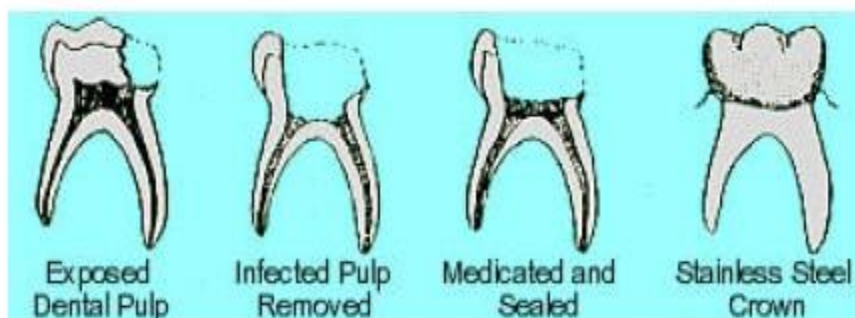


# Pulpotomy with Stainless Steel Crown

A pulpotomy removes the pulpal tissue within the crown of the tooth. This decreases the chance of an abscess formation, (i.e. infection). This procedure compromises the structure of the natural tooth and therefore requires a stainless steel crown for protection. The crown will come out along with the primary tooth when naturally lost. Avoiding sticky or hard foods, such as gum and candy is recommended to prevent loosening or loss of crown.



75-80% of pulpotomies are successful. While many parents prefer to have pulpotomy- treated teeth restored with a tooth-colored “composite” filling material, mainly for aesthetic purposes, the likelihood of an abscess developing becomes greater. Proper brushing and flossing will greatly minimize the chance of abscess formation. In the event this occurs, an extraction with a space maintainer is recommended. Since a tooth may abscess with or without pain, it is recommended that regular 3-4 mouth checkups be made in order to keep the tooth under observation.

As always, please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns with our office.