



Morphology & Access cavity of anterior teeth

Restorative dentistry (Endodontics)

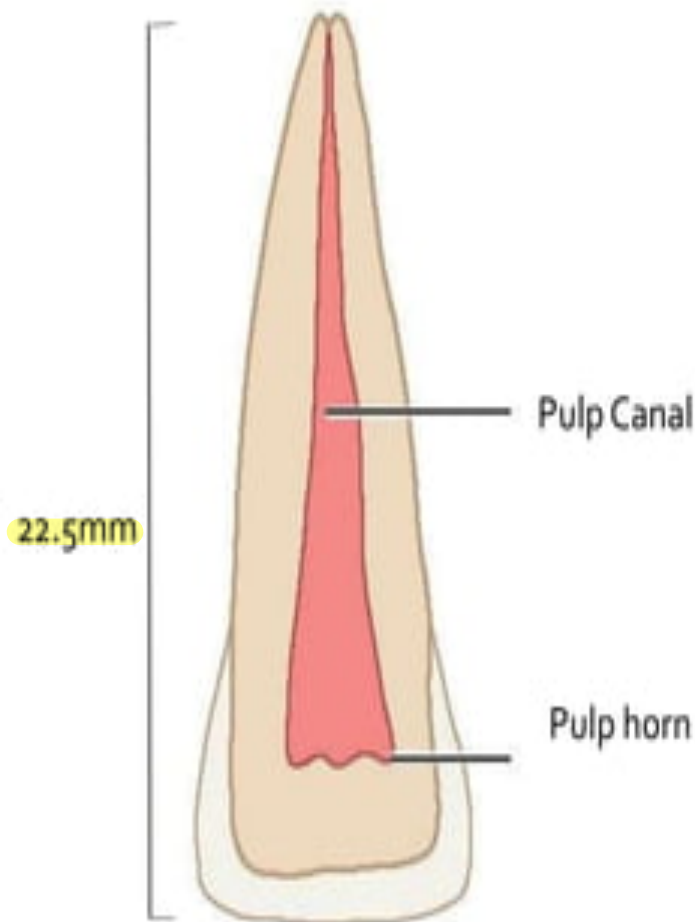
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Maxillary Central Incisor

Pulp Chamber

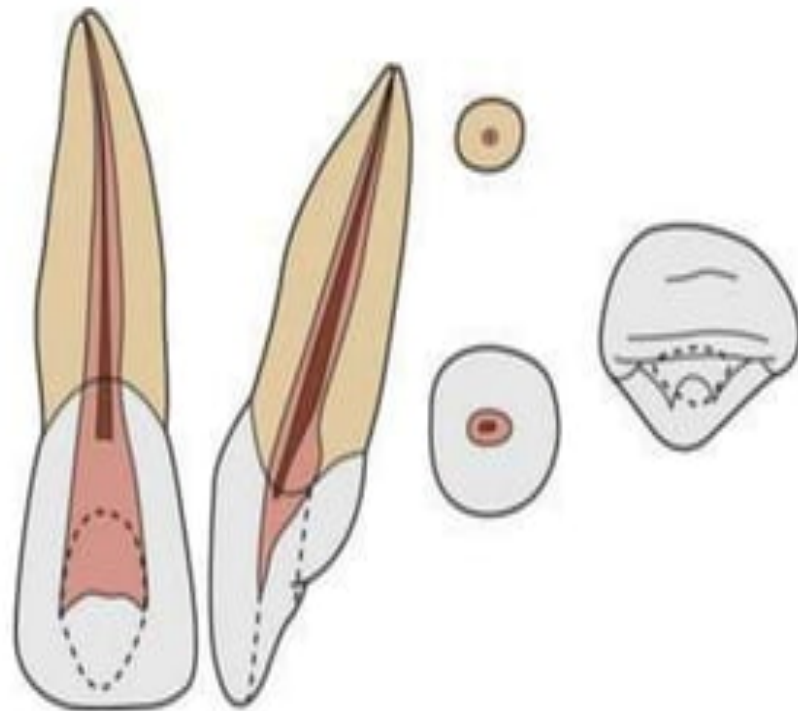


- Located in the center of the crown with equal distance from the dentinal walls
- Mesiodistally, The pulp chamber is **ovoid** in shape
- Buccopalatally, it is narrow
- In young patient, Central incisor has **three pulp horns**

