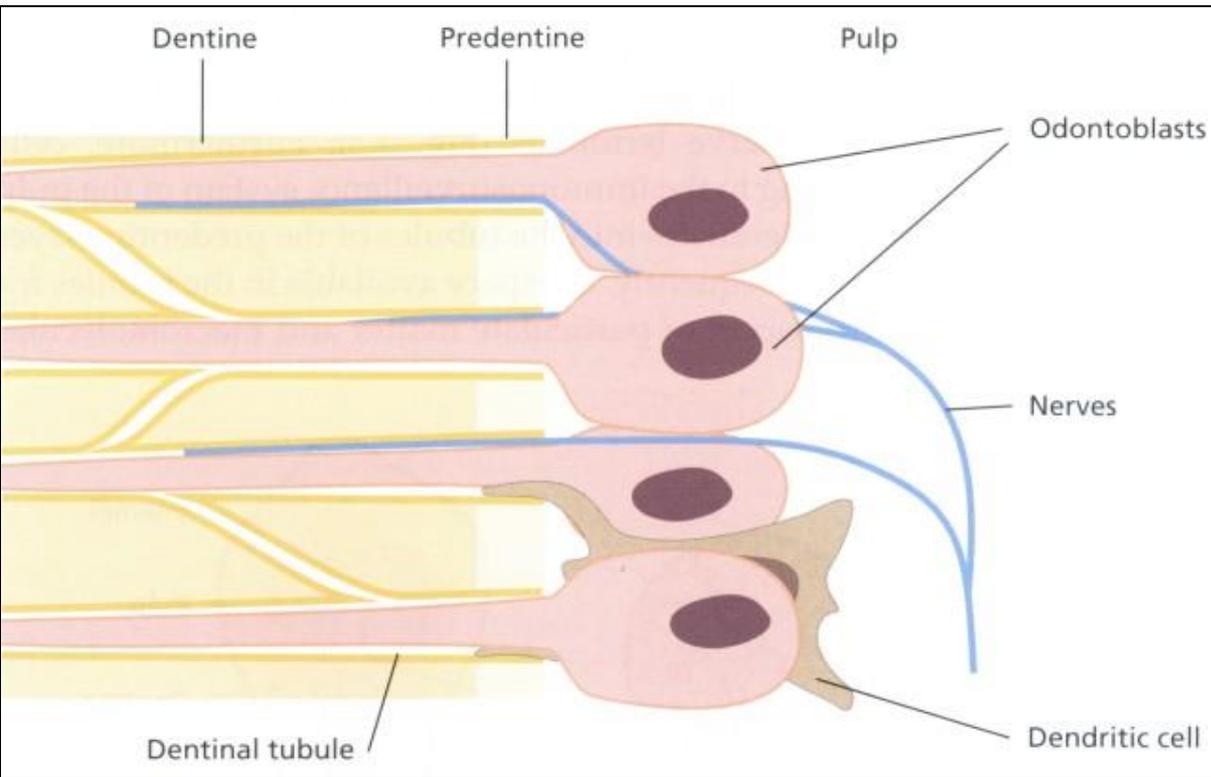
1. central zone - larger nerves and blood vessels
2. cell rich zone - reserve cells (undifferentiated mesenchymal cells), fibroblasts
3. cell free zone (zone of Weil) - terminals of naked nerve fibres
4. odontoblastic zone



**Fig. 3.4** Tissue section stained with hematoxylin and eosin showing dentine, predentine and pulp tissue proper with odontoblasts lining the periphery.



**Fig. 3.11** Constituents of primary significance in the defense of the pulp against foreign substances, including bacterial elements, make up the innate 'first line of defense'.



**Fig. 3.3** Cellular extensions of odontoblasts, nerves and cells of the immune system (dendritic cells) that occupy the pulpal ends of the dentinal tubules.

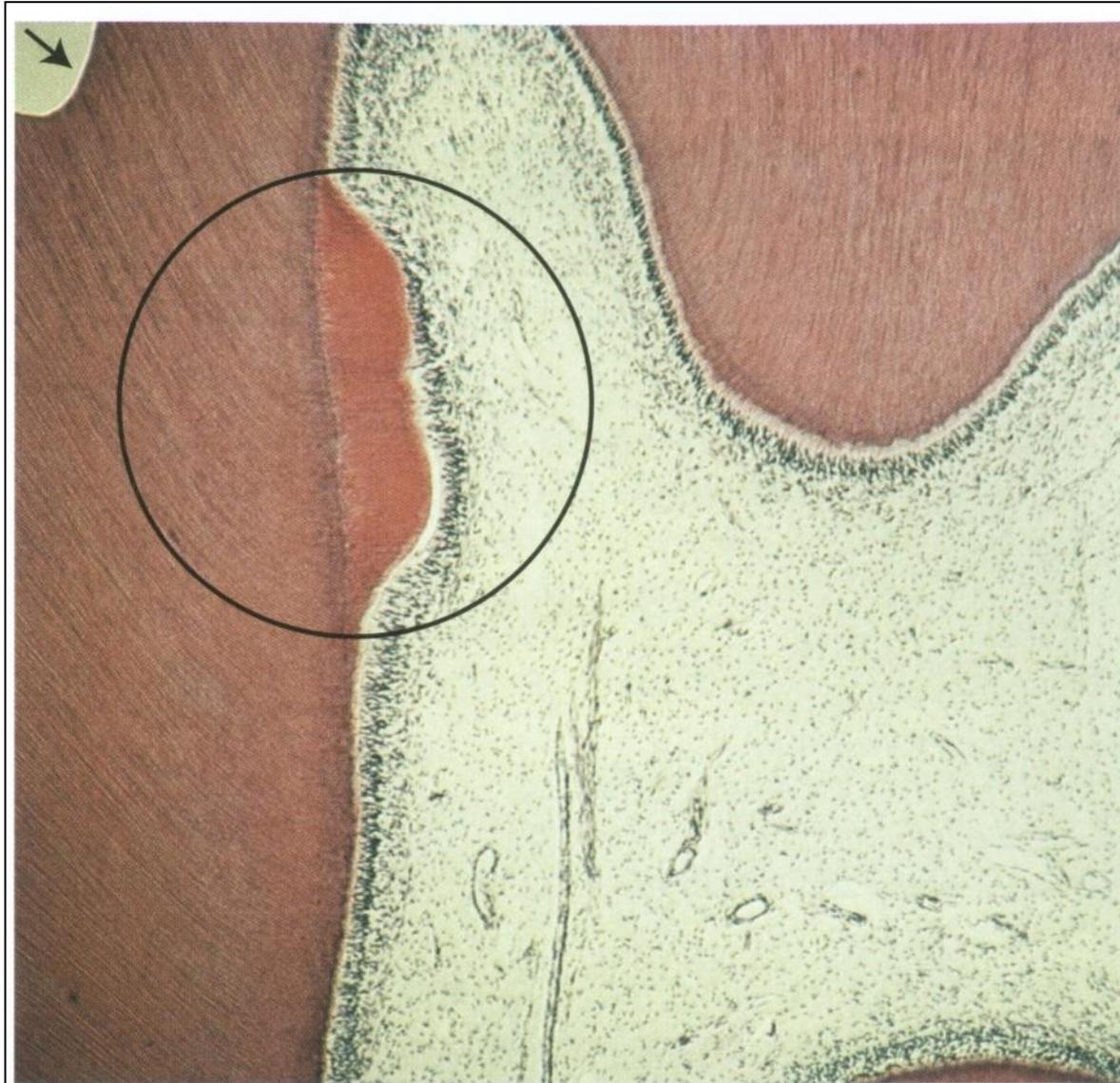
# Function of the dental pulp

- Formative - dentine formation through the life
- Nutritive - dental pulp maintains the vitality of dentine
- Nervous function
  - afferent
  - efferent
- Defensive function

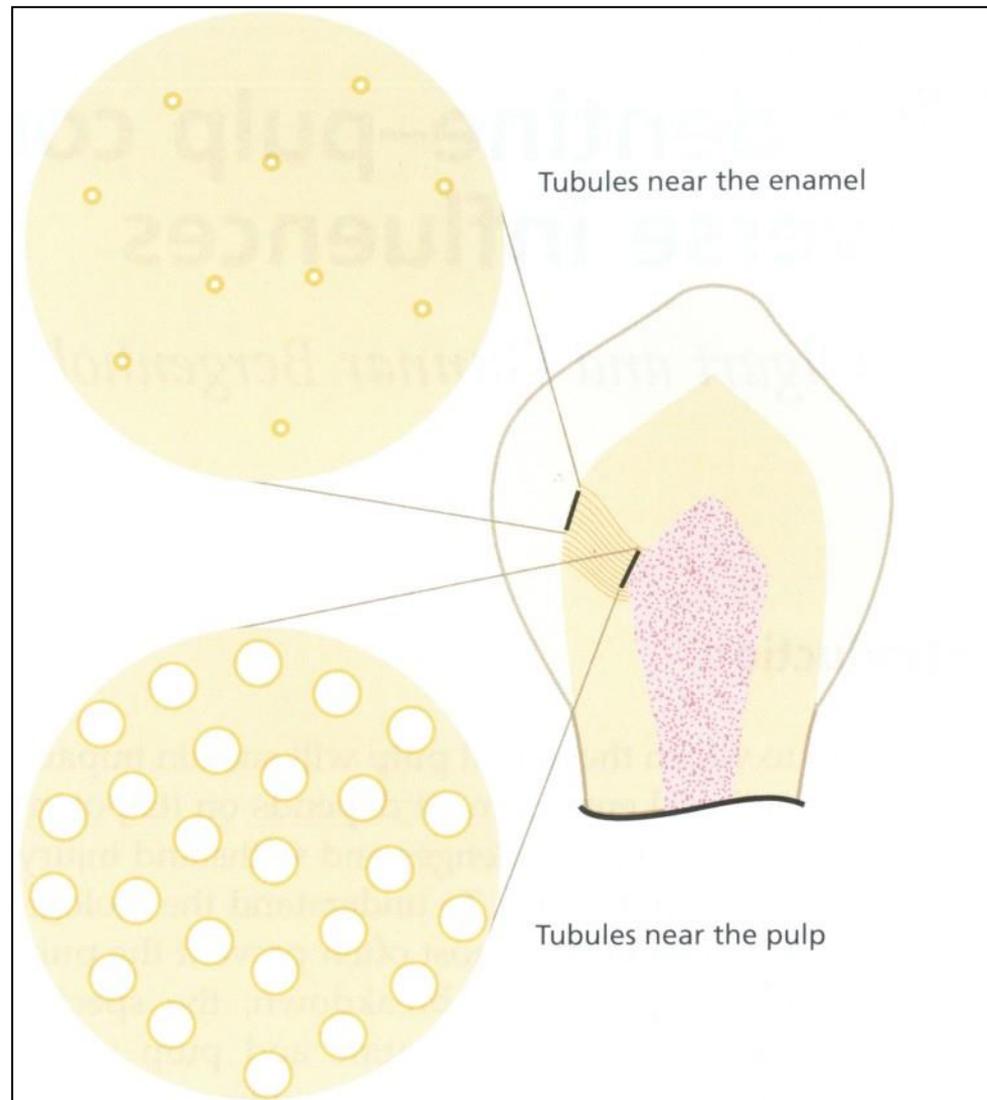
# Formative function

Formation of dentine through the life

- primary dentine
- secondary dentine
- tertiary dentine



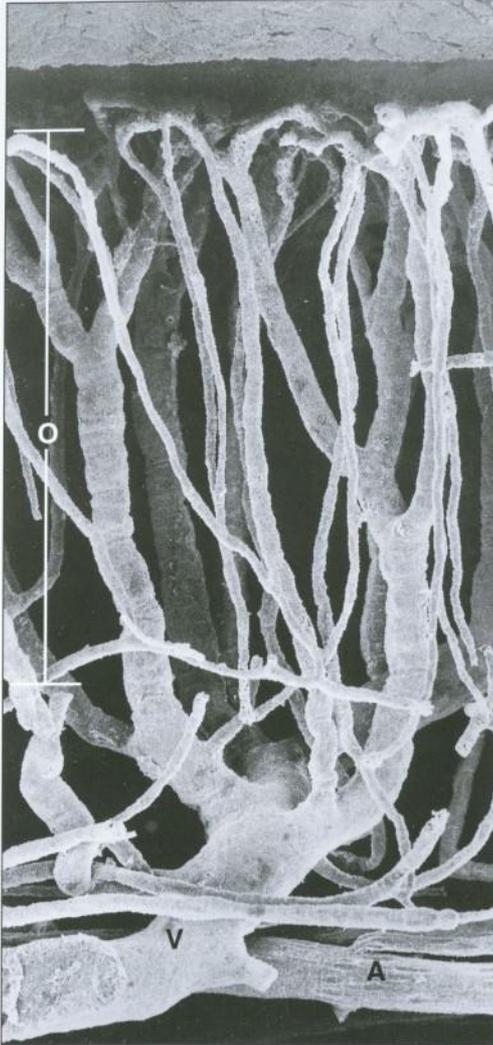
**Fig. 3.5** Microphotograph shows hard tissue repair following a cavity preparation (arrow). The circle indicates the bulk of new dentine being formed.



**Fig. 3.2** Density of dentinal tubules in various portions of the crown region in teeth. It has been estimated that the surface area taken by cross-cut tubules is ca. 2–3% in the periphery but near the pulp the dentinal tubules assume ca. 25% of the surface area (67).

# Nutritive function

- arterioles branching into terminal arterioles
- terminal capillary network - peripherally
- post capillary venules
- collective venules
- main venules
- anastomoses
- lymphatic vessels



**Fig 1-24** Vascularity of the pulp. A monomer is injected into the apical blood vessels and polymerized. The tooth is then demineralized, and the organic components are digested away, allowing examination of the "vascular tree." (O) Odontoblastic region; (V) venule; (A) arteriole. (Original magnification  $\times 900$ . Courtesy of Dr K. Takahashi.)

# Nervous function

- Dental pulp - both vasomotor and sensory nerves (vasomotoric and defense functions)
- **vasomotor nerves** - sympathetic division of the autonomic system (postganglion)
- accompany arterioles

# Theories of pain transmission

- dentin innervation (Nerve fibers in dentine tubules)
- hydrodynamic mechanism
- odontoblastic deformation

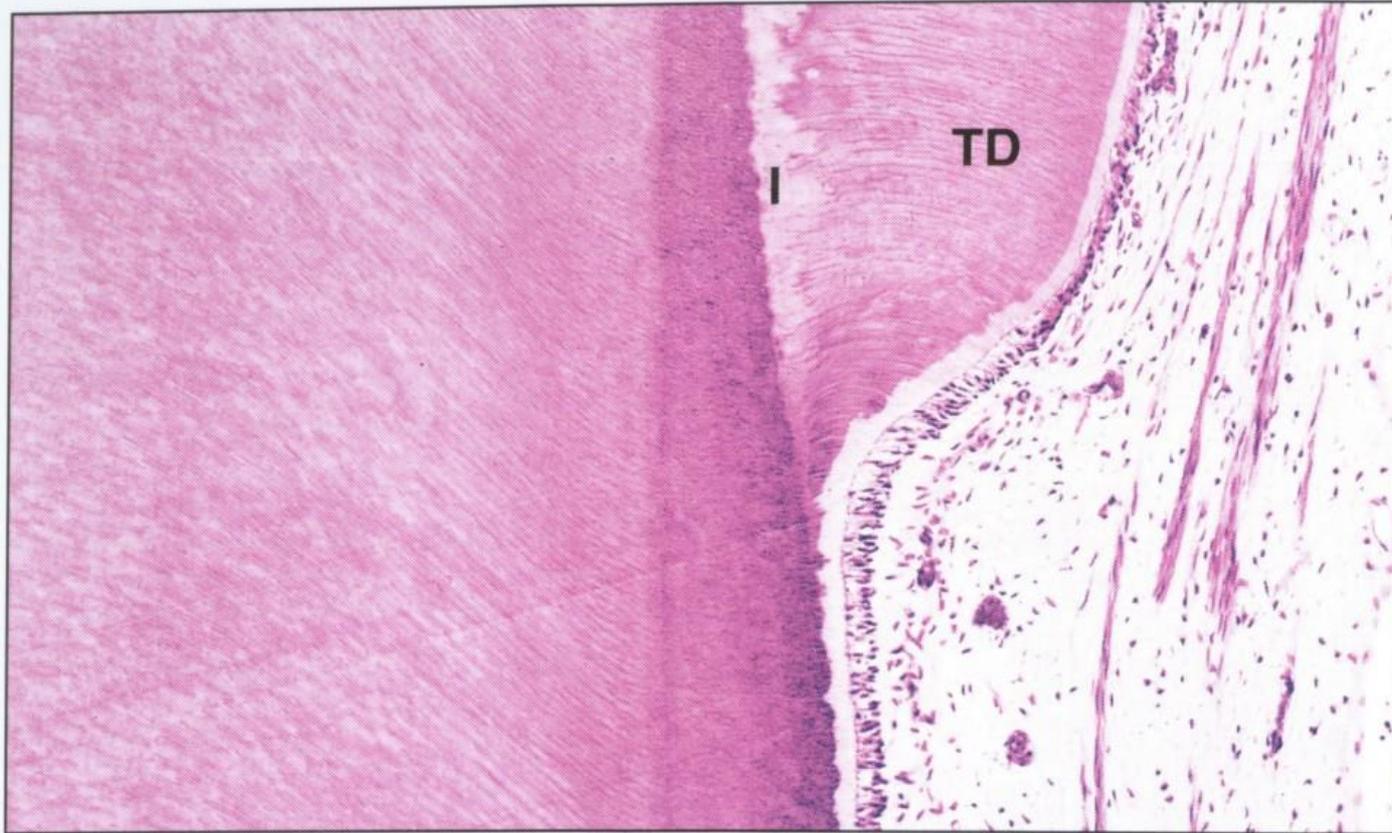
# Defense function

- dentinal pain
- smear layer
- tubular sclerosis
- irritation (tertiary) dentine formation
- inflammation of the connective tissue

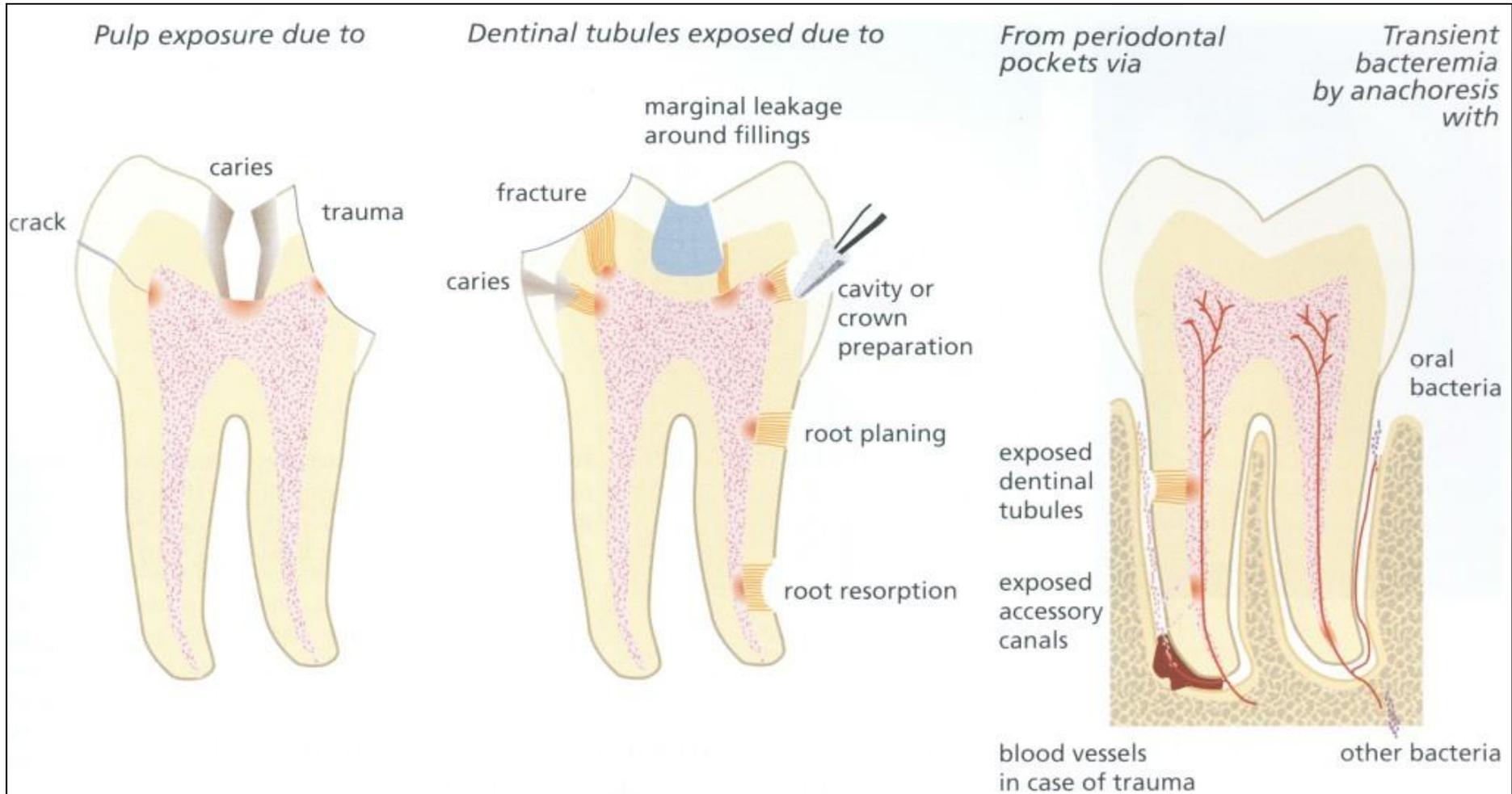
- Smear layer - scaling, abrasion, attrition, caries, cavity preparation
- microcrystalline debris (smear layer)
- extends into the dentinal tubules - covers the dentinal surface (several  $\mu\text{m}$  thick)
- reduction of dentine sensitivity and permeability (plugging of the tubules).

- Tubular sclerosis - by milder or moderately irritating agents (slowly progressing caries, cavity preparation, abrasion, attrition, age changes)
- peritubular dentine formation  
and
- intratubular calcification
- the tubules become narrower and are closed

- Tertiary (irritative, irregular) dentine formation
- defensive barrier against caries progression



**Fig 6-7** Tertiary dentin (TD) formed as a response to the healing of a lesion similar to that shown in Fig 6-5. Note the lightly stained, atubular interface dentin (I) and the dentinal tubules in the tertiary dentin. The odontoblasts lining the pulpal aspect of the tertiary dentin are short, and the cell-free zone is lacking in this area. (Hematoxylin-eosin stain; original magnification  $\times 65$ .)



**Fig. 8.1** Drawing illustrating the pathways of entry for micro-organisms into the root canal. Obvious ways of entry are pulp exposures due to caries or trauma. Potential pathways are cracks in enamel and dentine due to trauma, and dentinal tubules exposed by caries, fracture, cavity or crown preparation, marginal leakage around fillings, root resorption or root planing. From periodontal pockets, potential pathways are via exposed accessory canals, via exposed dentinal tubules or via blood vessels in the case of trauma. During bacteremia, blood-borne bacteria may colonize an inflamed or necrotic pulp (anachoresis). (See text for details.)

# Most common factors leading to pulpal diseases

- Infection (caries, periodontal pocket, traumatic injury, cracks, abrasion, blood circulation)
- Trauma (interruption of blood vessels)
- Traumatization (ruxismus, badly made fillings)
- Chemical factors (filling materials, disinfectants)
- Physical factors – increasing of temperature (preparation withour water cooling)



Ramification

# Two ways of endodontic treatment

- Vital pulp therapy

Dental pulp remain in the pulp chamber and root canals completely or partly

- Root canal treatment

Dental pulp is removed from the root canal completely, root canal is shaped, cleaned, filled

# Vital pulp therapy

- Indirect pulp capping
- Intermittent excavation
- Direct pulp capping
- Pulpotomy
  - Coronal: partly or completely
  - Deep pulpotomy

# Diagnosis

- **History**

**Presenting complaint**

**Medical history**

**Dental history**

**Pain history**

***Location***

***Type and intensity of pain***

***Duration***

***Stimulus***

***Relief (analgetics, antibiotics, sipping cold drinks)***

# Diagnosis

## **Clinical examination**

**Extraoral (swelling, redness, extraoral sinuses, lymph nodes, degree of mouth opening)**

## **Intraoral examination**

**Swelling, redness, palpation, percussion, sinus tract examination, teeth mobility, pockets**

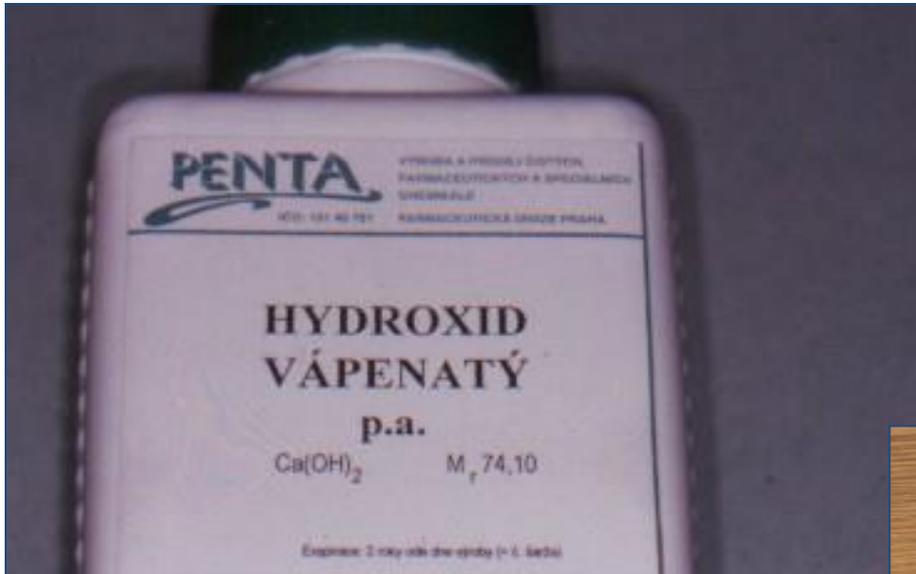
# Diagnosis

**Clinical examination**

**Pulp sensitivity tests, radiographic examination, transillumination.**

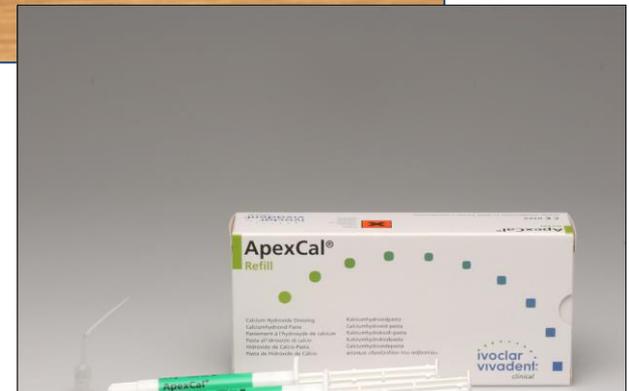
# Consideration

- If the disease of dental pulp is reversible:  
Vital pulp therapy
- If the disease of dental pulp is irreversible  
Root canal treatment

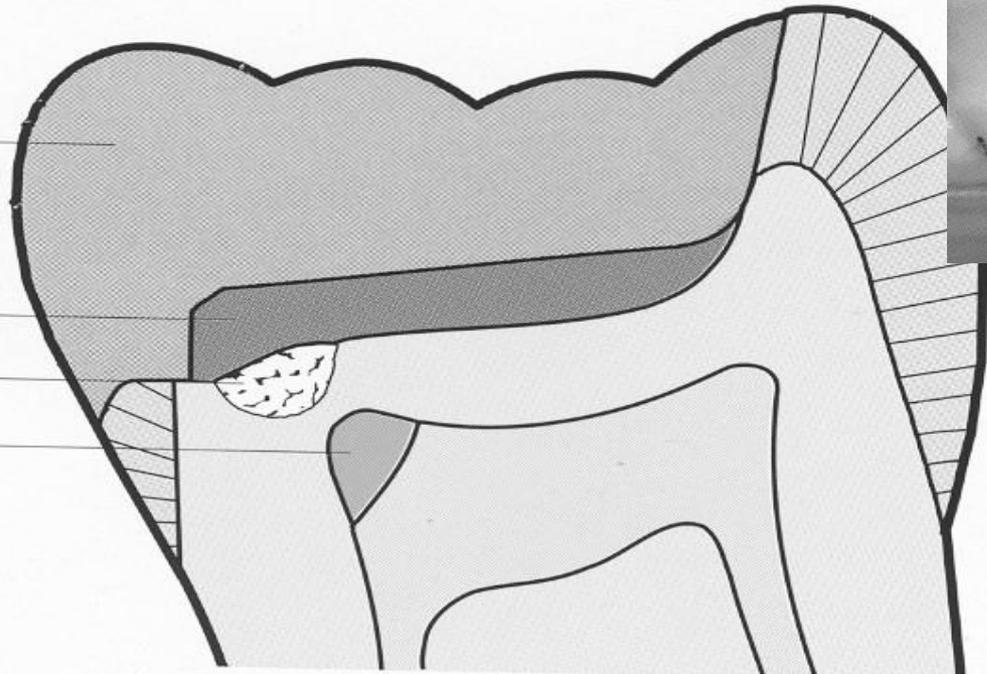
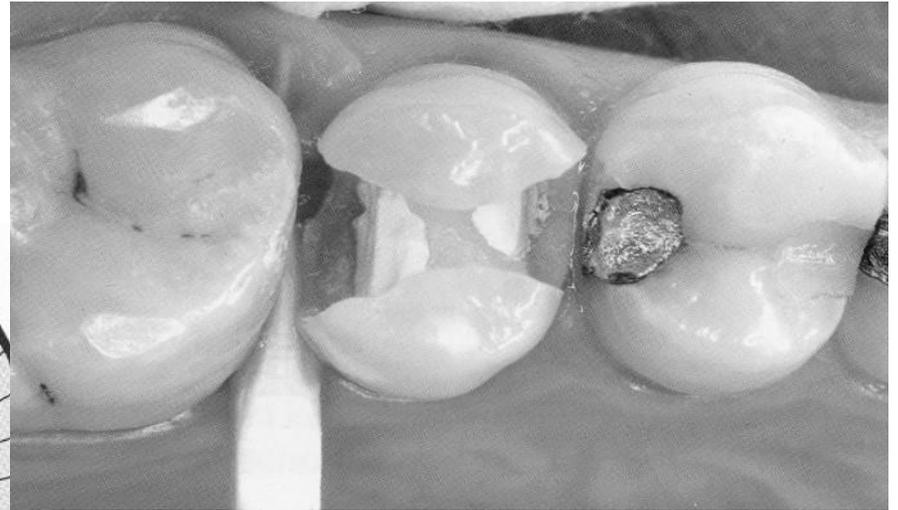


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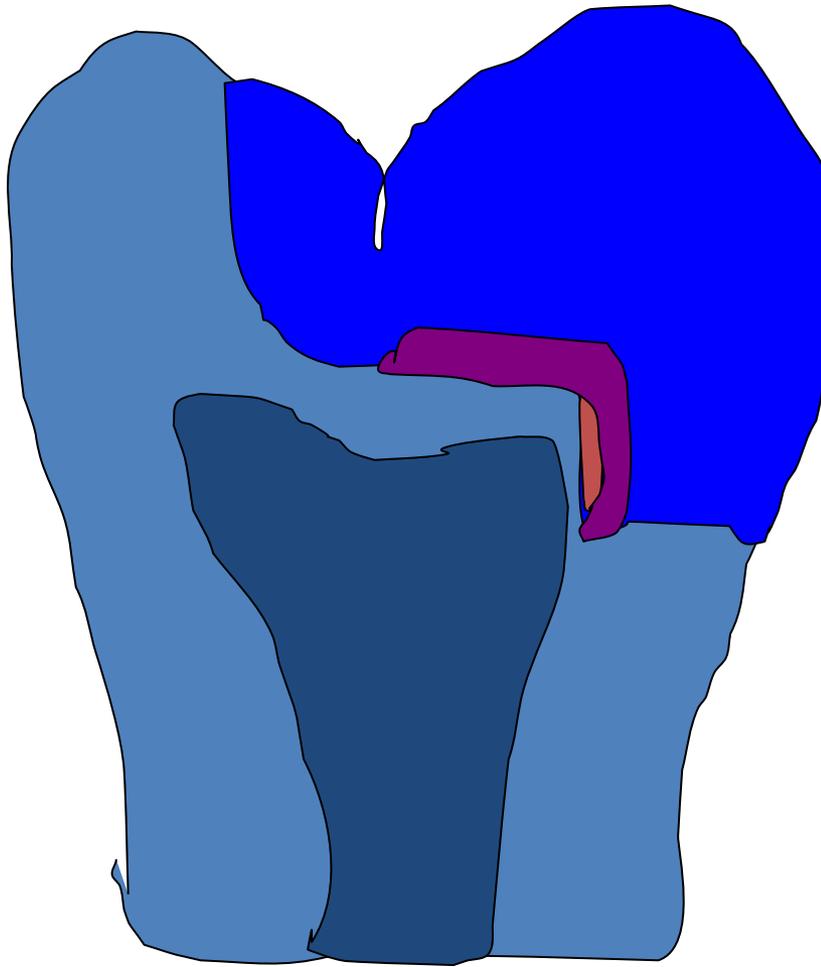
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# Indirect pulp capping

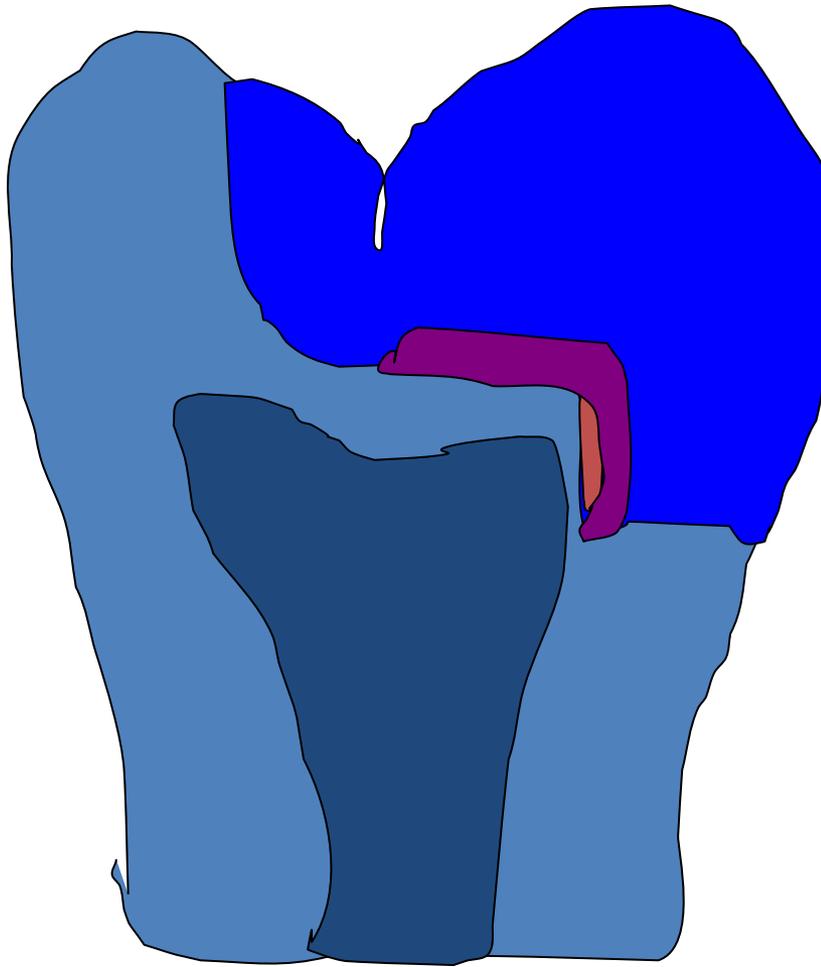


# Indirect pulp capping



Only small amount of  
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Calciumhydroxide cement  
Permanent filling

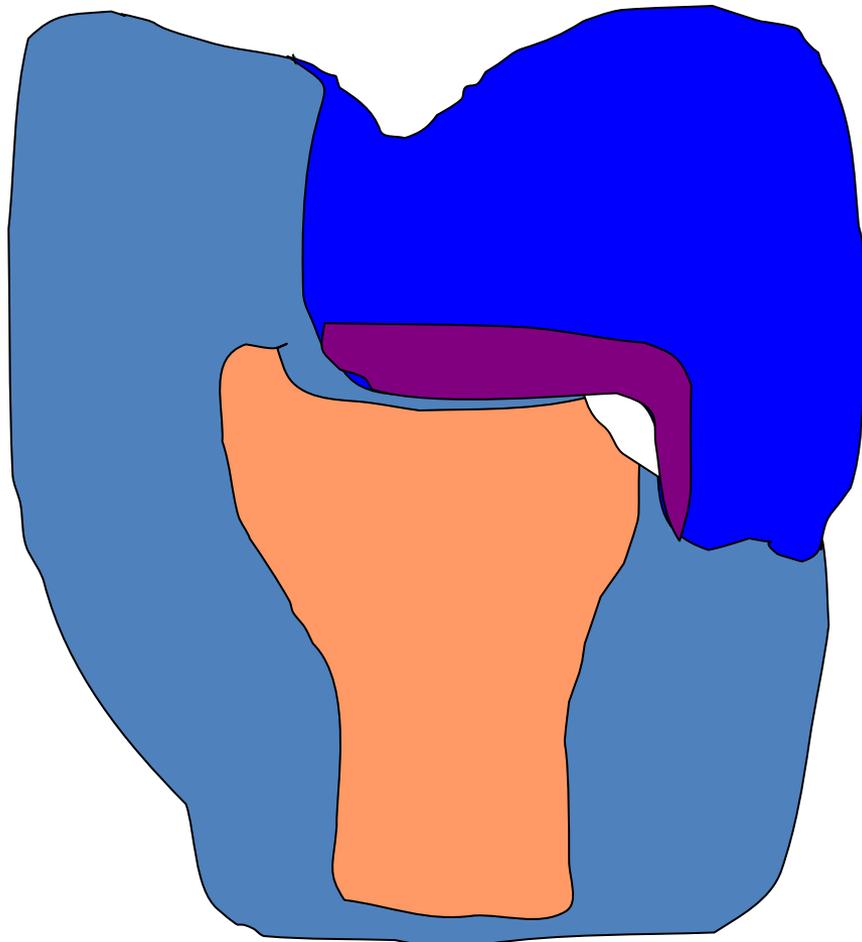
# Intermittent excavation



Larger amount of  
carious dentine left  
Calcium hydroxide suspension  
Temporary filling  
6 weeks  
Final excavation afterwards  
Permanent filling

We expect improvement of  
tertiary dentin formation,  
deseccation of carious dentine

# Direct pulp capping



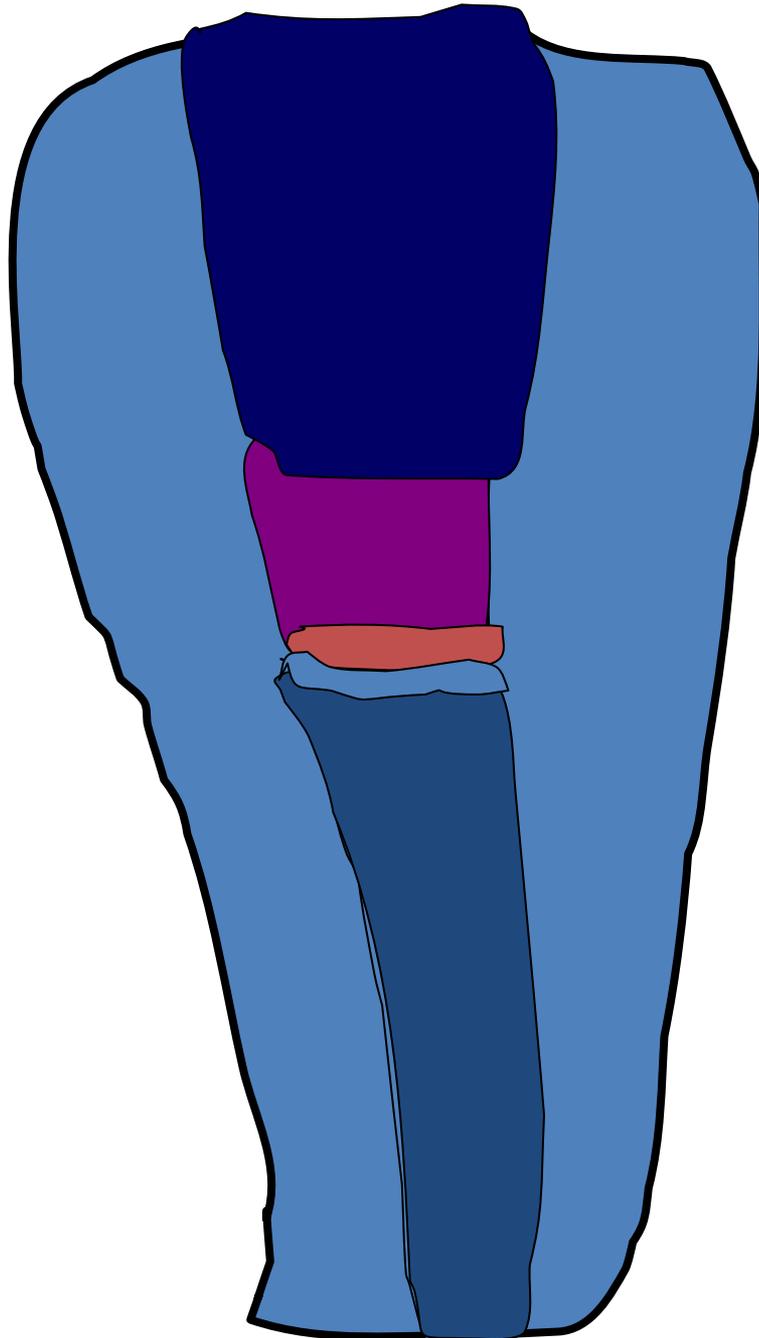
Directly on dental  
pulp  
Very small  
perforation  
surrounded with non  
carious dentine  
Calcium hydroxide  
Base filling

Dentin bridge is  
formed

# Dentin bridge

- Rests of calcium hydroxide
- Connective tissue
- Calcified connective tissue
- Dentin
- Predentin
- Odontoblasts





**Pulpotomy -**  
**Coronal**  
**- partial**  
**- Total**

**Deep – inside root canal**

**Calcium hydroxide,**  
**Base,**  
**Permanent filling**

**Dentin bridge is formed**

# Phases of the endodontic treatment

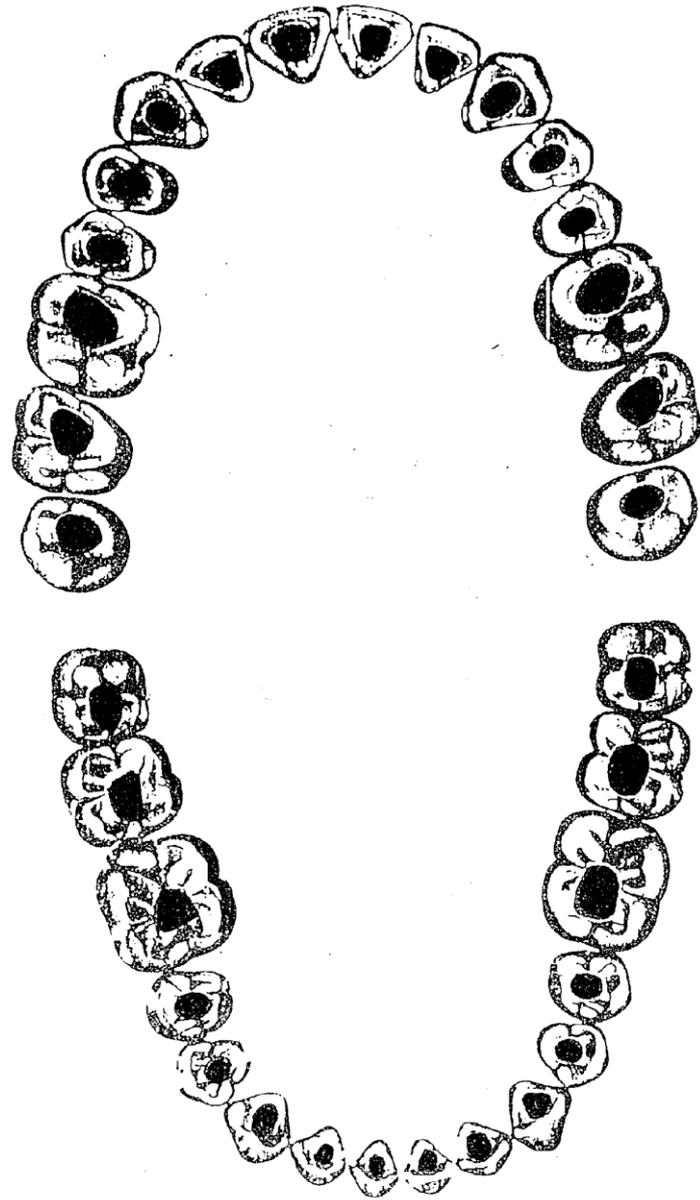
- **Investigation, diagnostic radiogram, consideration ( local, regional, systemic factors)**
- **Preendo: Removal of old fillings, carious dentin, temporary restoration – contour of the tooth.**
- **Dry operating field**
- **Preparation of the access (endodontic cavity)**