Maxillary Central Incisor

Length of tooth (mm)	Canal	Lateral canals <i>* most lateral canals present at apical third of the root</i>	Root Curvature (%)	
Average length 22.5	One canal 99.4%	24%	Straight	75
Maximum length 25.6	Two canals 0.6%		Distal curved	8
Minimum length 21.0			Mesial curved	4
Range 4.6			Labial curved	9
			Lingual curved	4

Root Canal

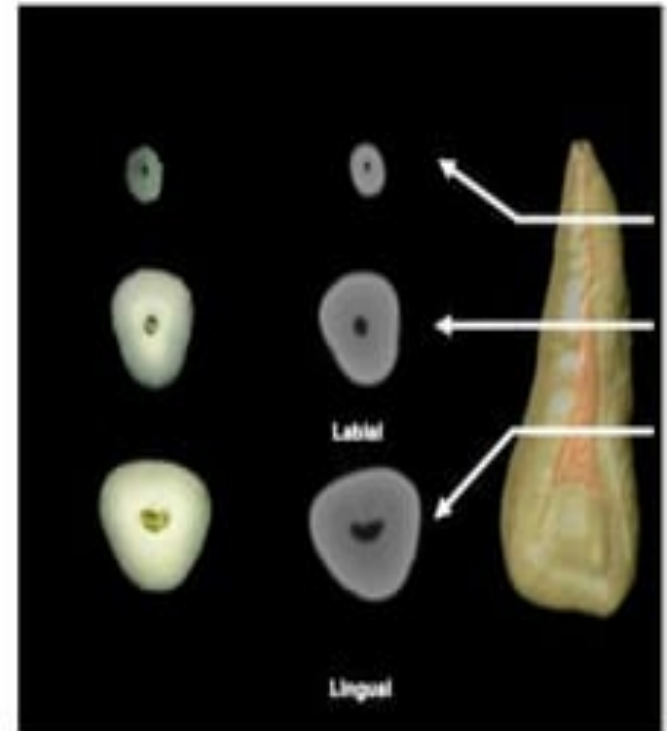


- » It has one root with one root canal
- » Root canal is broad labio-palatally, **conical** in shape and centrally located
- » 17% cases show labial or palatal curvature of the root
- » Lateral canals present in about 24%, usually in the apical third area

In cross-section,

- Cervical level: Canal is ovoid mesiodistally
- Middle root level: Canal is ovoid to round
- Apical third level: Canal is generally round in shape

*in all canals
apically*

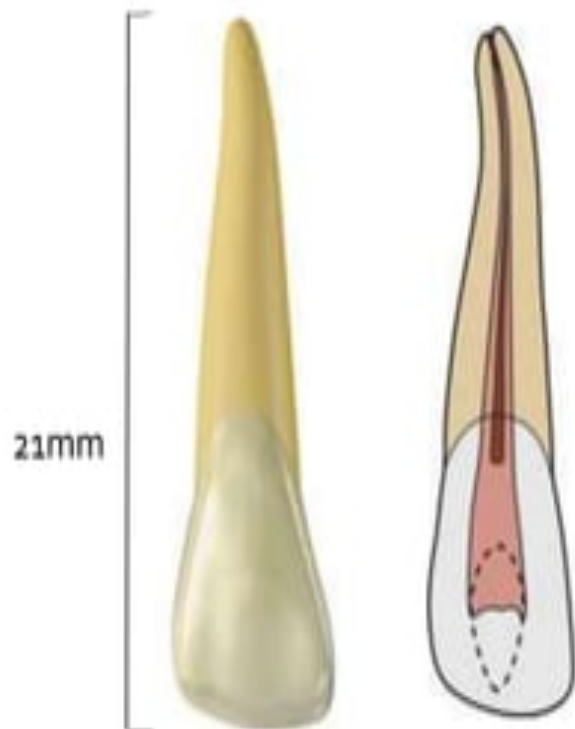


Maxillary Lateral Incisors

Length of tooth (mm)	Canal	Lateral canals	Root Curvature (%)	
Average length 21	One canal 93.4%	10%	Straight	30
Maximum length 25.1	Two canals 6.6%		Distal curved	53
Minimum length 20.5	<div> <div>Labial</div> <div>Lingual</div> </div>		Mesial curved	3
Range 4.6			Labial curved	4
			Bayonet and gradual curve	6