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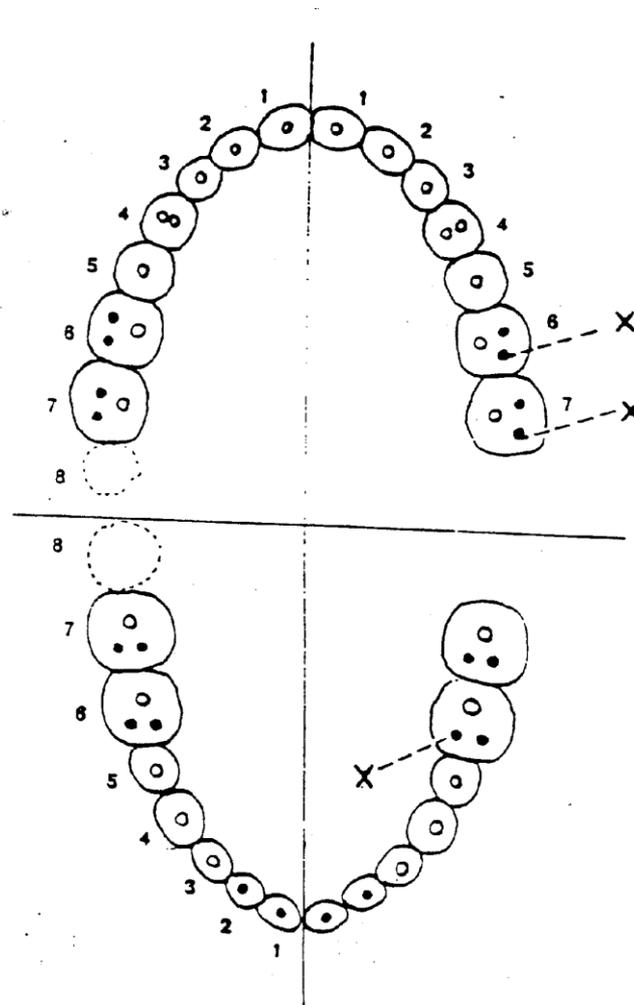
- **Opening of root canals**
- **Initial flaring and removal of content of root canal**
- **WL (working length)**
- **Root canal shaping and cleaning (irrigation)**
- **Recapitulation, final irrigation**
- **Drying**
- **Filling**
- **Radiogram**
- **Postendodontic treatment**

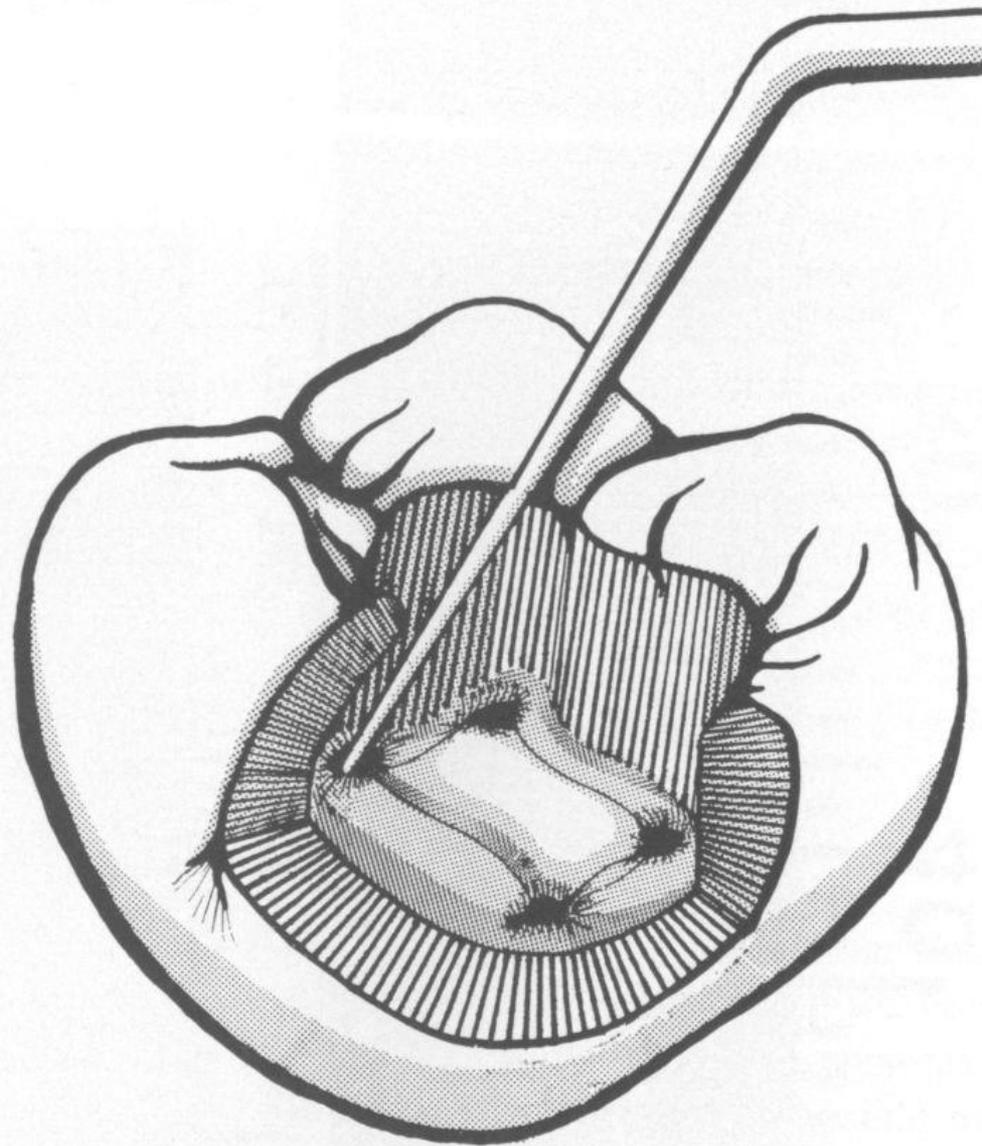
Access opening

Shapes of endo cavities

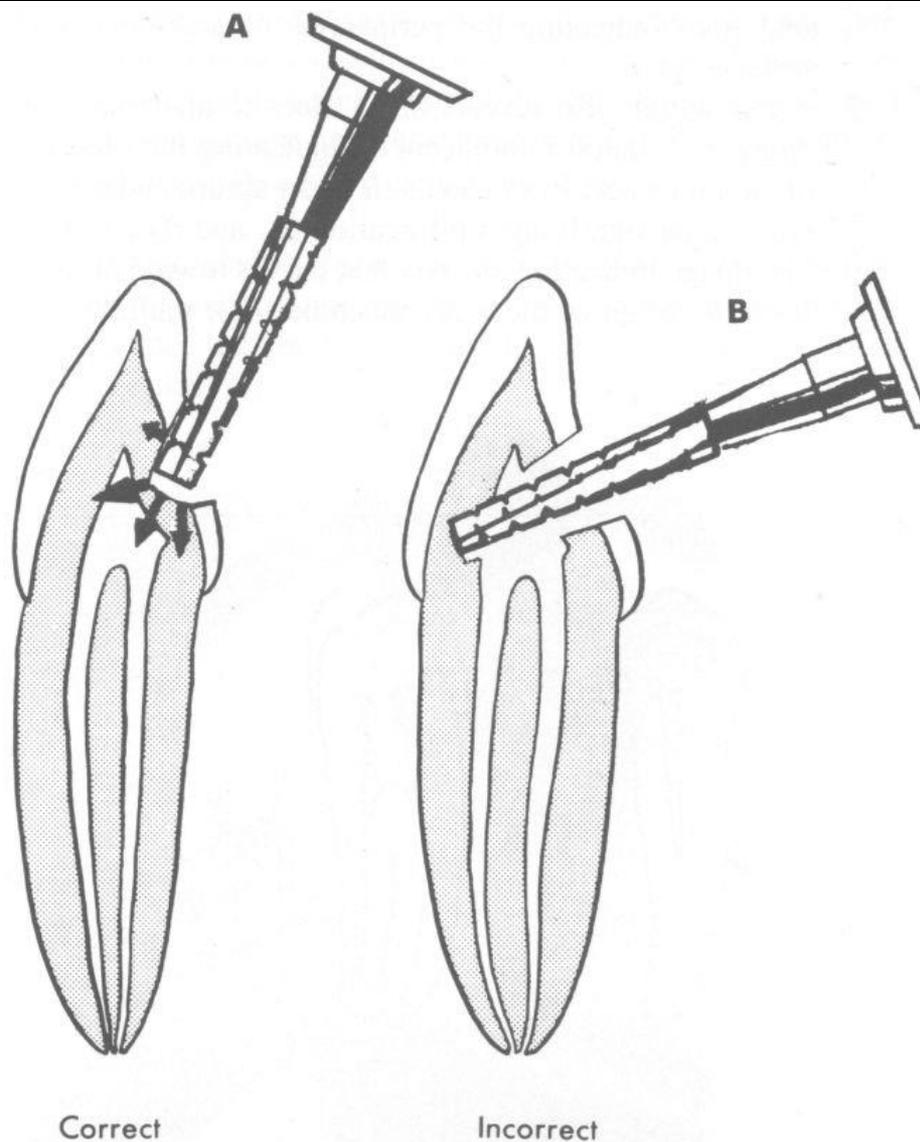


Number of root canals

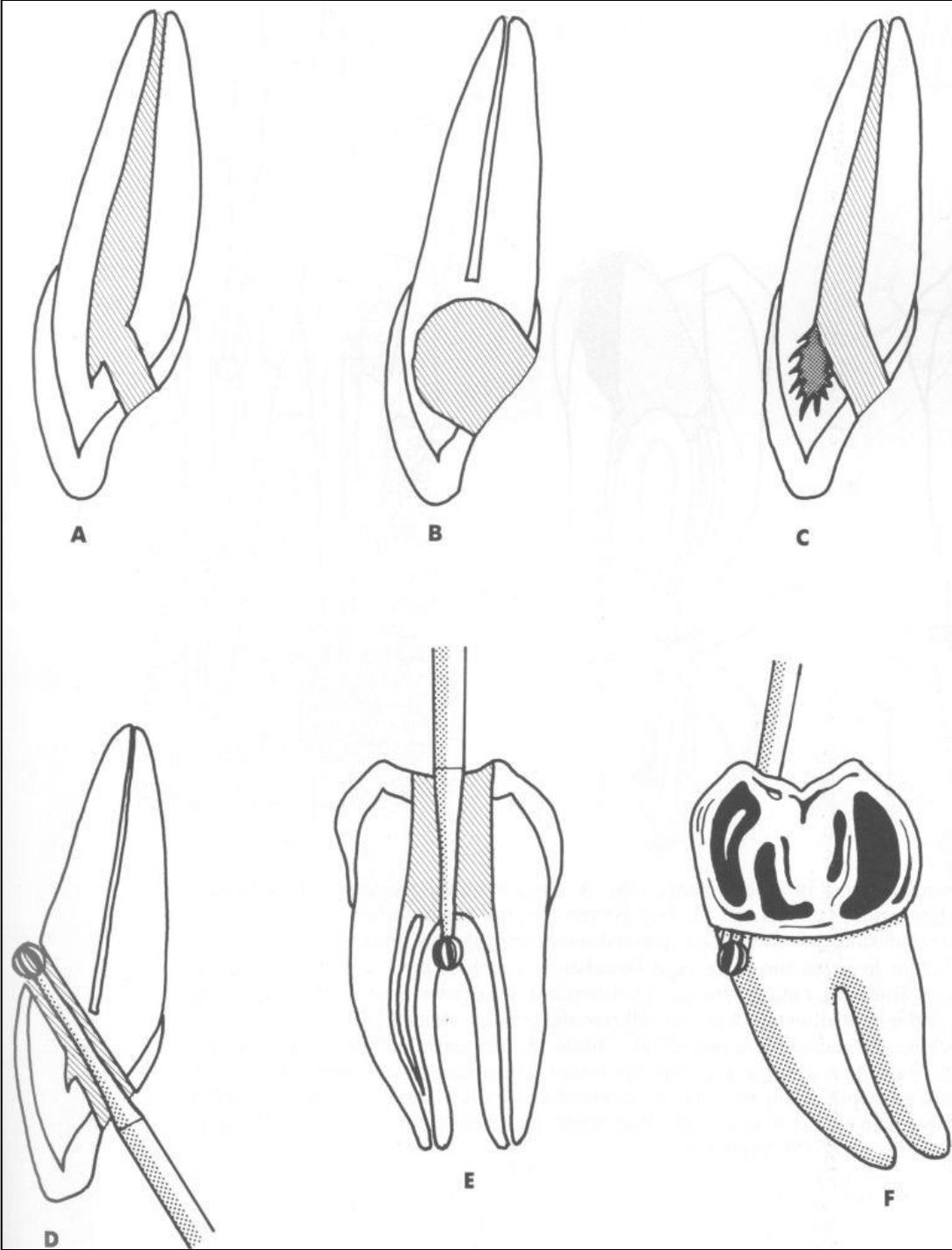




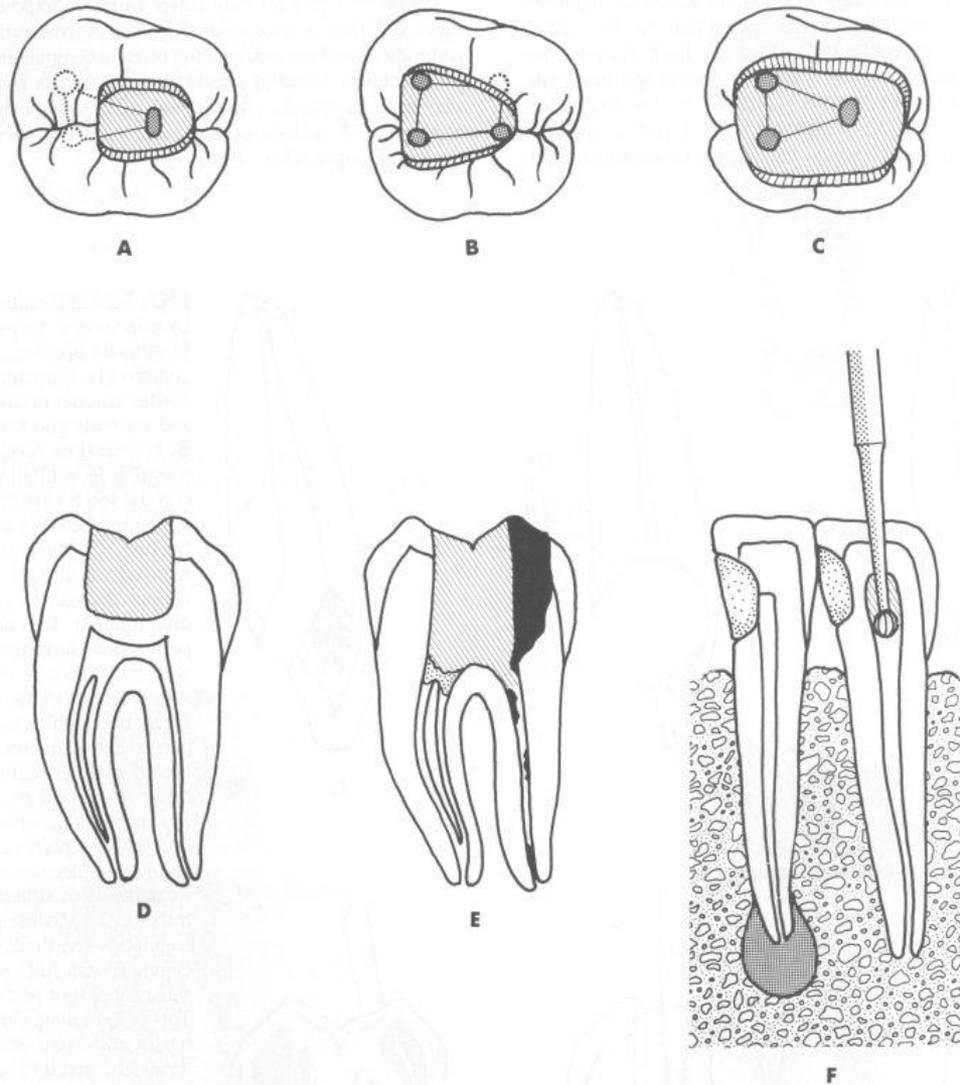
**FIG. 7-5** Indispensable in endodontic treatment, the endodontic pathfinder serves as an explorer to locate orifices, as an indicator of canal angulation, and often as a chipping tool to remove calcification.



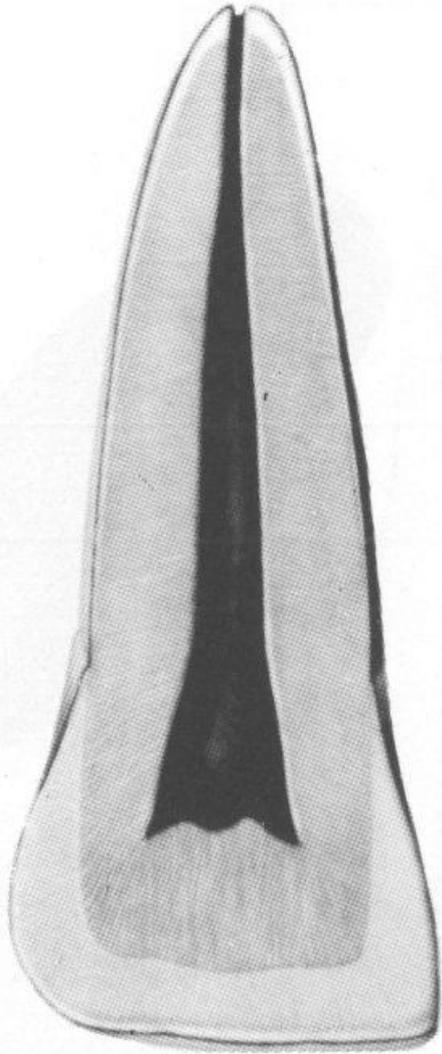
**FIG. 7-6 A**, Sweeping motion in a slightly downward lingual-to-labial direction (*arrows*), until the chamber is engaged, to obtain the best access to the lingual canal. **B**, Incorrect approach: directing the end-cutting bur in a straight lingual-to-labial direction. Mutilation of tooth structure and perforation will be the result in this small and narrow incisor.



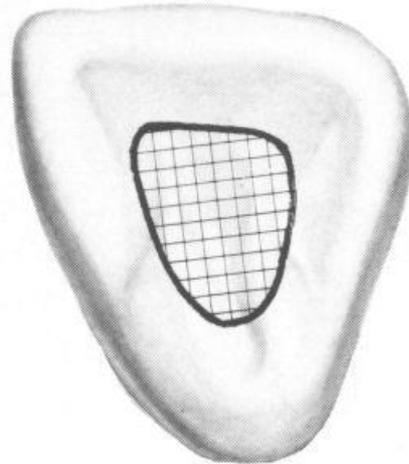
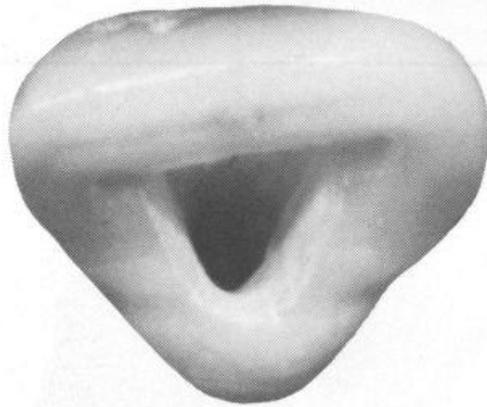
**FIG. 7-30** Difficulties created by poor access preparation. **A**, Inadequate opening, which compromises instrumentation, invites coronal discoloration, and prevents good obturation. **B**, Overzealous tooth removal, resulting in mutilation of coronal tooth structure and weakening leading to coronal fracture. **C**, Inadequate caries removal, resulting in future carious destruction and discoloration. **D**, Labial perforation (lingual perforation with intact crowns is all but impossible in incisors). Surgical repair is possible, but permanent disfigurement and periodontal destruction will result. **E**, Furcal perforation of any magnitude, which (1) is difficult to repair, (2) causes periodontal destruction, and (3) weakens tooth structure, invites fracture. **F**, Misinterpretation of angulation (particularly common with full crowns) and subsequent root perforation. This is extremely difficult to repair; and even when it is repaired correctly, because it occurred in a difficult maintenance area the result is a permanent periodontal problem.



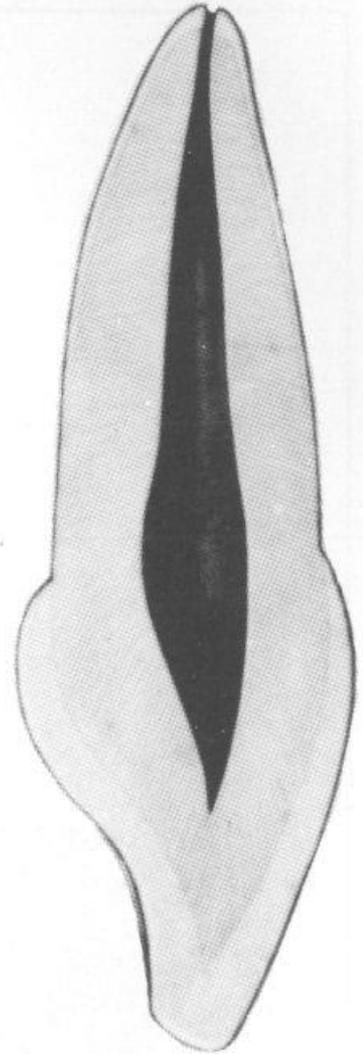
**FIG. 7-31** Common errors in access preparation. **A**, Poor access placement and inadequate extension, leaving orifices unexposed. **B**, Better extension but not including the fourth canal orifice. **C**, Overextension, which weakens coronal tooth structure and compromises final restoration. **D**, Failure to reach the main pulp chamber is a serious error unless the space is heavily calcified. Bitewing radiographs are excellent aids in determining vertical depth. **E**, An iatrogenic problem is allowing debris to fall into the orifices. Amalgam filings and dentin debris can block access and result in endodontic failure. **F**, The most embarrassing error, and the one with the most damaging medical-legal potential, is entering the wrong tooth. A common site of this mishap is teeth that appear identical coronally, and the simple mistake is placing the rubber dam on the wrong tooth. Beginning the access cavity *before* placement of the rubber dam helps avoid this problem.



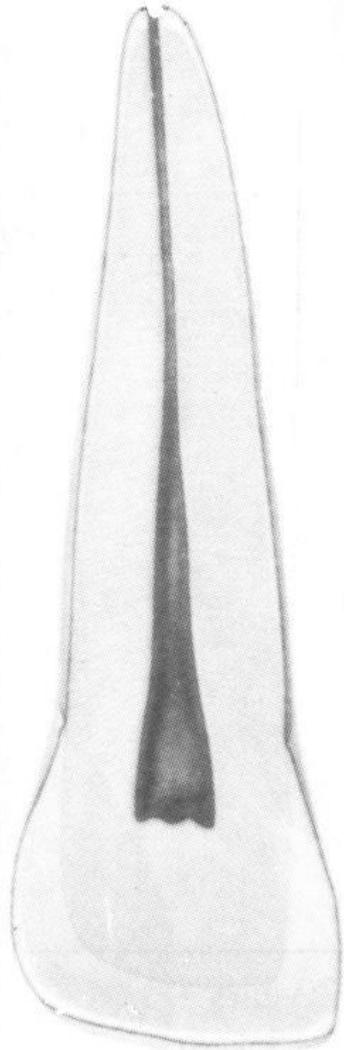
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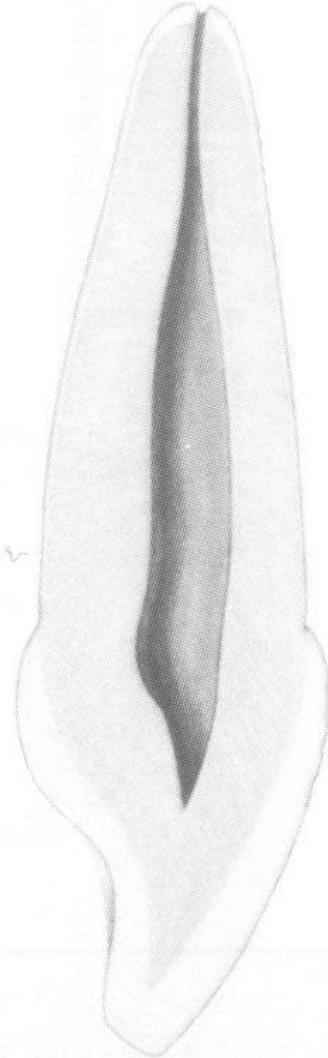
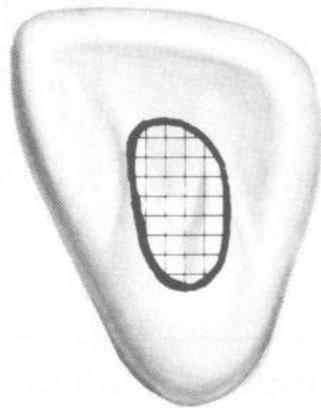
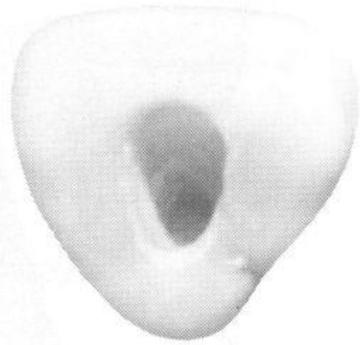
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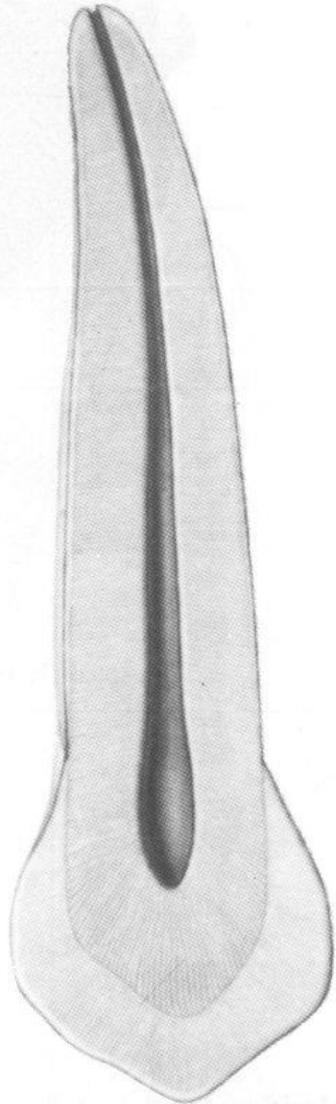
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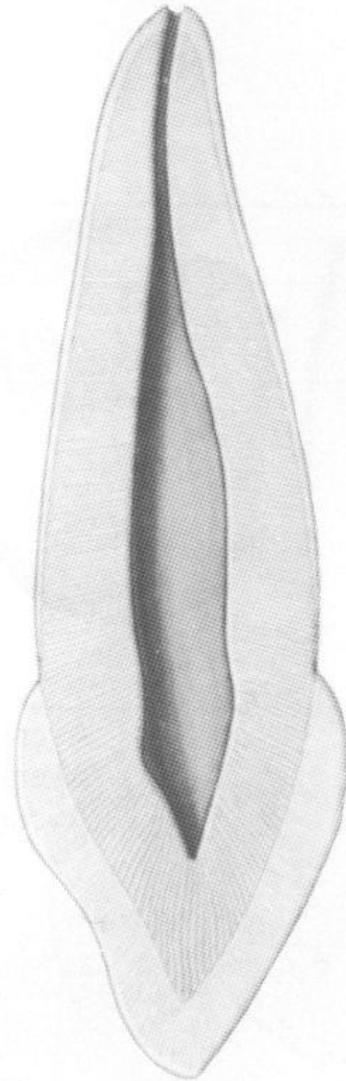
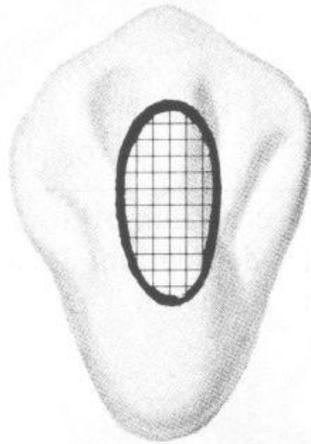
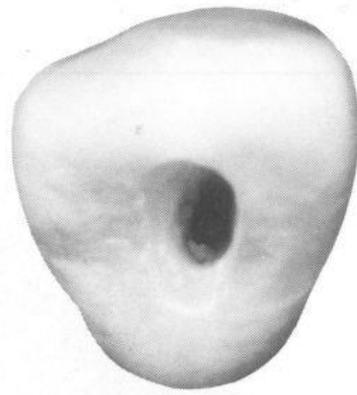
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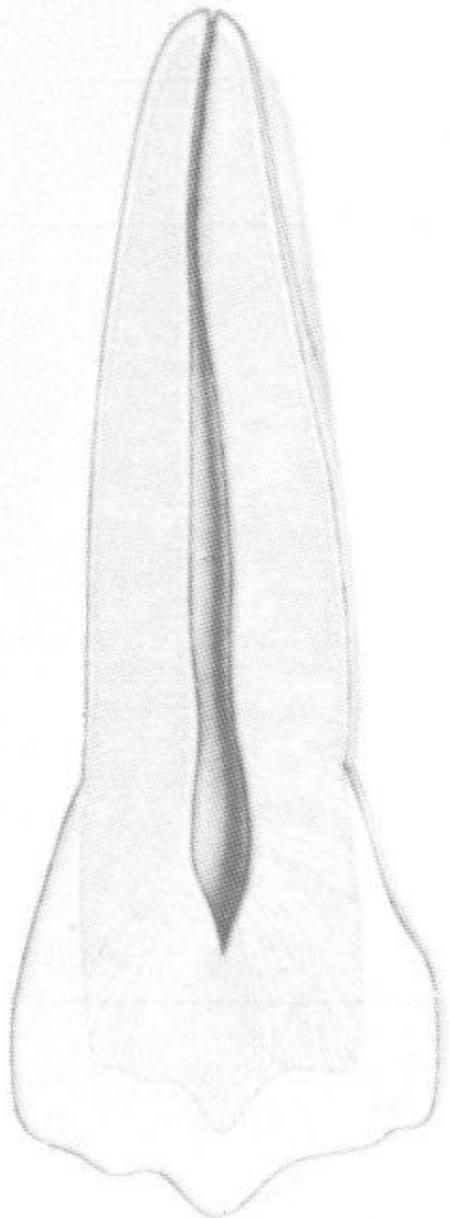
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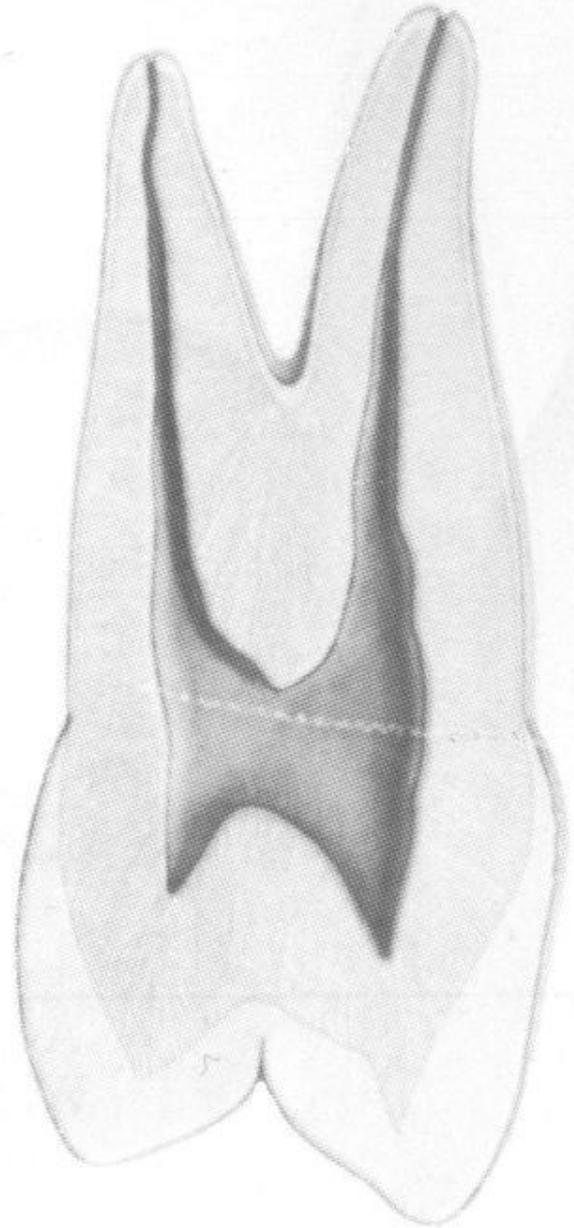
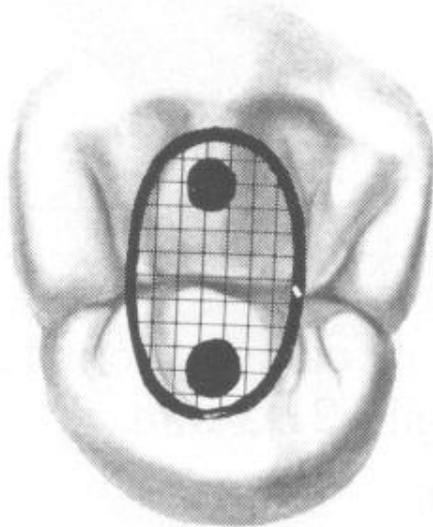
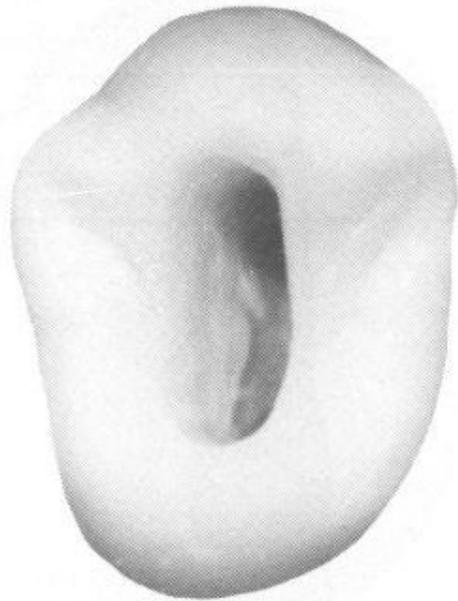
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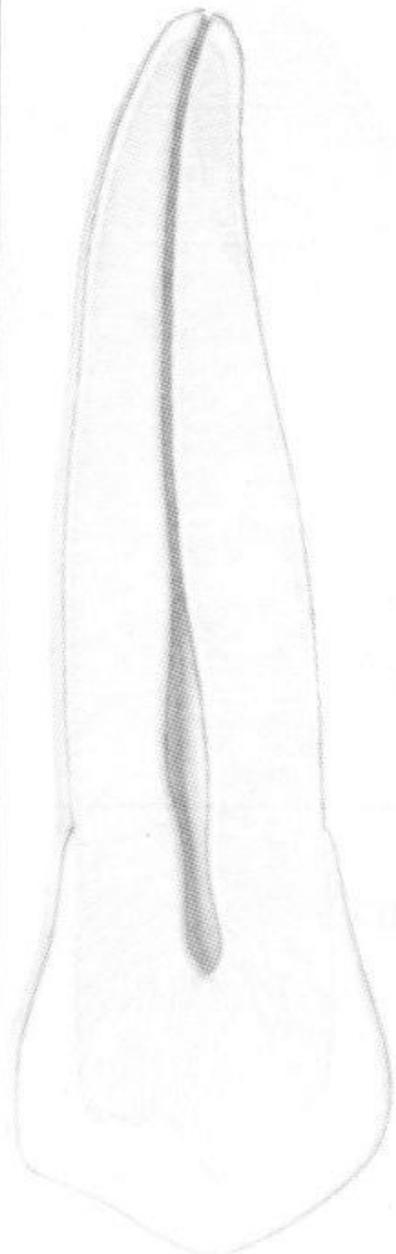
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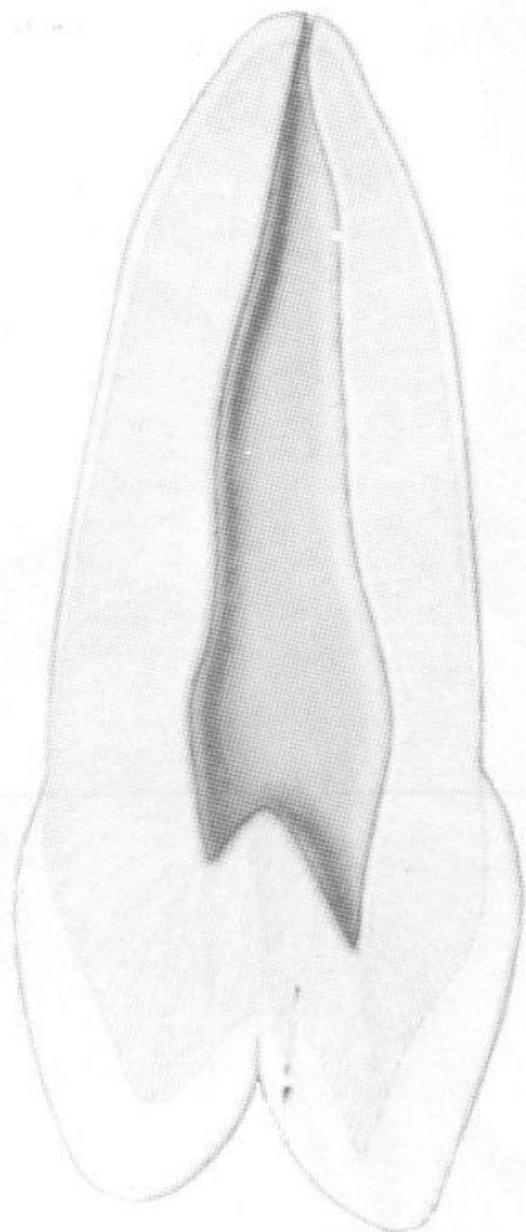
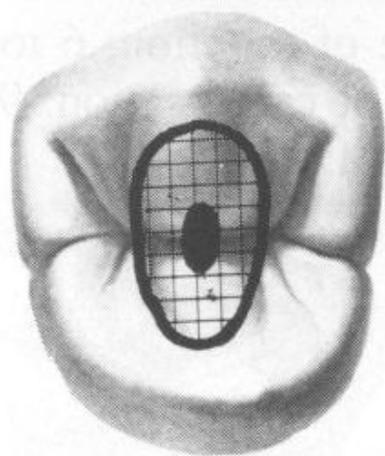
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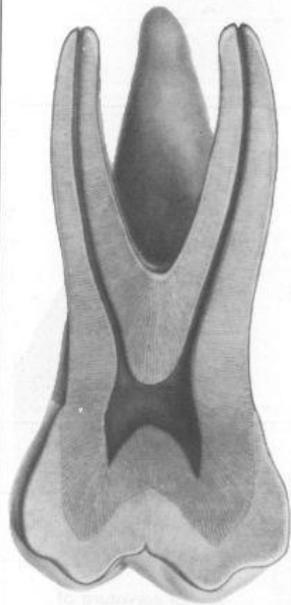
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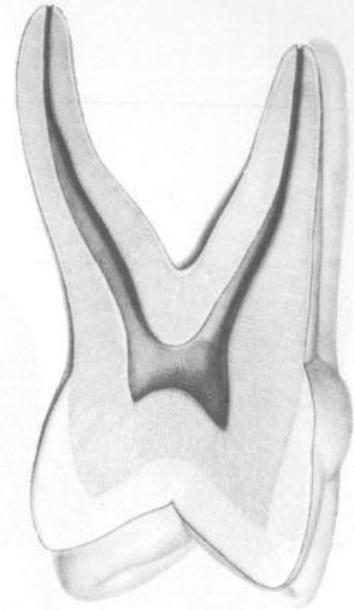
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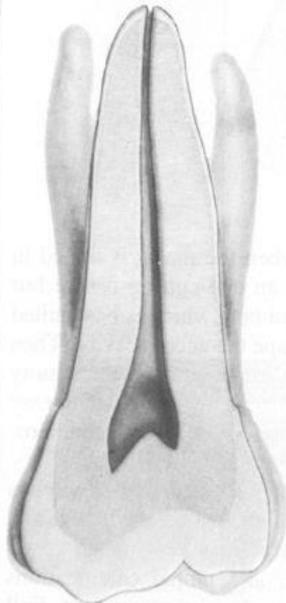
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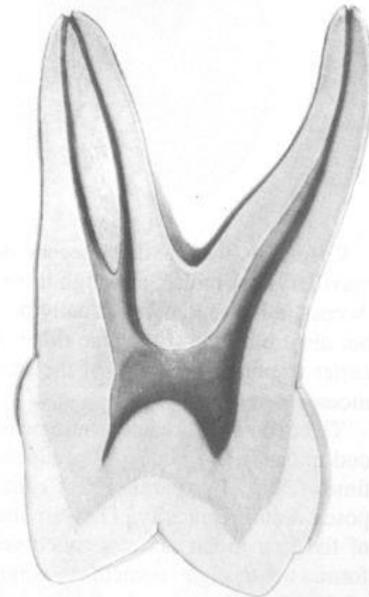
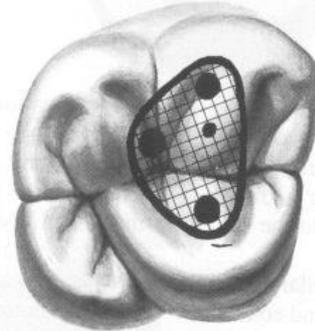
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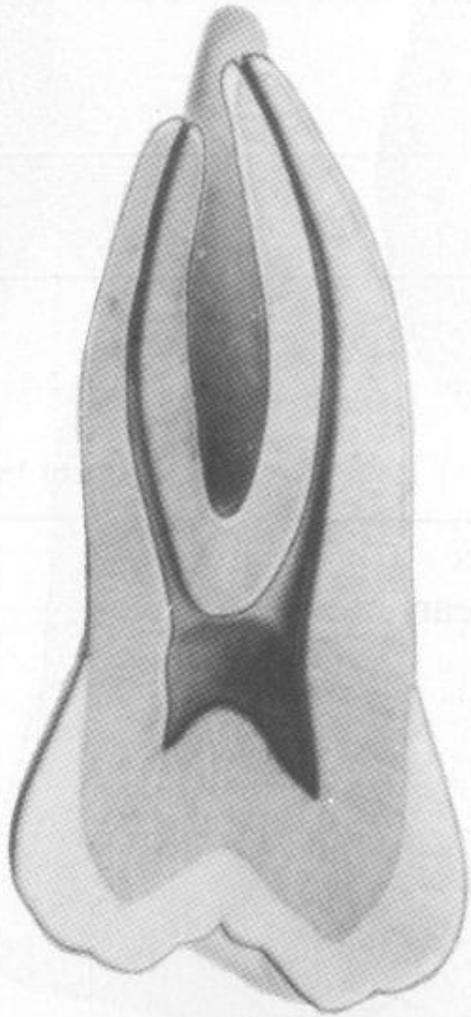
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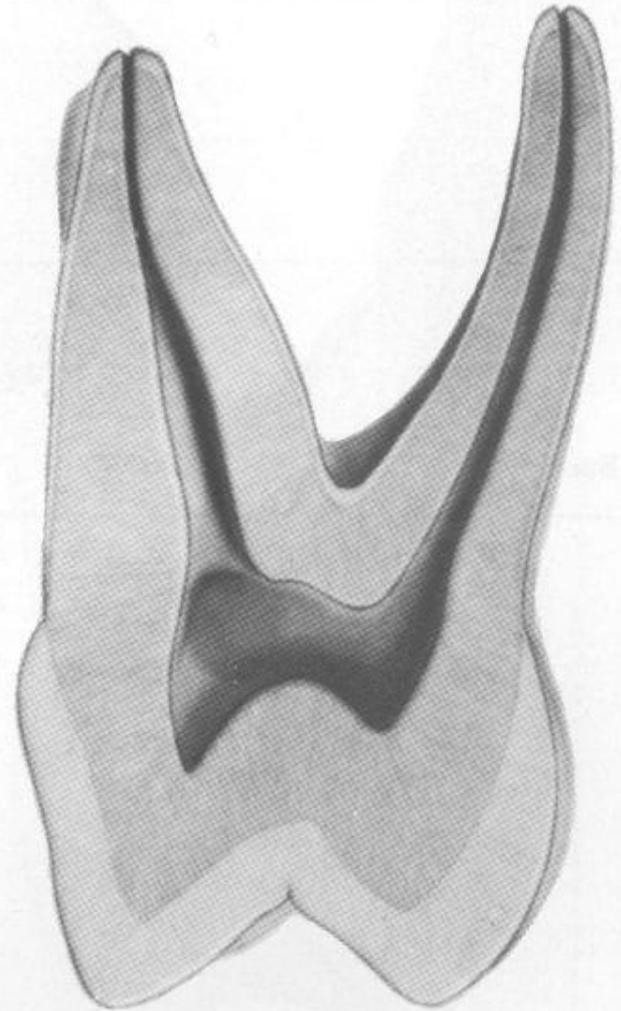
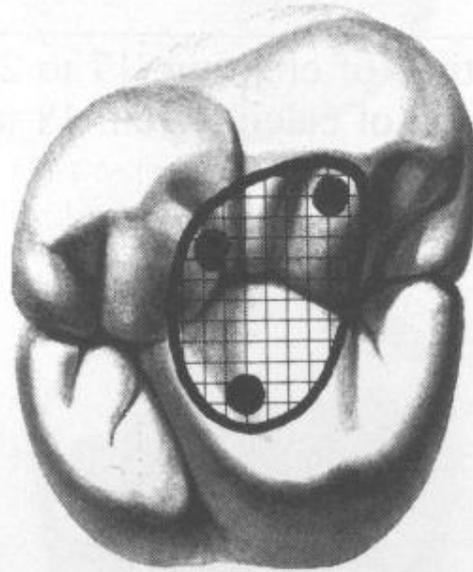
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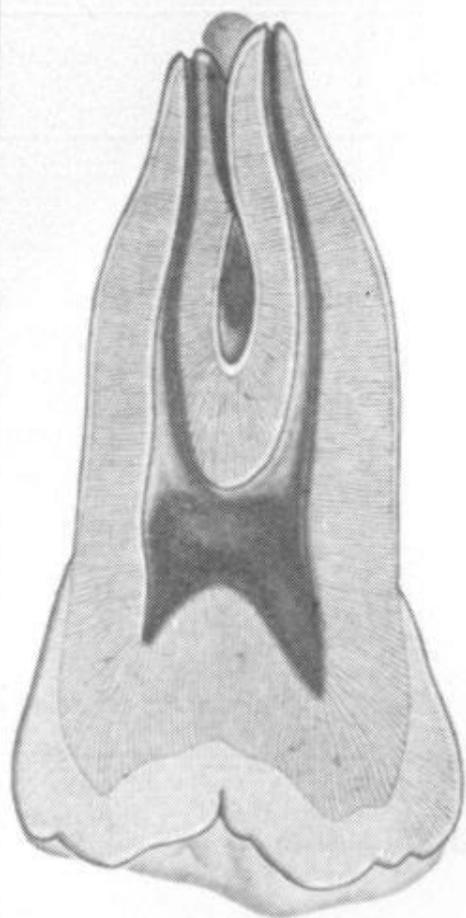
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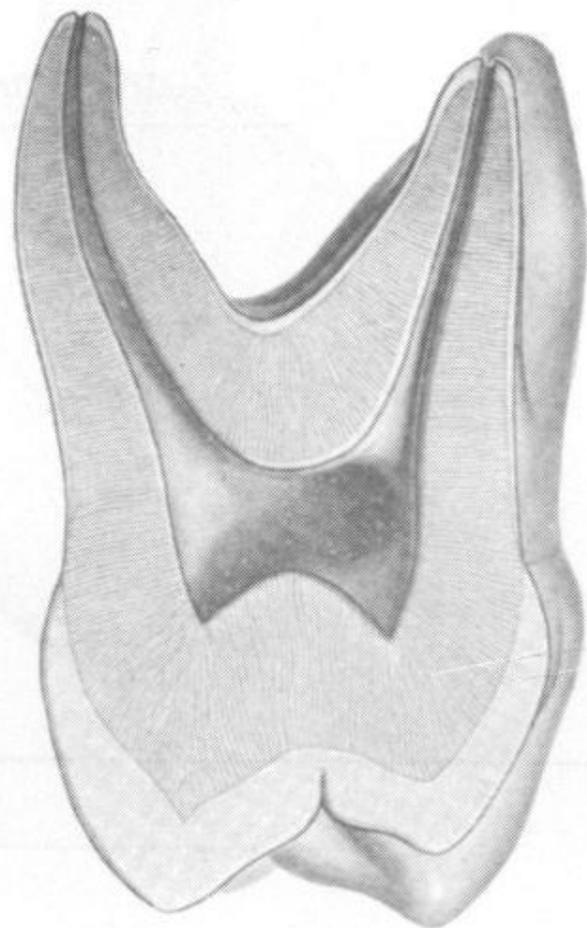
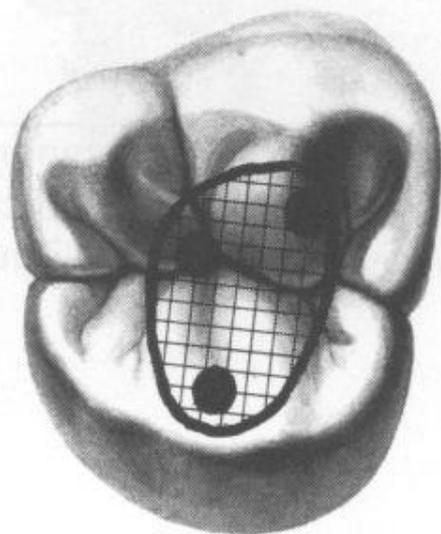
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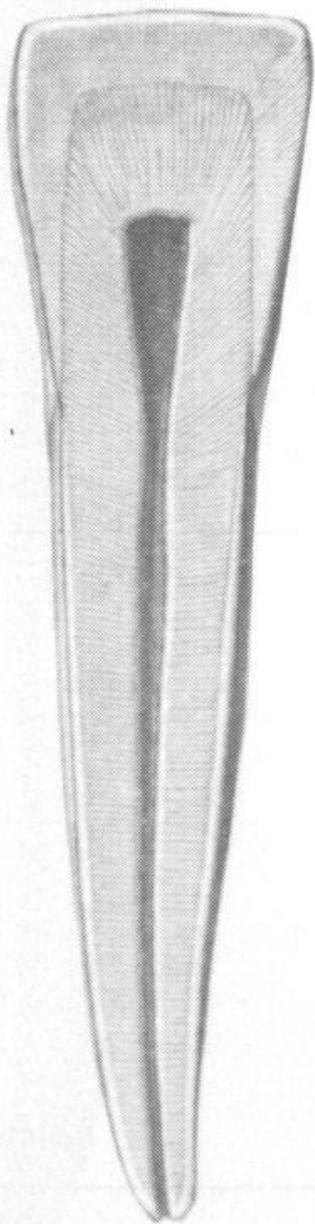
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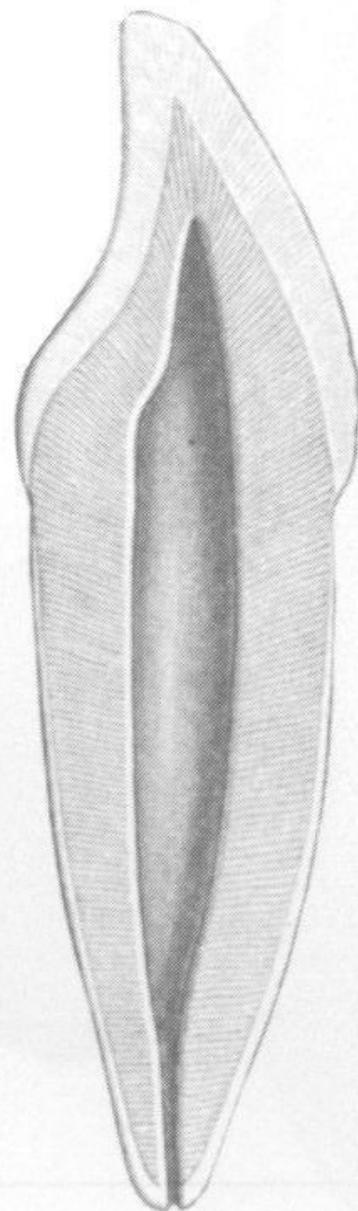
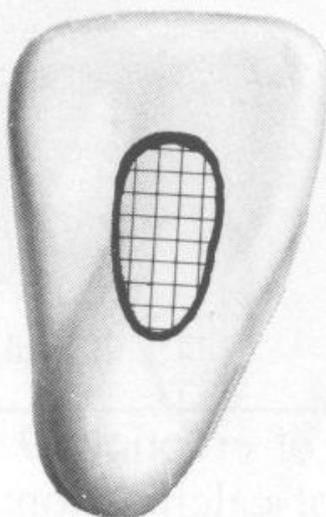
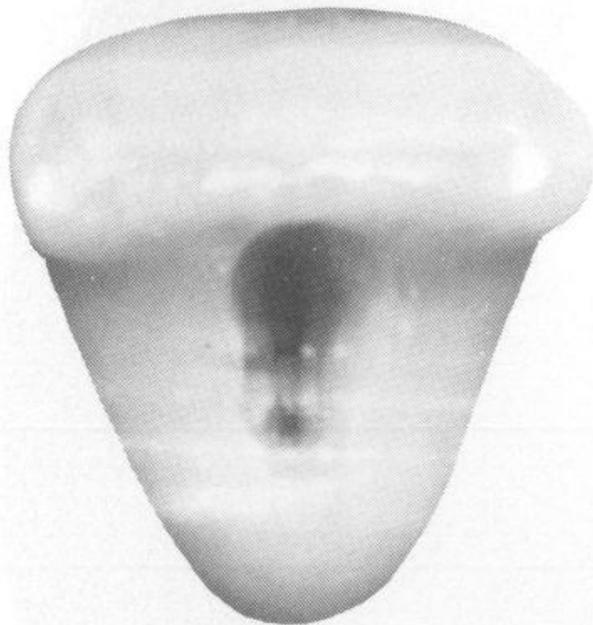
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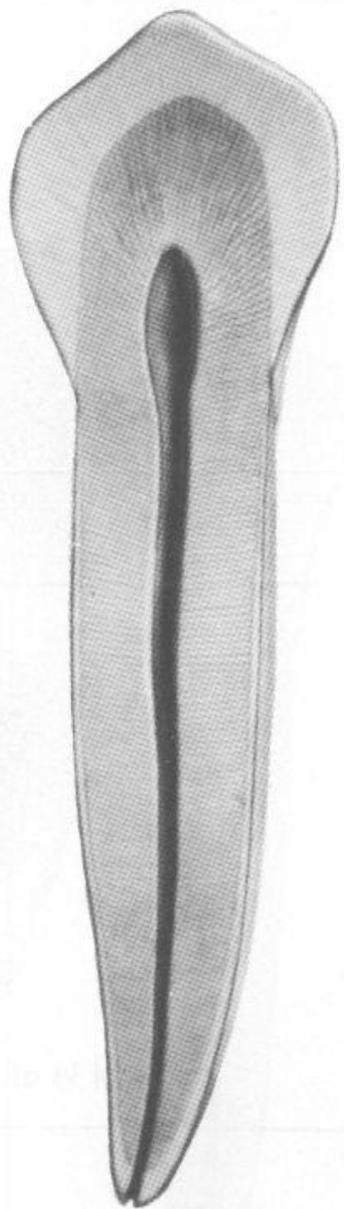
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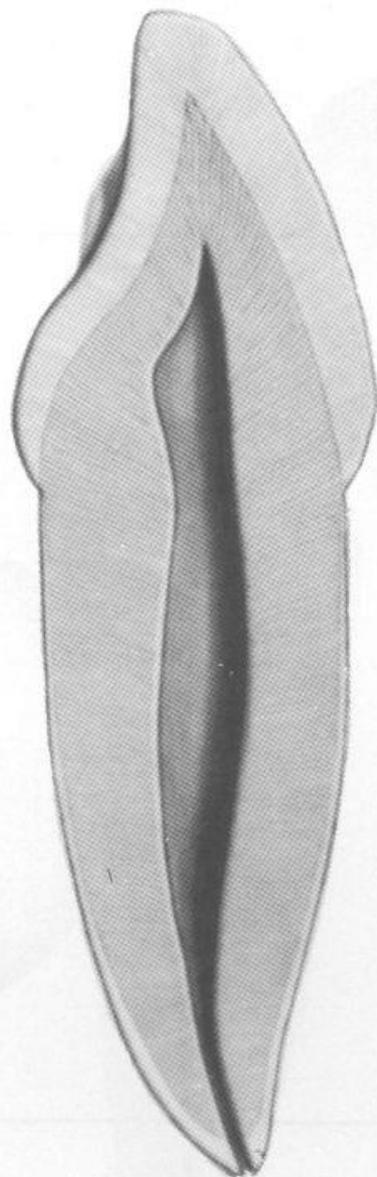
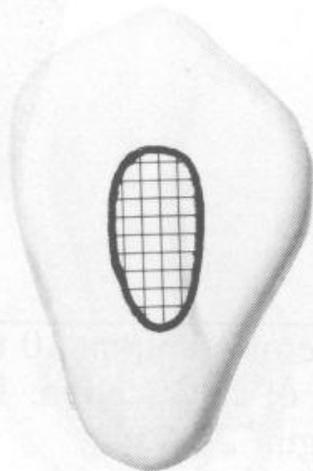
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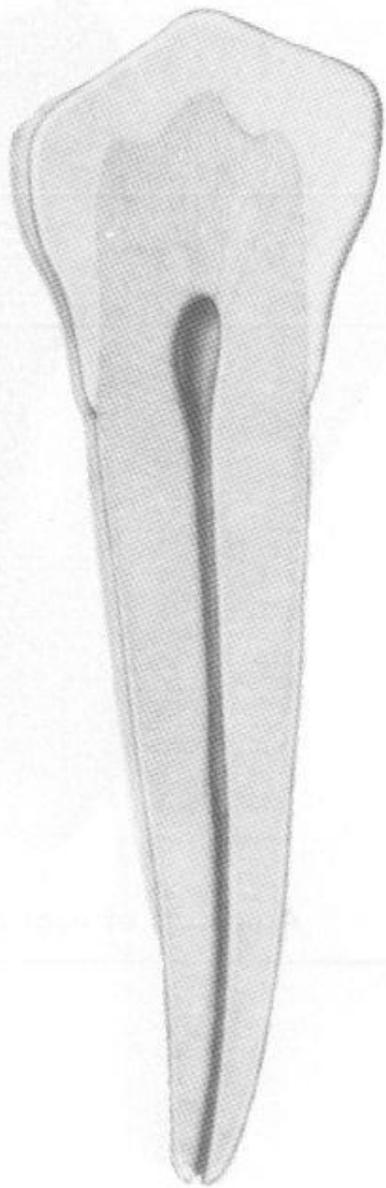
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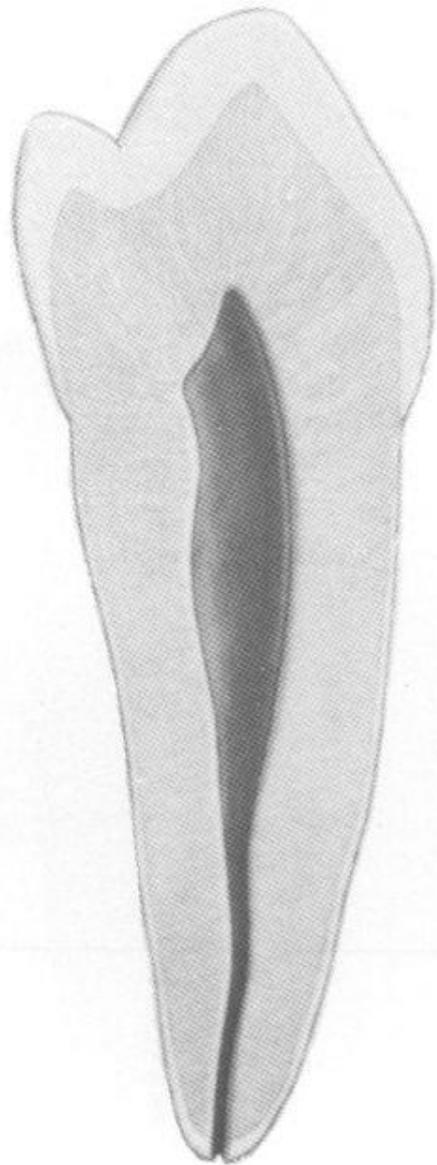
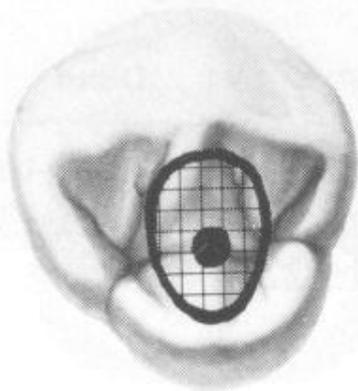
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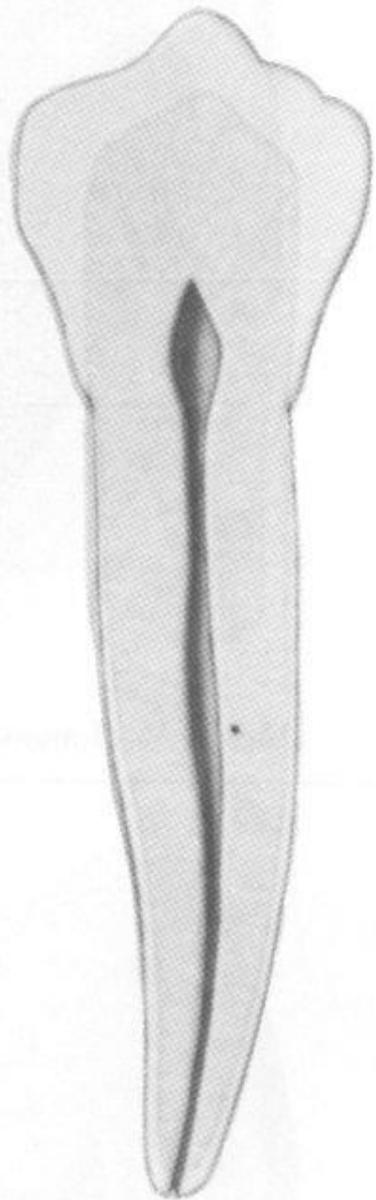
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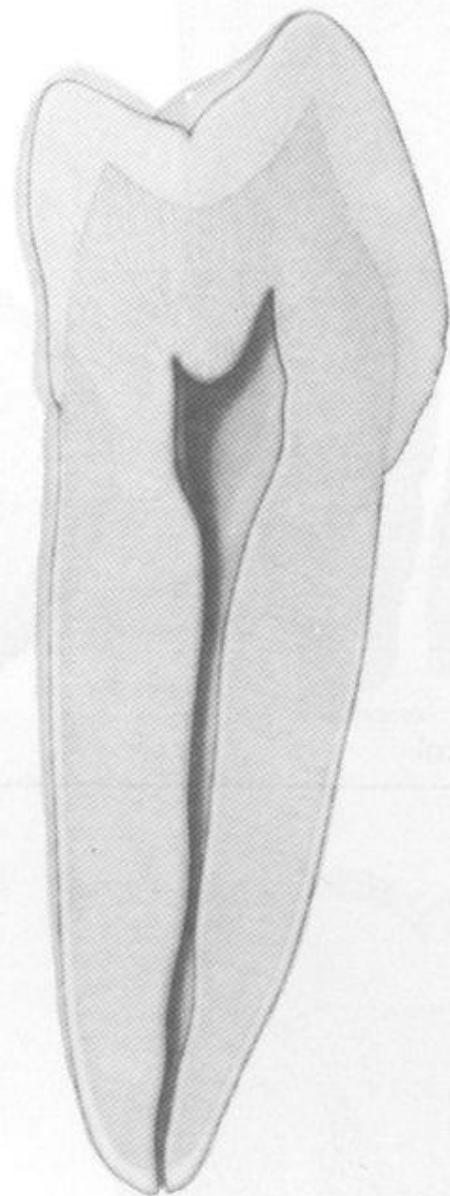
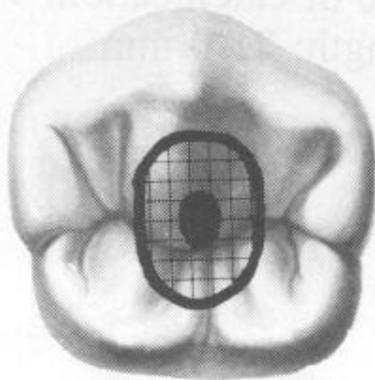
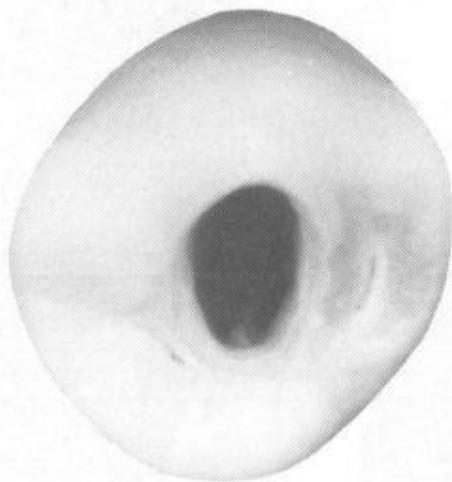
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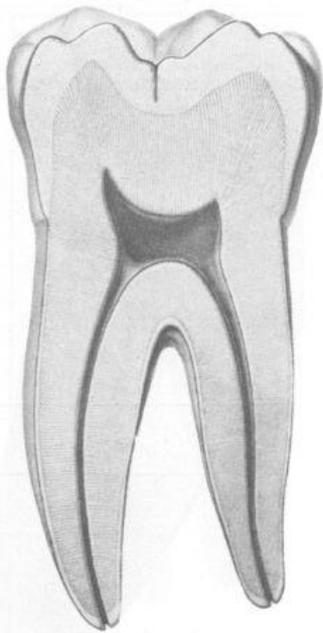
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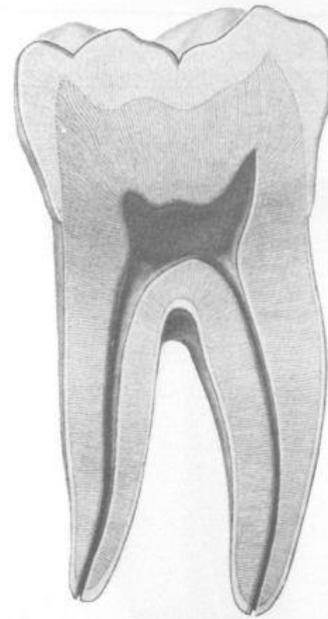
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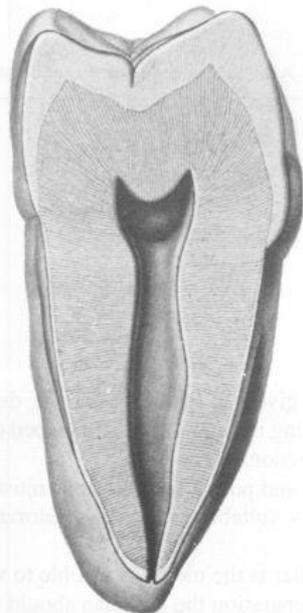
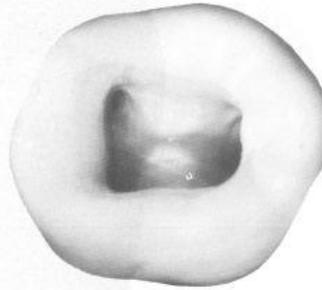
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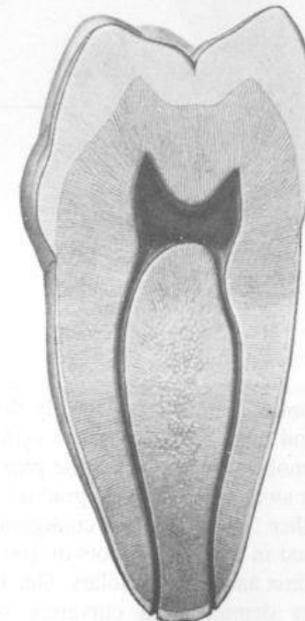
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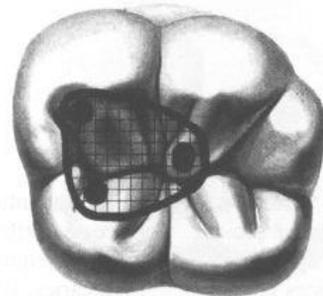
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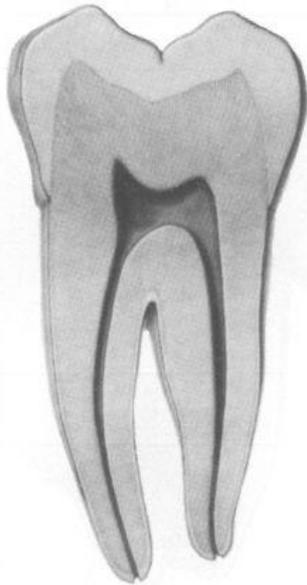
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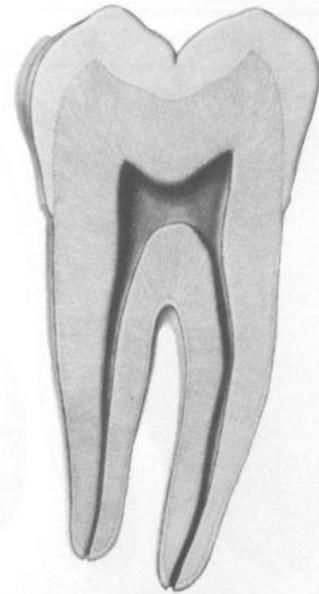
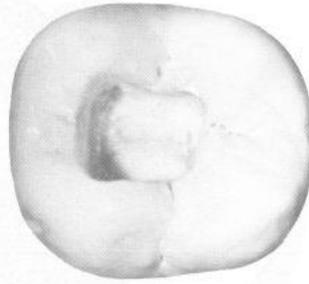
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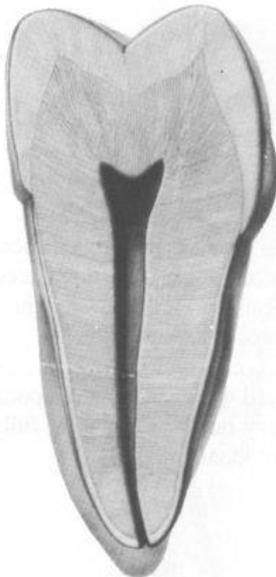
Average time of eruption, 11 to 13 years  
Average age of calcification, 14 to 16 years  
Average length, 19.8 mm