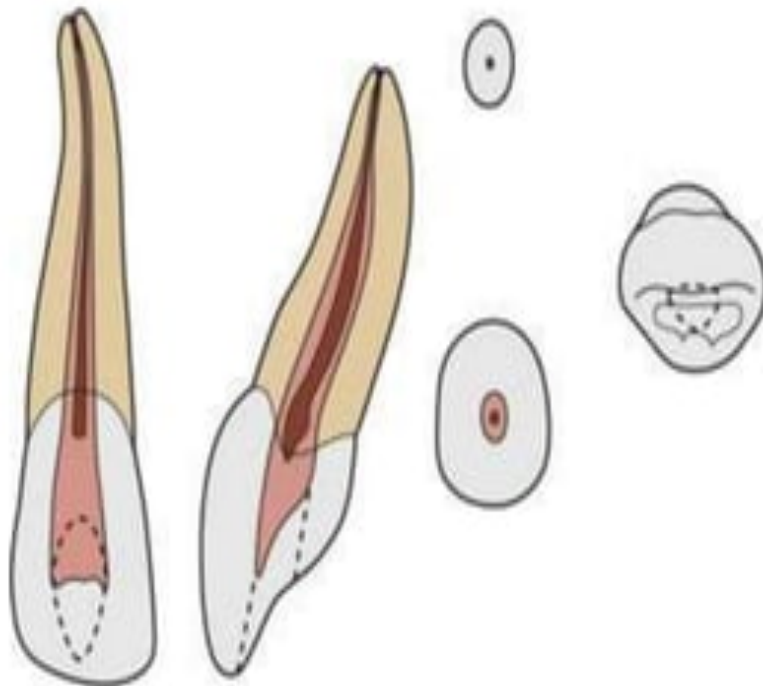
Maxillary Lateral Incisor

Pulp Chamber



- The shape of the pulp chamber is similar to the maxillary central incisor
- It has **two pulp horns**, corresponding to the development mammelons

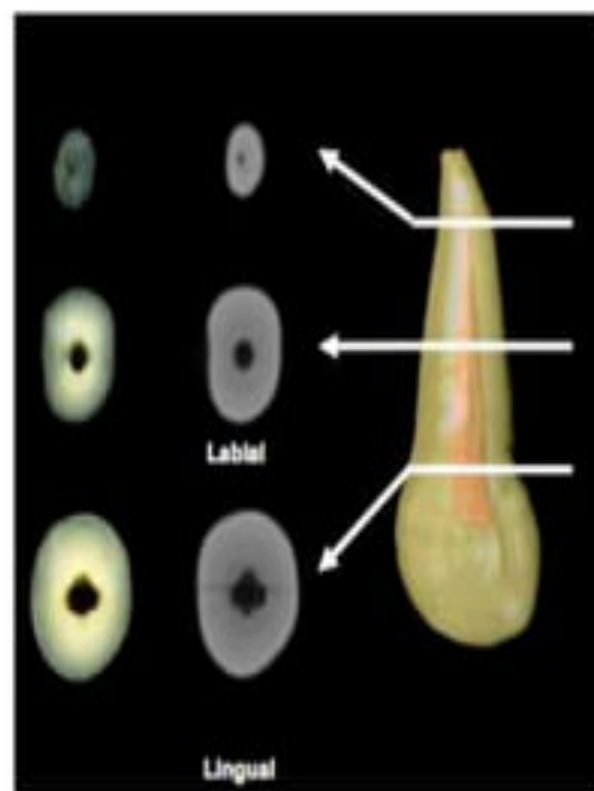
Root Canal



- » Root canal has finer diameter than that of central incisor through shape is similar to that
- » The canal is wider labiopalatally
- » Apical region of the canal is usually curved in a palatal direction