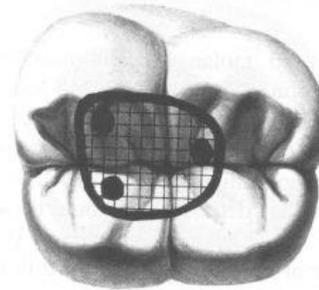
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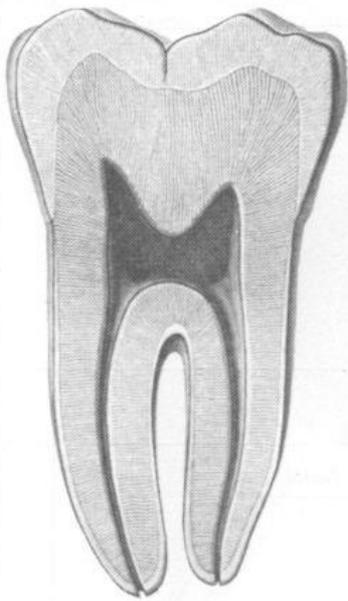
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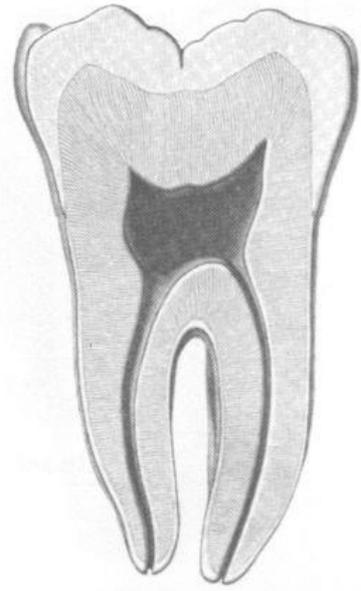
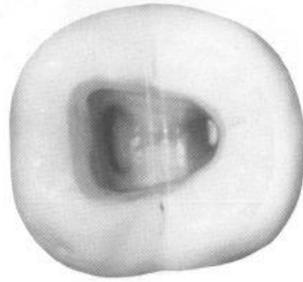
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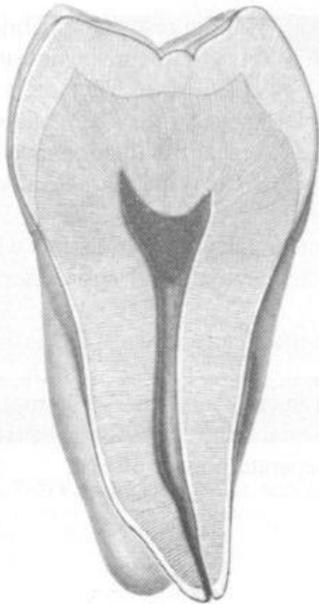
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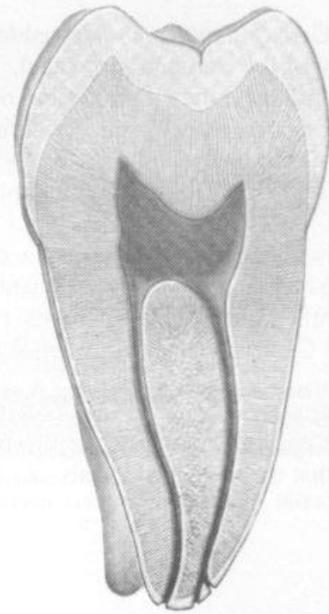
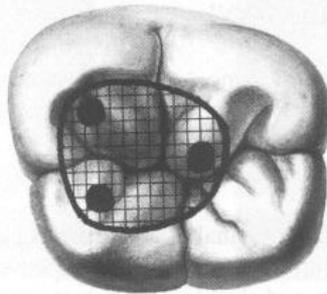
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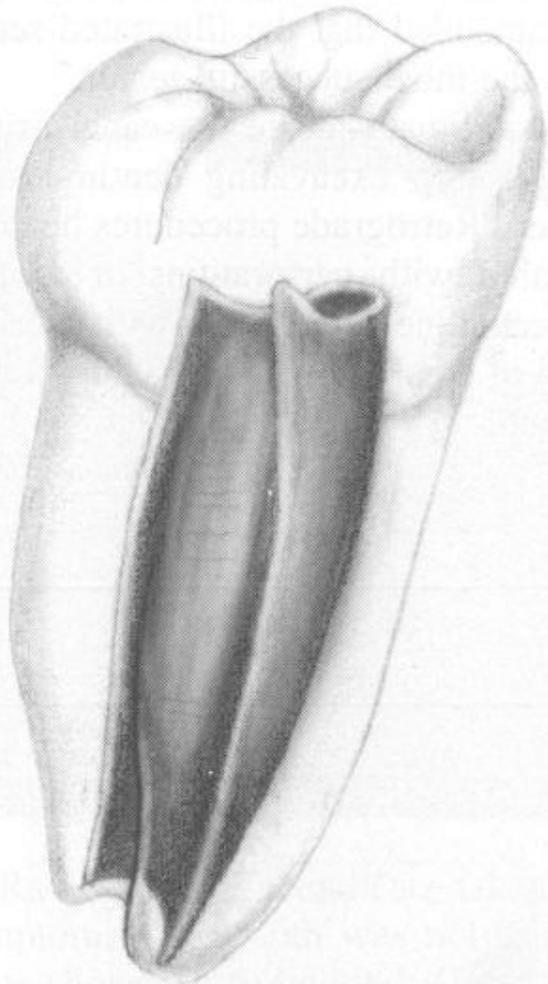
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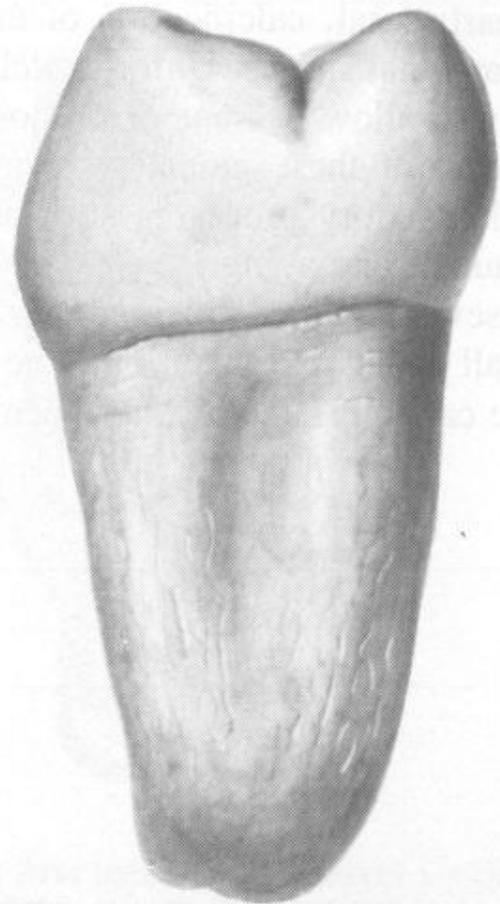
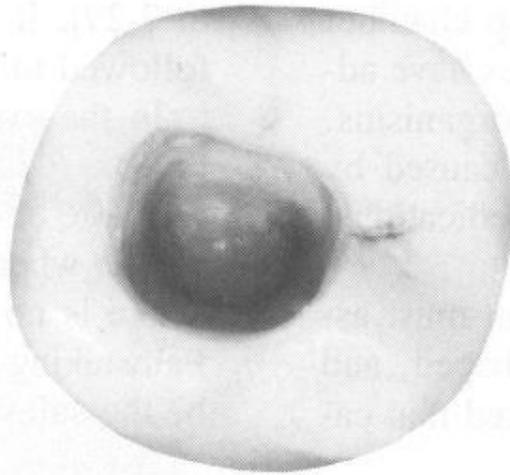
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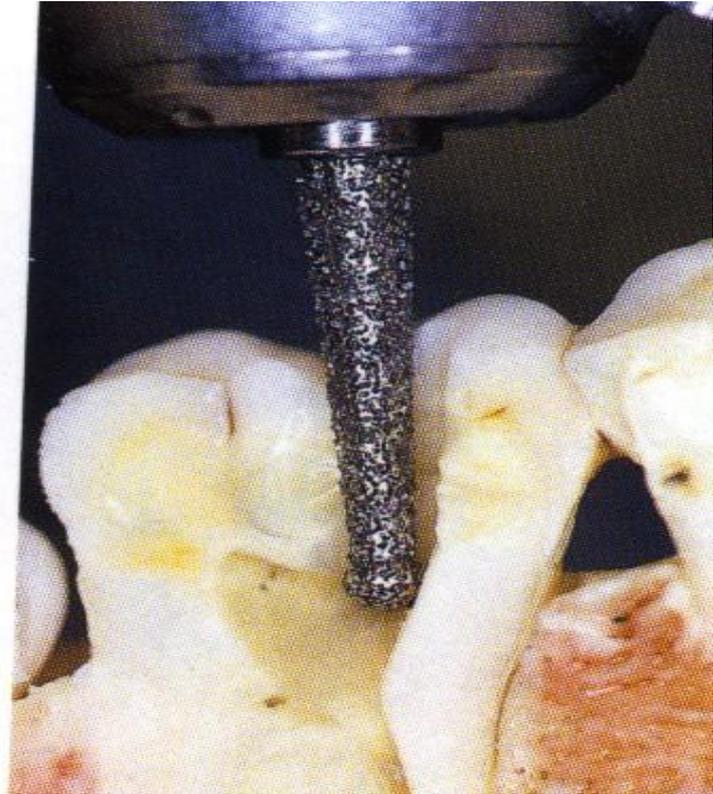
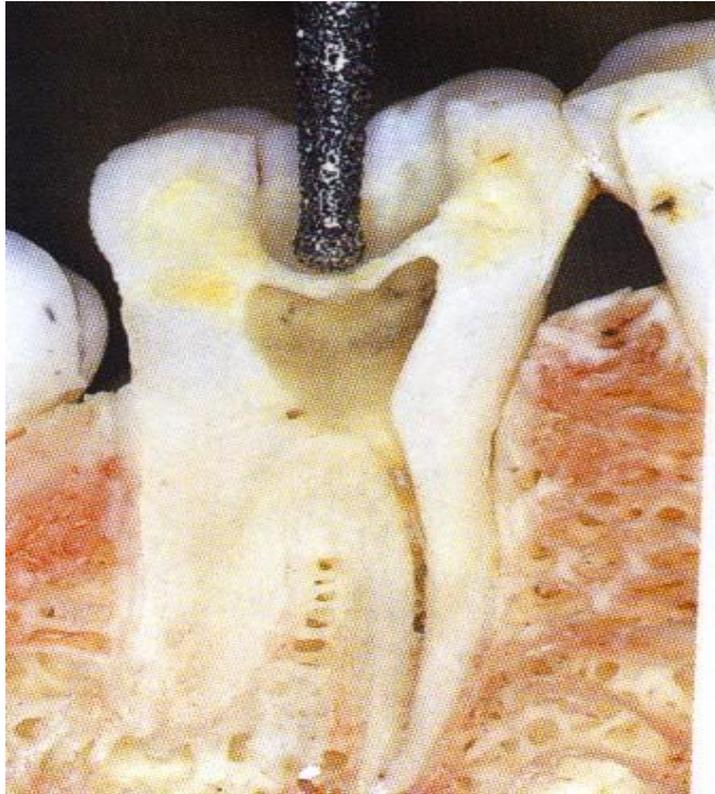


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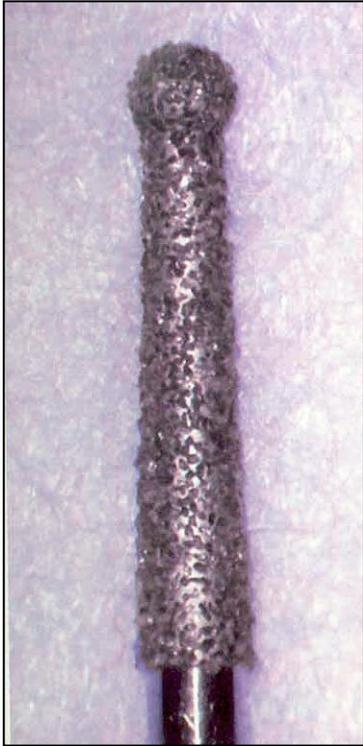


Distal

# Access



# Instruments



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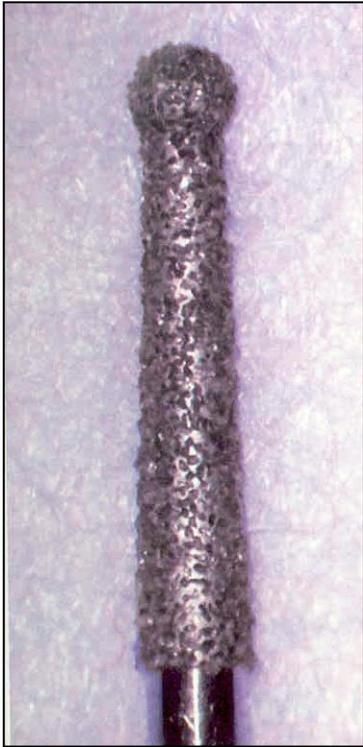


Dia balls



Ball burs

# Preparation of the endodontic cavity



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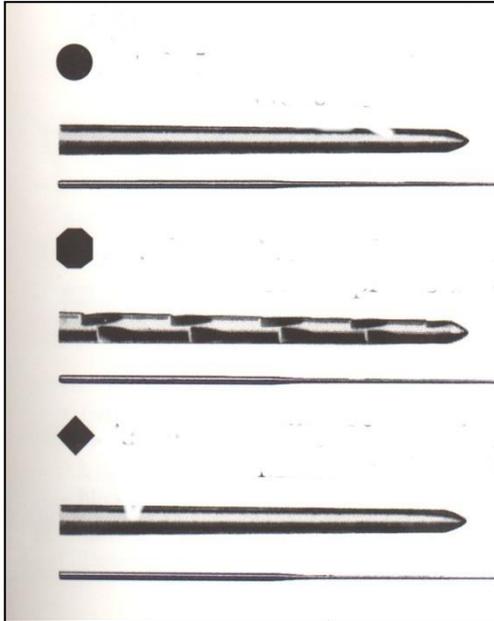