In **cross-section**,

- **Cervical level:** Canal is ovoid labiopalatally
- **Middle third level:** Canal is ovoid
- **Apical third level:** Canal is generally round in shape



Variations

Developmental alterations which are commonly associated with maxillary lateral incisors are :

1. Microdontia (Peg lateral)

Defect in development

Teeth are smaller than normal size

Associated with:

- Down Syndrome*
- Pre natal / Post natal infection*
- Radiation therapy*



2. Hypodontia

* Most common cause :

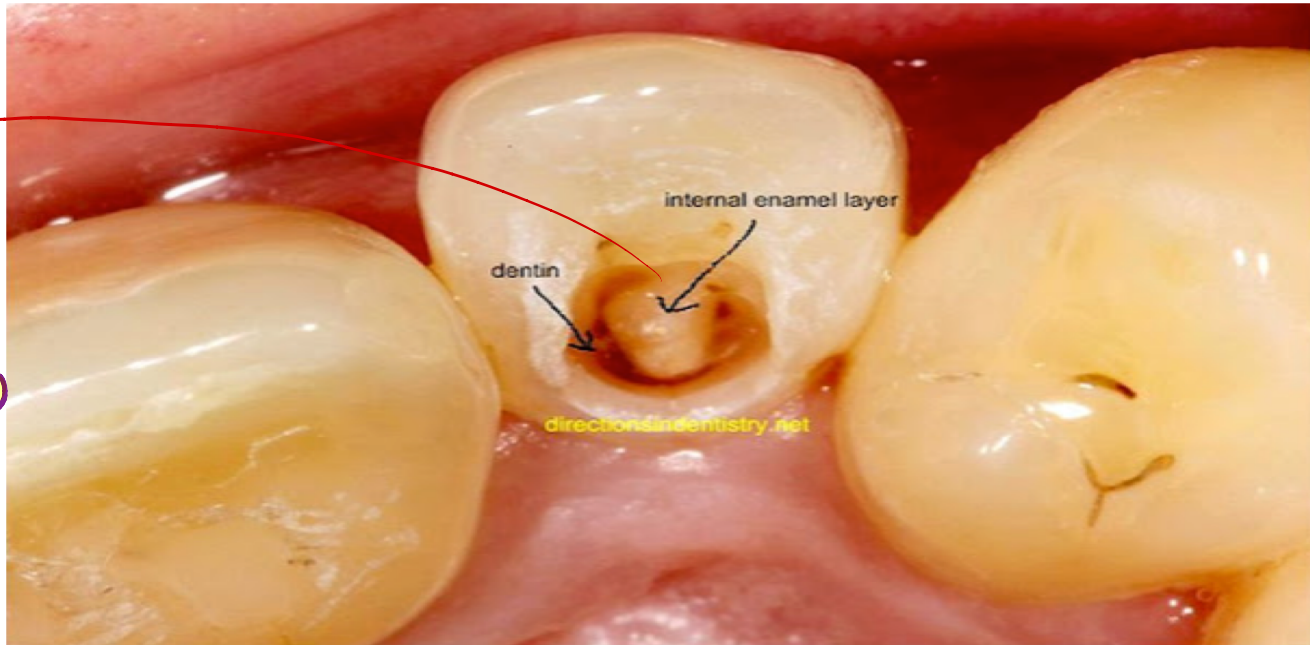
- Hereditary (Parents to children)

- Developmentally missing one or more teeth
- Absence may be either unilateral or bilateral



3. Dens invaginatus

A developmental anomaly resulting in a deepening or invagination of the enamel organ into the dental papilla prior to calcification of the dental tissues.