Safe ended tips  
Batt's instruments

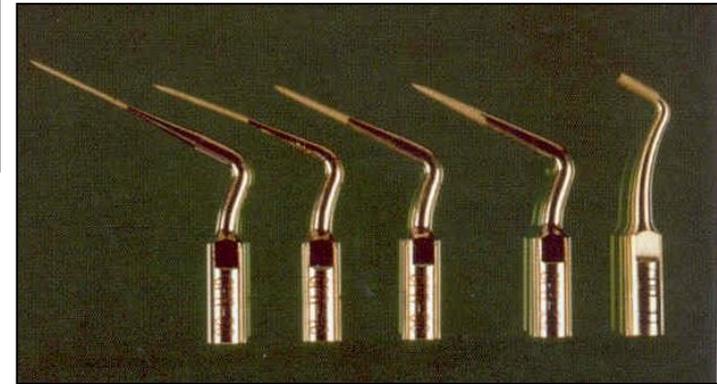


Fissur bur

# Endodontic probes



← Endodontic probes,  
microopeners



Ultrasound tips

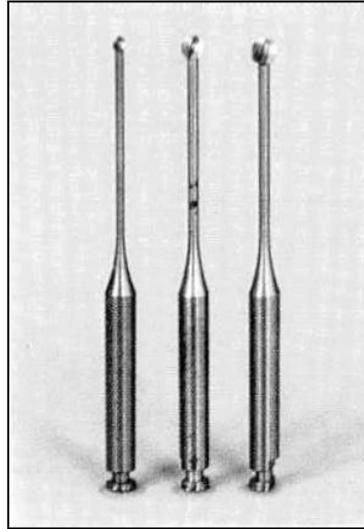


Dye

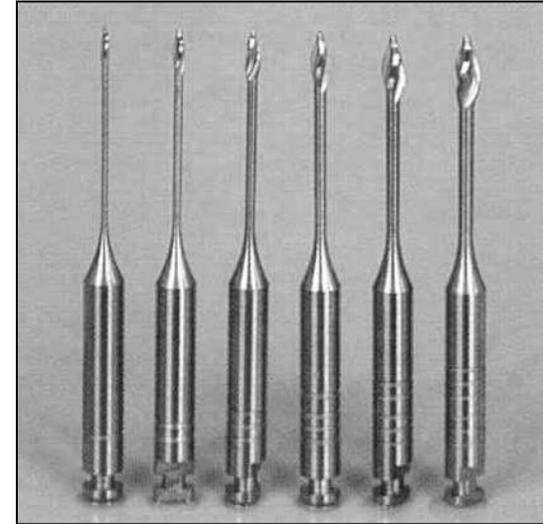
# Opening of root canals



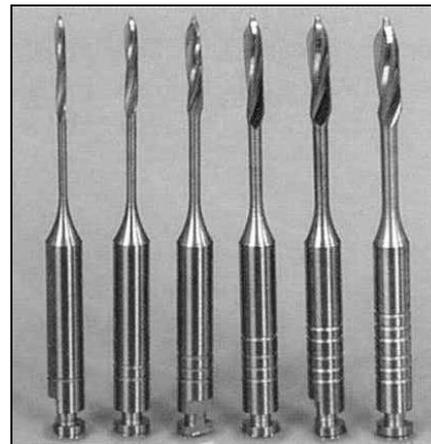
Ball burs



Miller's  
burs

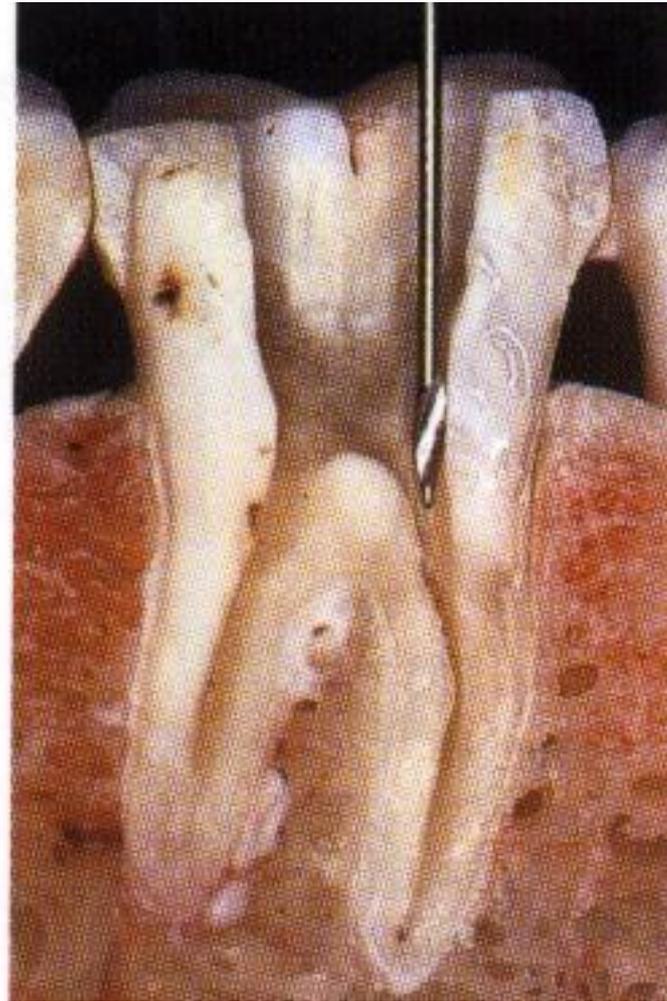
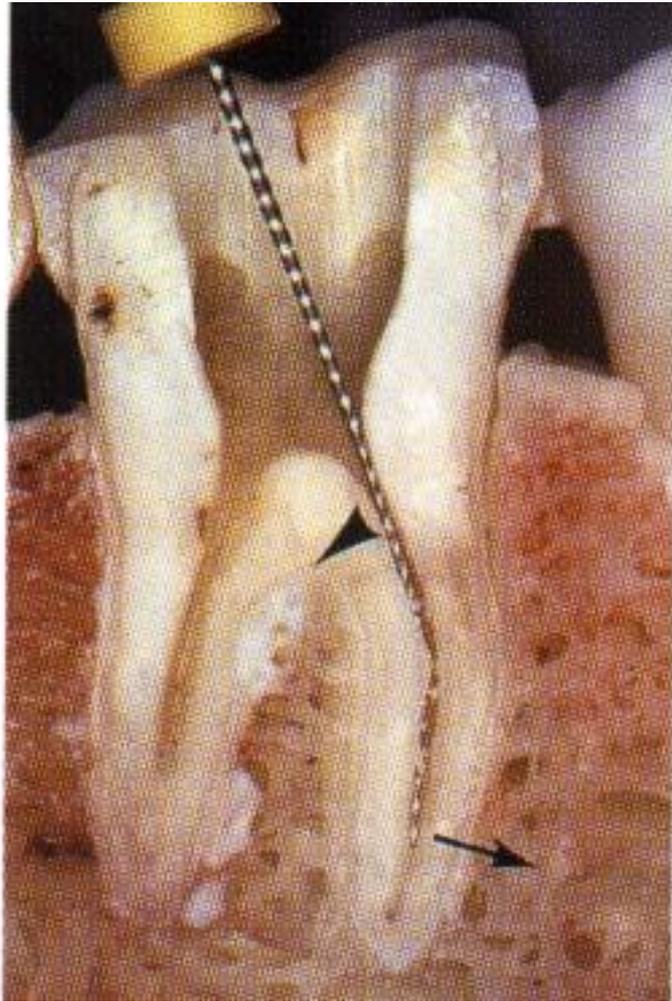


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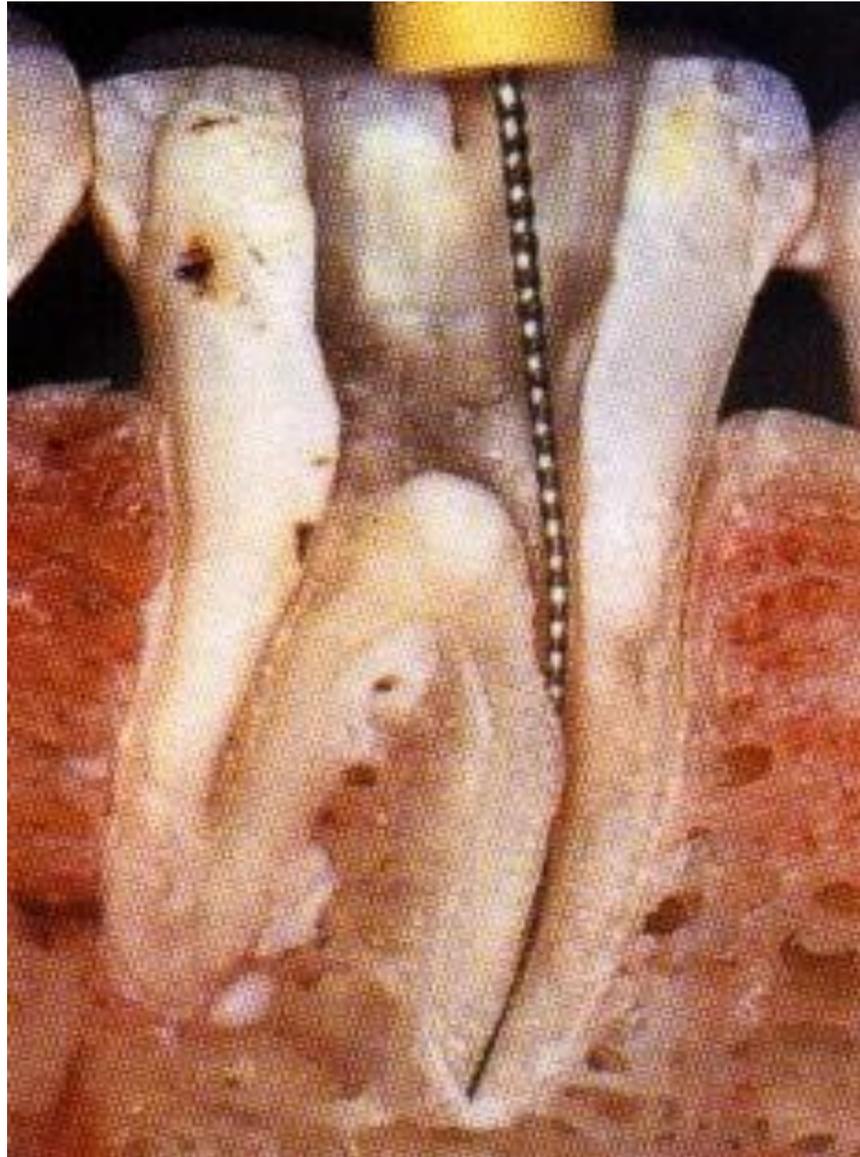


Peeso – Largo burs

# Opening of the root canal



Insertion of root canal instrument after opening the pulp chamber and root canal orifice



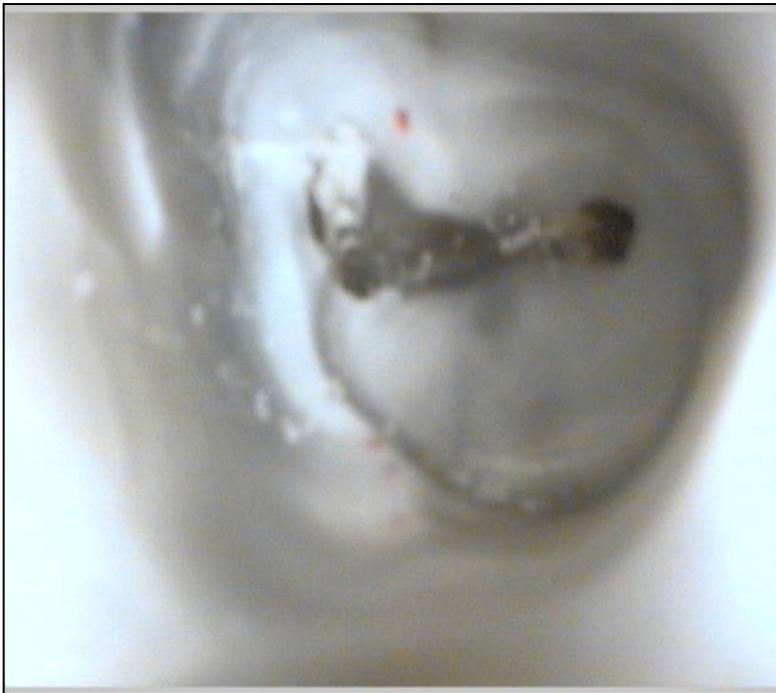


## Access kits

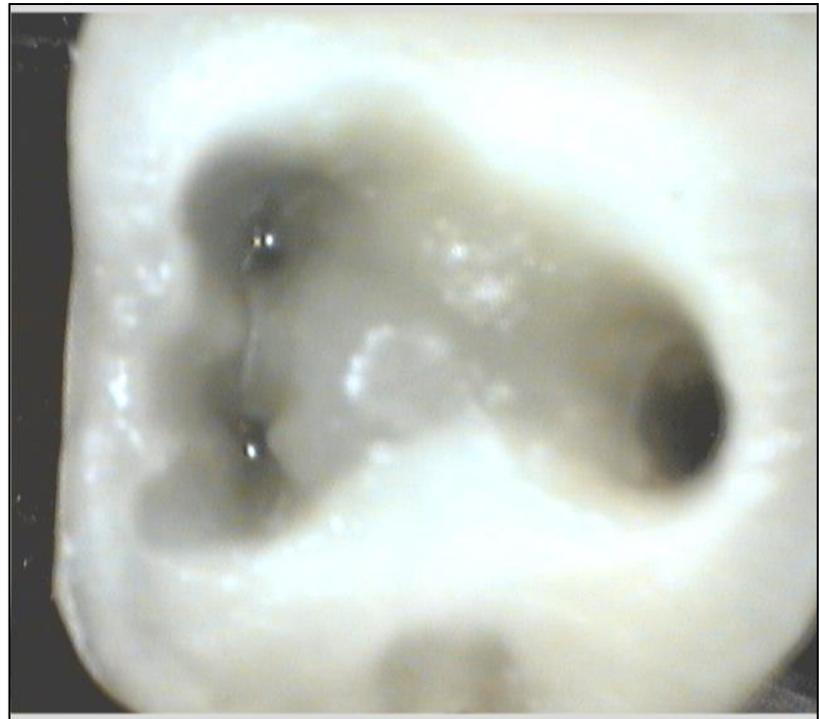


## Access cavity

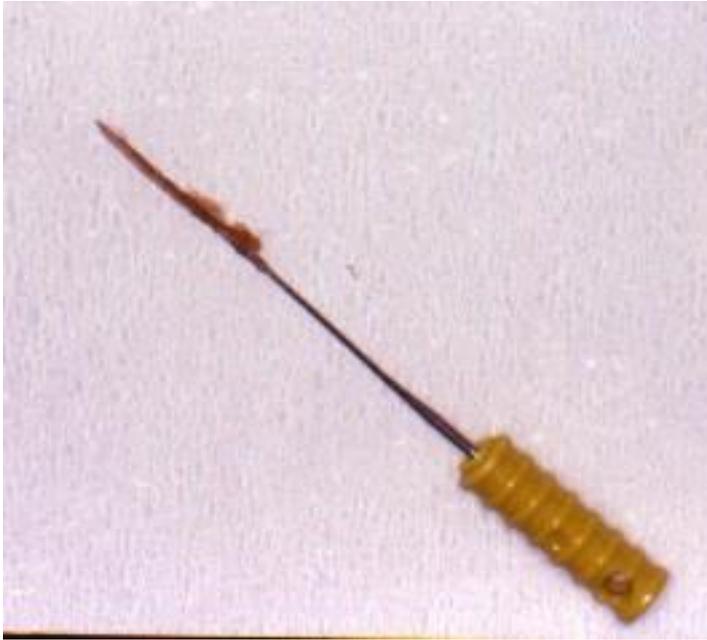
Incorrect



Correct



# Pulpextractor



Soft wire  
Prickles like harpune  
Insertion  
Contact with root canal wall – pull 1 mm  
Rotation  
Exstirpation during pull motion



# Canal shaping

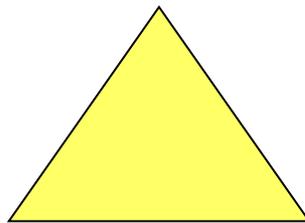
- Reamers (penetration)
- Files (shaping)

# Reamer

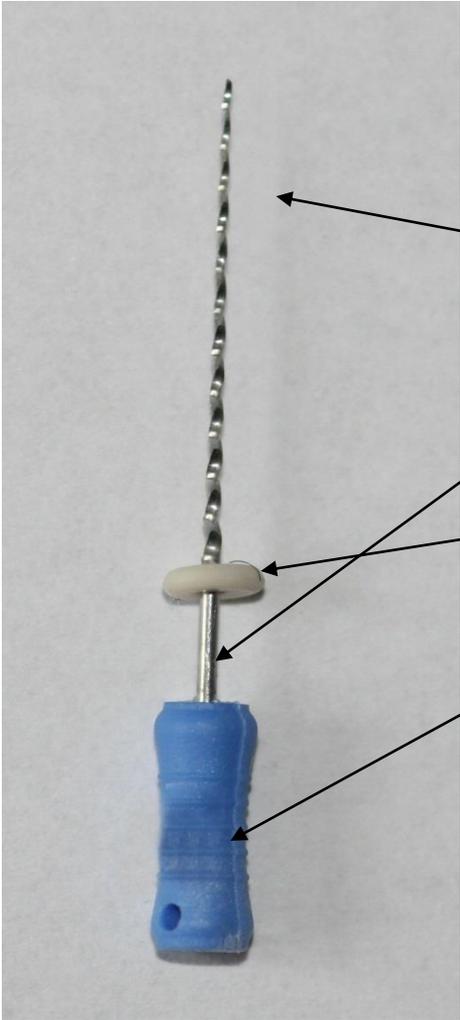
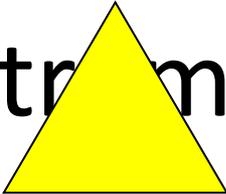
**K -reamer**

**Triangl or square wire spun**

**Symbol**



# Parts of root canal instruments

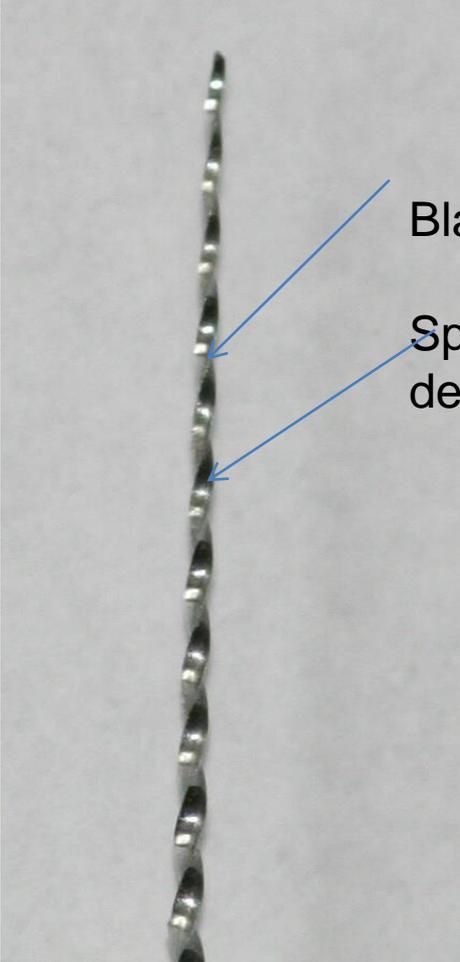


Bladed part

Shank

Stopper

Grip



Blades

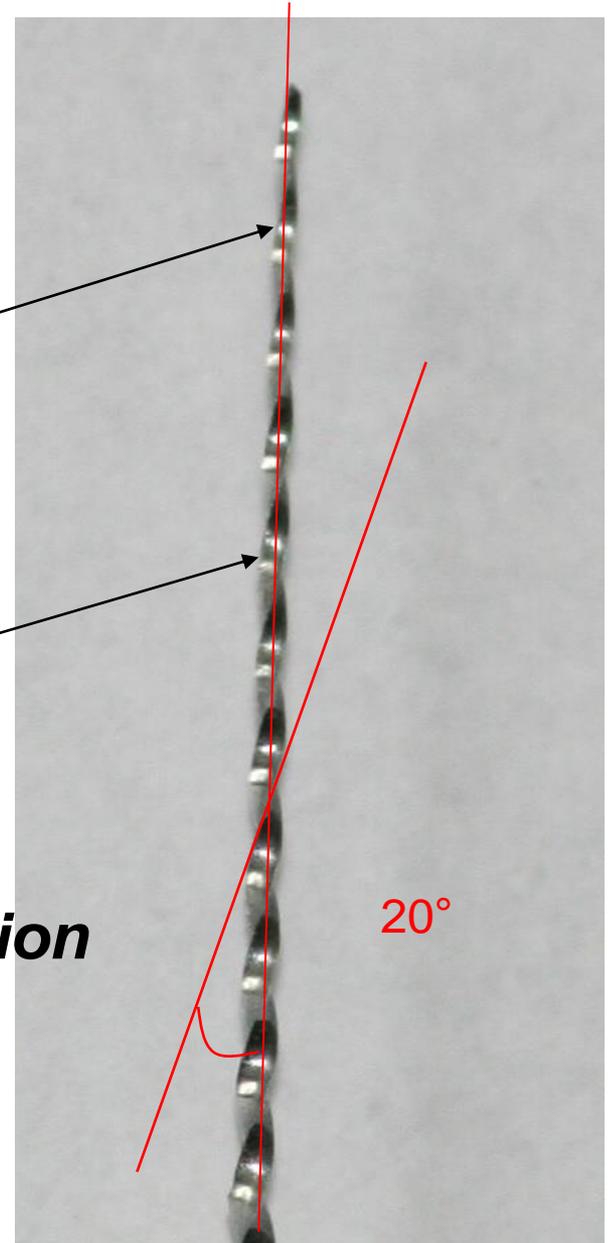
Space for dentin chips

# Reamer

Blades

Space for dentin chips

***Rotation – reaming action - penetration***



# Reamer

**Rotation (clockwise) – penetration**

**Application of plastic material  
(counterclockwise)**

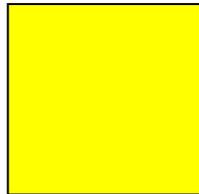
# Files

- 1. K-file**
- 2. K-flexofile, flexicut, flex-R file**
- 3. K-flex**
- 4. H-file, S-file**

# K file

Wire triangle or square

Symbol is always square

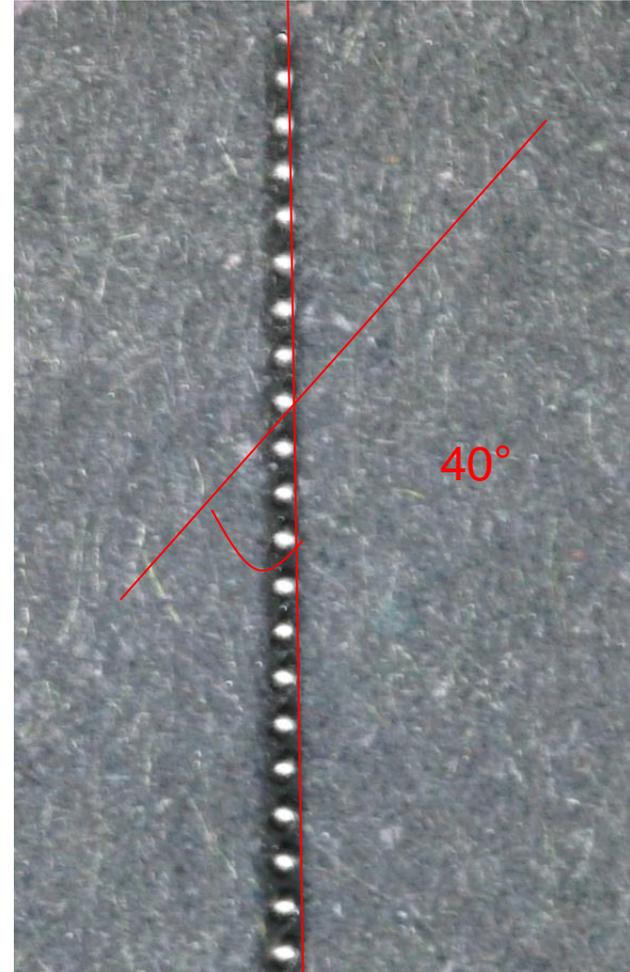


# K-file

***Filing***

***Also rotation***

***45° – 90°***

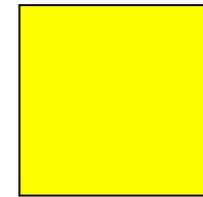


# K-flexofile, flexicut, flex-R

- Triangle wire always



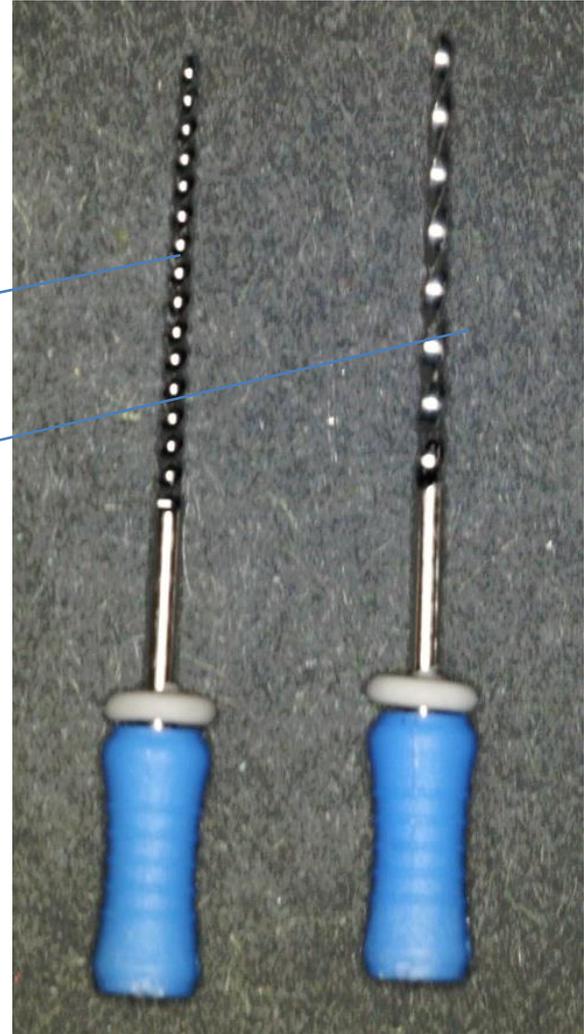
Flexibility



K- flexofile a flex – R file: non cutting tip and first blades are blunt

Like K-file

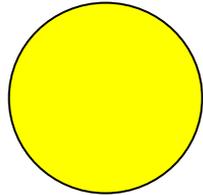
**K-file and reamer**



# H-file

= Hedstroem file

Ring

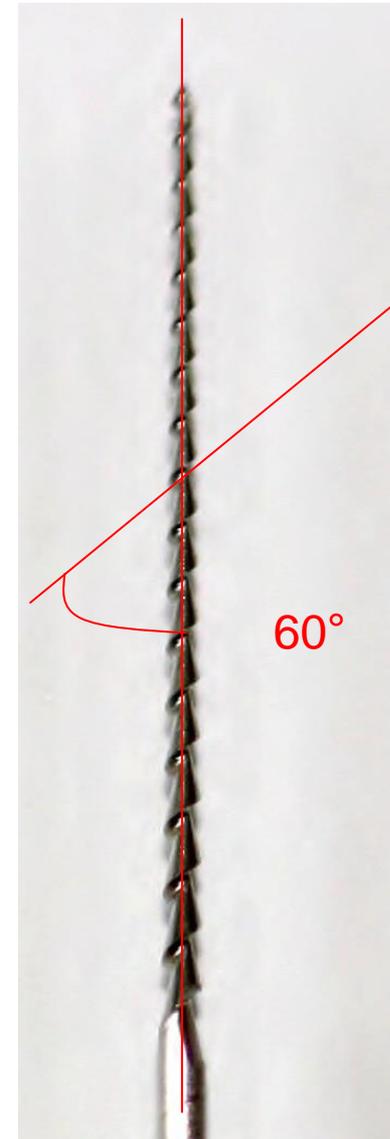
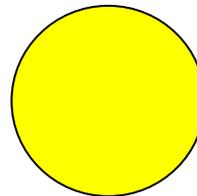


# H- file

No rotation!!

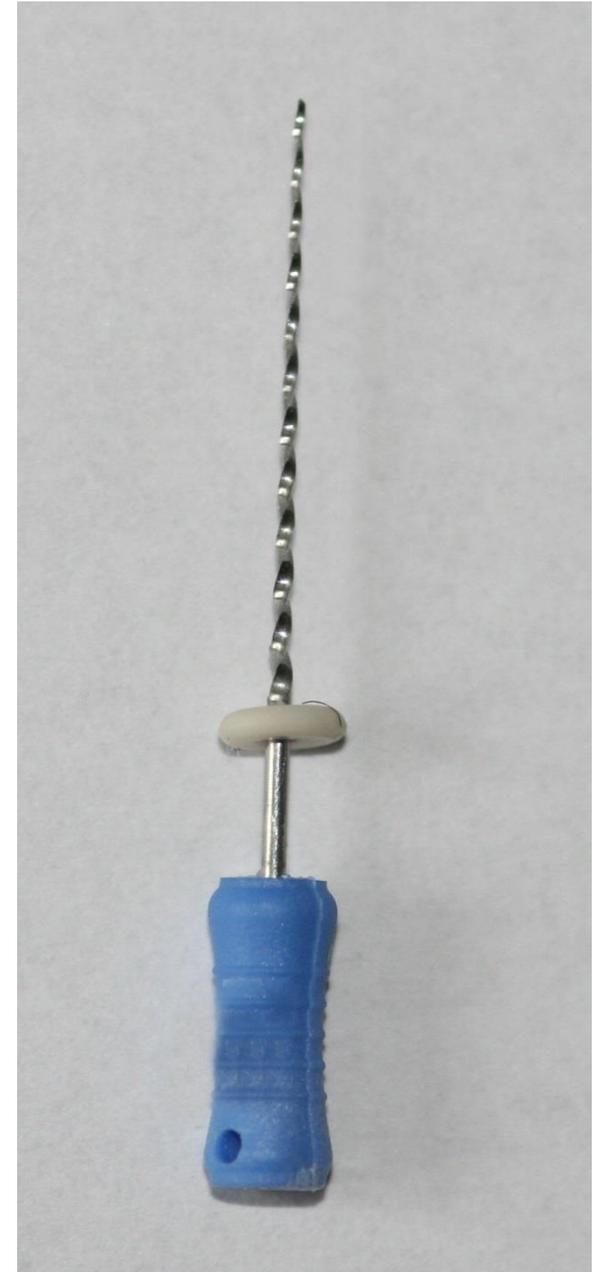
Pull motion only!!

Risk of breakage in small sizes



# ISO

- Diameter of the tip
- Length of the cutting part
- Taper



# ISO standard

06

08

10

15

20

25

30

35

40

45

50

55

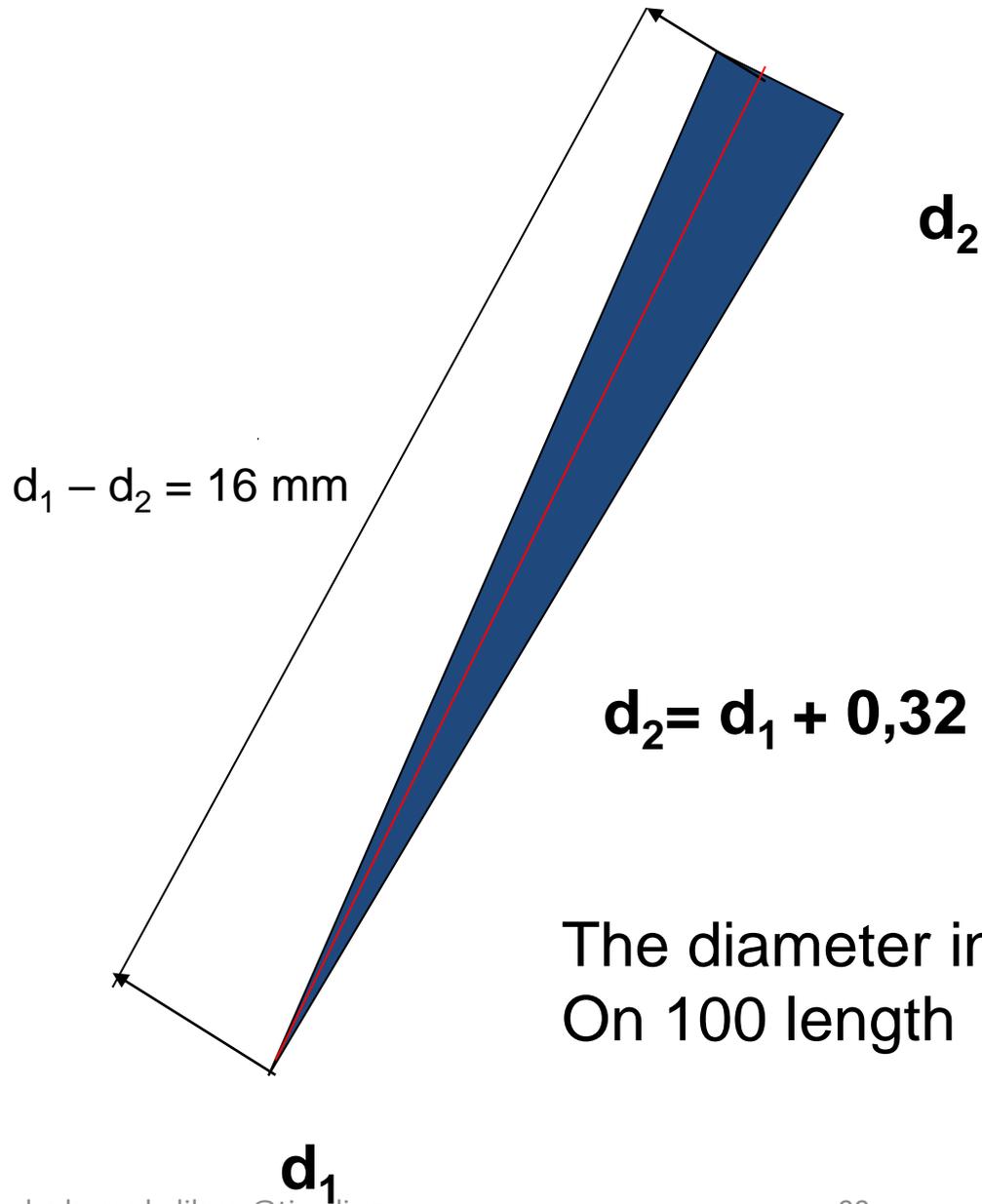
60

70

80

Size – diameter at the tip in mm/100

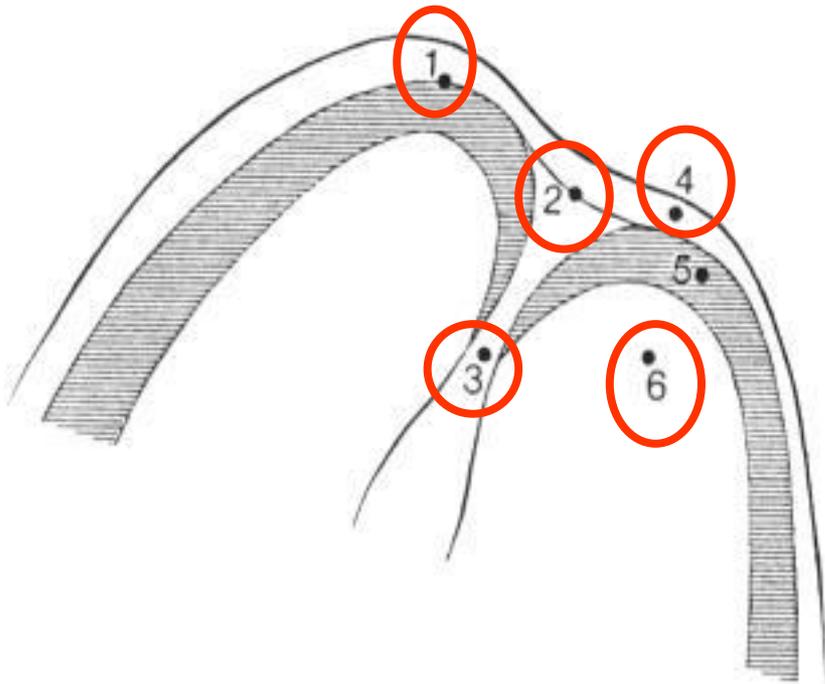
**Taper 2%**



$$d_2 = d_1 + 0,32$$

The diameter increases for 0,02 mm  
On 100 length

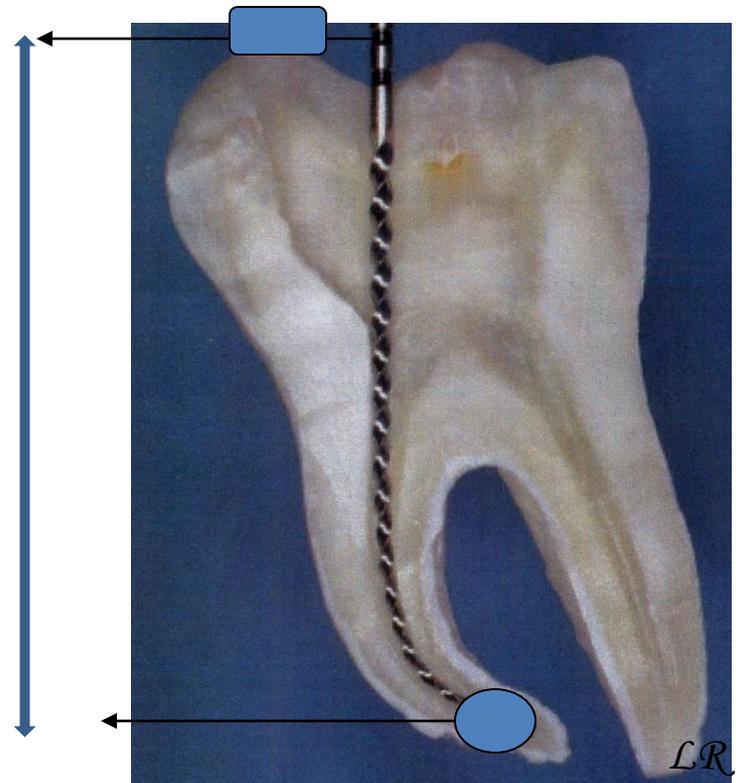
# Apical morphology



1. X – ray apex
2. Foramen apicale
3. Apical constriction
4. Periodontal ligament
5. Root cementum
6. Dentin

# Working length

- Distance between the referential point and apical constriction
- Radiographically
- Apexlocators
- Combination



# Estimation

- Distance between apical constriction and apical foramen is appr. 0,5-0,75 mm
- Distance between apical foramen and x-ray apex is appr. 0,5 – 0,75 mm.
- Distance between apical constriction and x-apex is appr. 1,5 – 2mm

# Why apical constriction

- Small apical communication
- Minimal risk of damage of periodontium
- Prevention of overfilling (extrusion of filling material)
- Prevention of extrusion of infection
- Good decontamination
- Good condition for root canal filling

# Radiogram

X-ray with inserted root canal instrument

Safe length: average length of teeth reduced for  
2 – 3mm

Tooth with clinical crown

# Procedure

- Instrument ISO 15 introduced into the root canal, stop at the referential point
- Estimation of location of apical constriction (1 – 1,5 mm distance from x-ray apex.

If there is difference in the radiogram more than 2 mm - repeat

If 2 mm or less – add to the safe length

= **working length**

# Safe length

- Maxilla:

I1 20

I2 18

C22-24

P20

M 18 mkk, 20 P

# Safe length

- Mandible

I 18

C20 -22

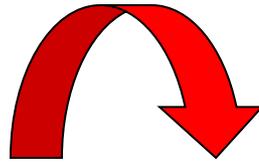
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M18

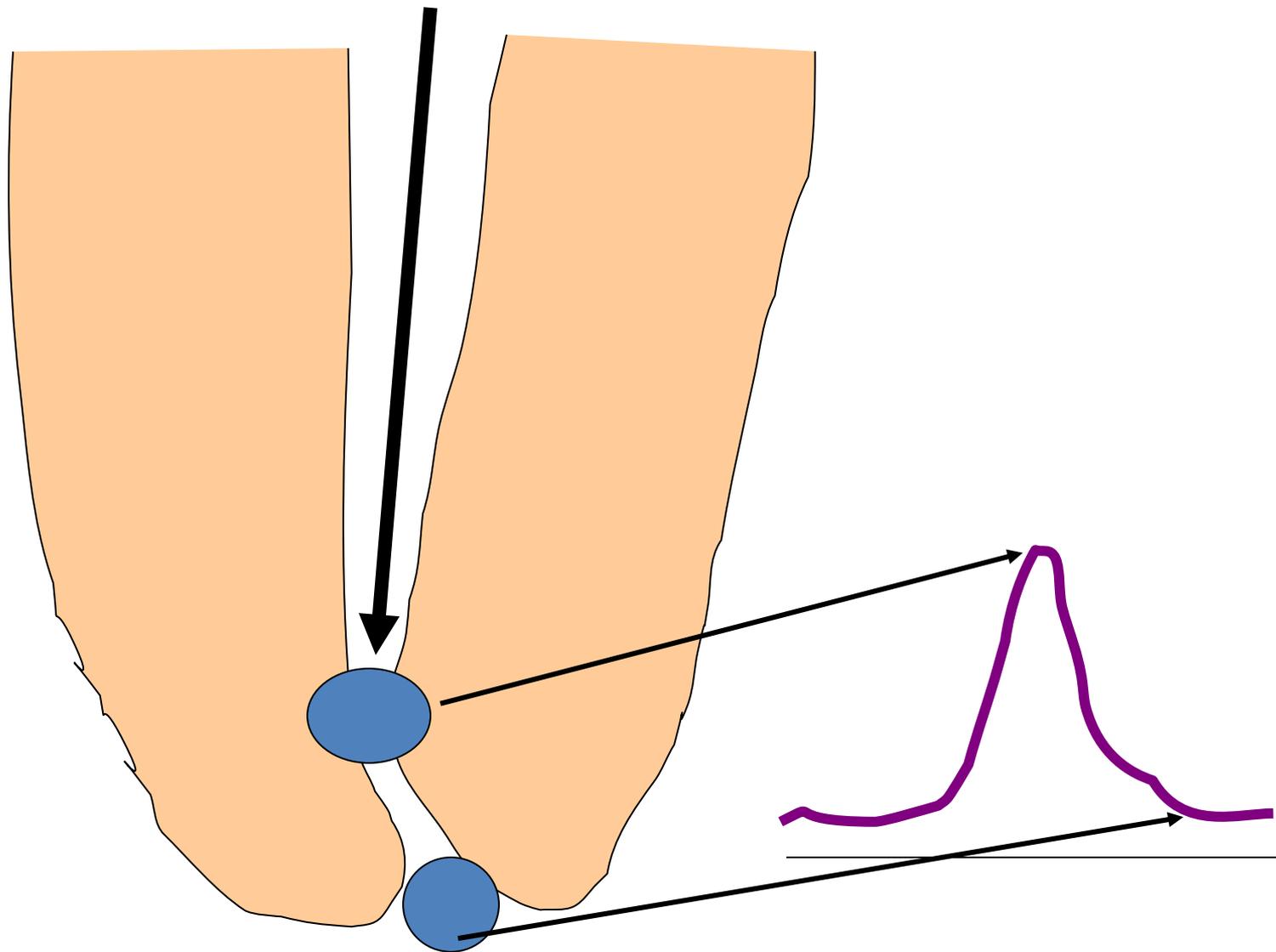
Remember- the length is for teeth with complete crown !!!

# Endometry, odontometry

- Endometry



**devices based on measurement  
of electrical resistance**

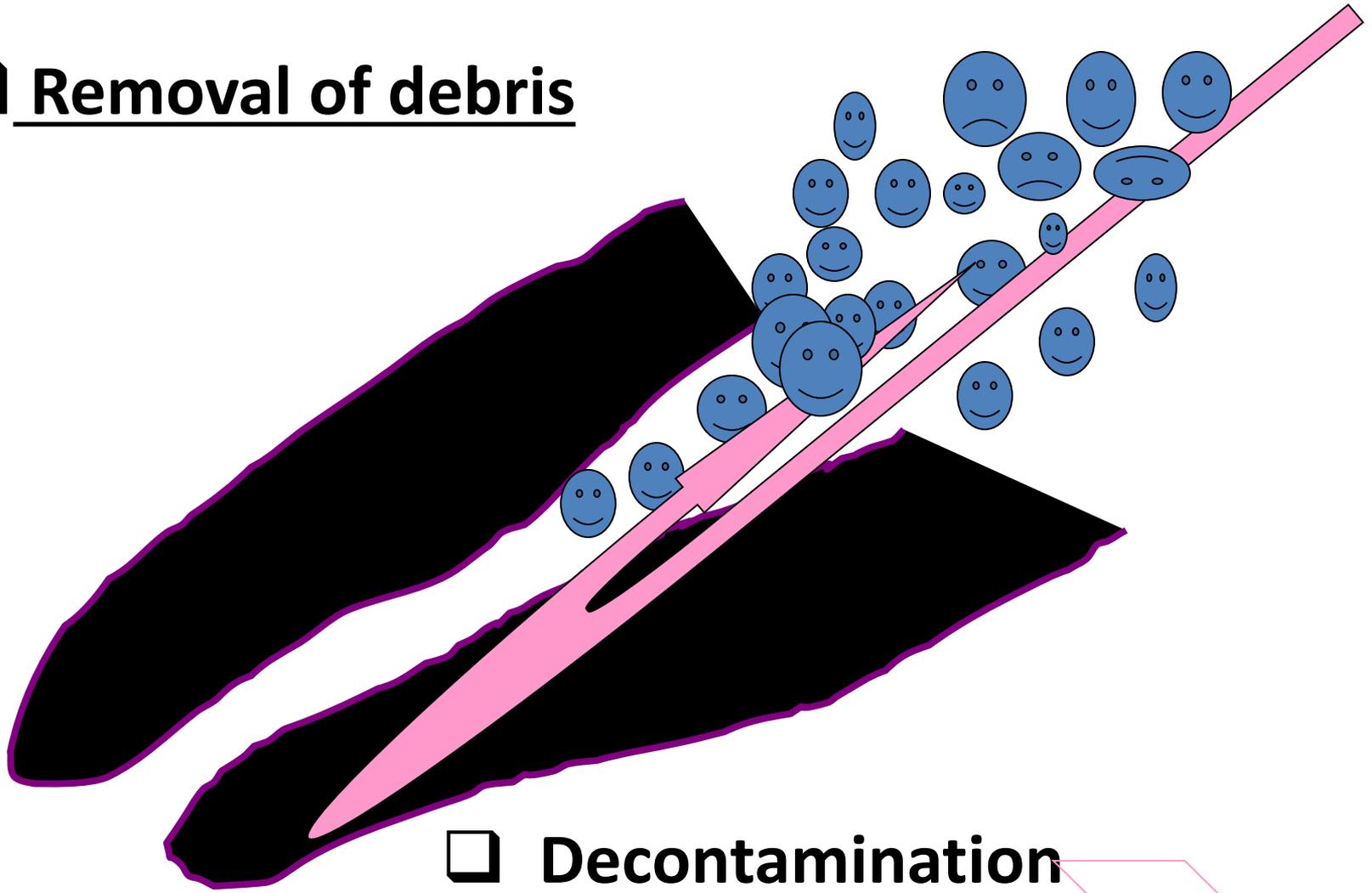


# Apexlocator:



# Irrigation

Removal of debris



Decontamination



# Irrigants

- **Sodium hypochlorite (1,5 – 5,5%)**
- **Chlorhexidin (0,12% - 0,2%)**
- **EDTA – etyléndiaminotetraacetic acid 17%**



# Irrigants

- Sodiumhypochlorite

2 – 6%

- Oxidation a chloration
- Dissolving efect
- Bad smell, irritant.

# Syringe and cannula

- B
- N



# Activation of irrigation

- Increased effectivity

Vibration

Increasing of temperature

Decomposition of irrigants - dissociation



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