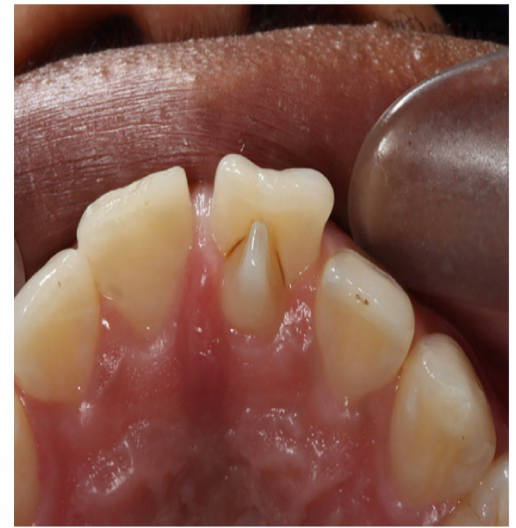
*This enhances
bacterial
accumulation and
finally dental caries*

spreads to pulp

Complex anatomy

** Difficult management
- so early detection is
beneficial for prevention.*

4. Talon's cusp (Dens evaginatus) *like tooth structure*

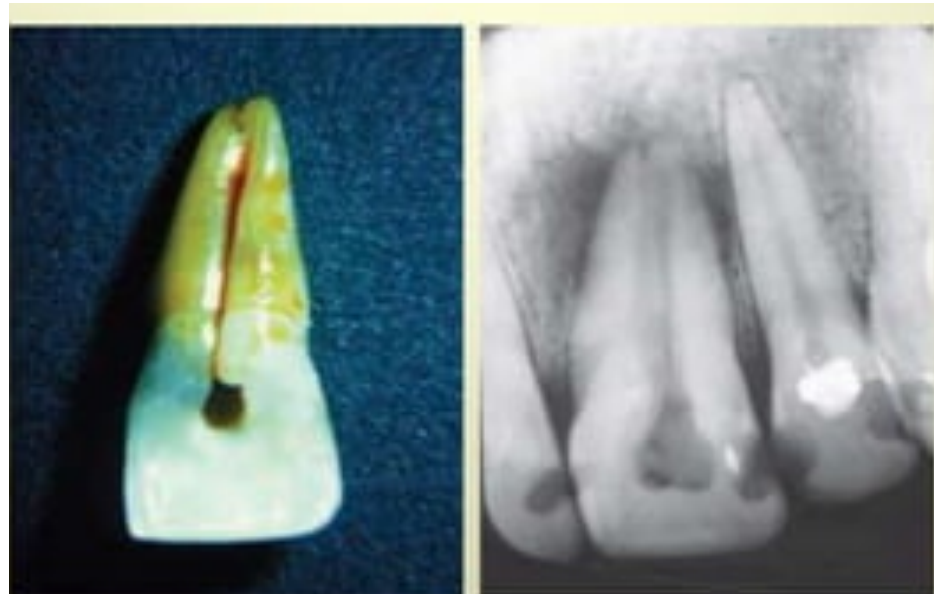


- Originates in the palatal cingulus
- Anomalous hyperplasia of the cingulum resulting in the formation of a supernumerary cusp
- **Complications**
- Caries
- Irritation of tongue during speech & mastication

* fracture may expose the pulp → infection

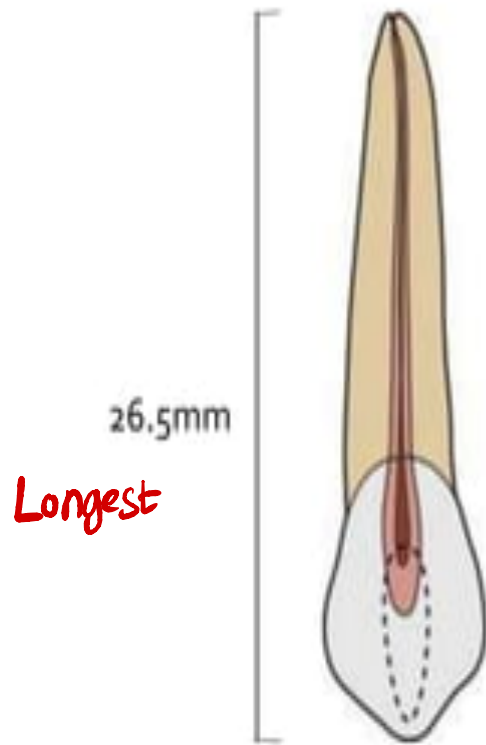
5. Palatogingival groove

- **Infolding of enamel organ and epithelial sheath of Hertwig before calcification phase**



Maxillary Canines

Pulp Chamber

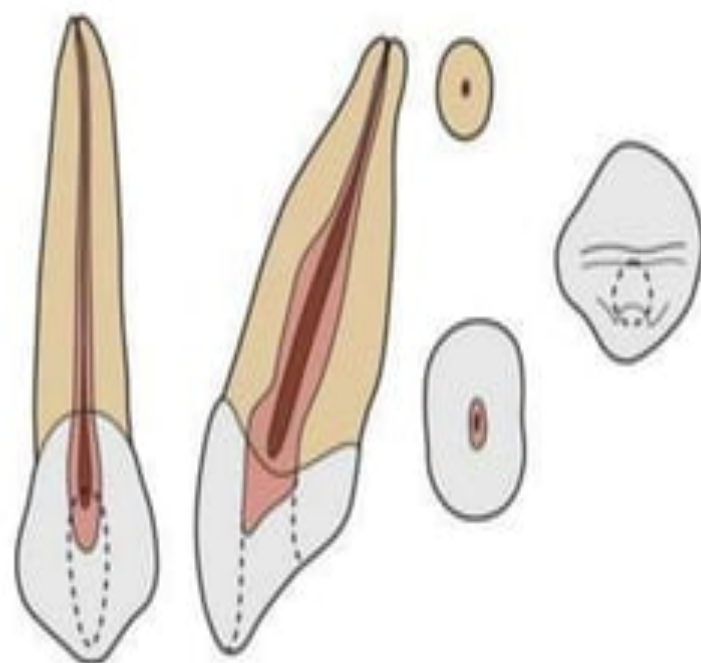


- Labiopalatally, the pulp chamber is almost triangular shape
- Mesiodistally, it is narrow
- Usually one pulp horn is present

Maxillary Canines

Length of tooth (mm)	Canal	Lateral canals	Root Curvature (%)	
Average length 26.5	One canal 96.5%	24%	Straight	39
Maximum length 28.9	Two canals 3.5%		Distal curved	32
Minimum length 23.1			Mesial curved	0
Range 5.8			Labial curved	13
			Lingual curved	7
			Bayonet and gradual curve	7

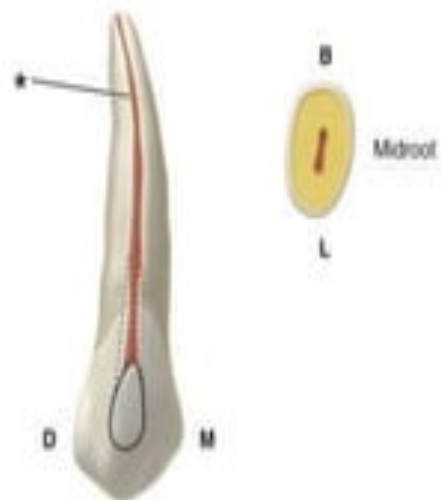
Root Canal



- » There is single root canal which is wider labiopalatally than in mesiodistal aspect
- » Canal is usually straight but may show a distal apical curvature

In **cross-section**,

- **Cervical and middle third level:** Canal is ovoid in shape
- **Apical third level:** At apex it becomes circular

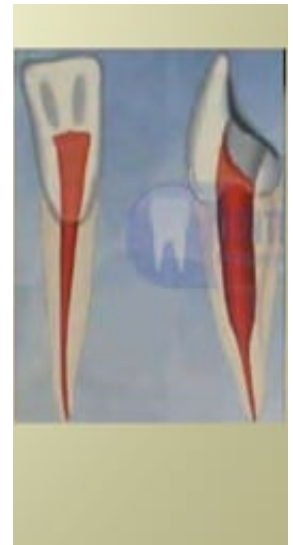
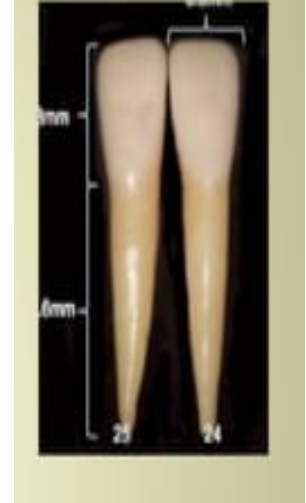


Mandibular Teeth

Mandibular central incisor

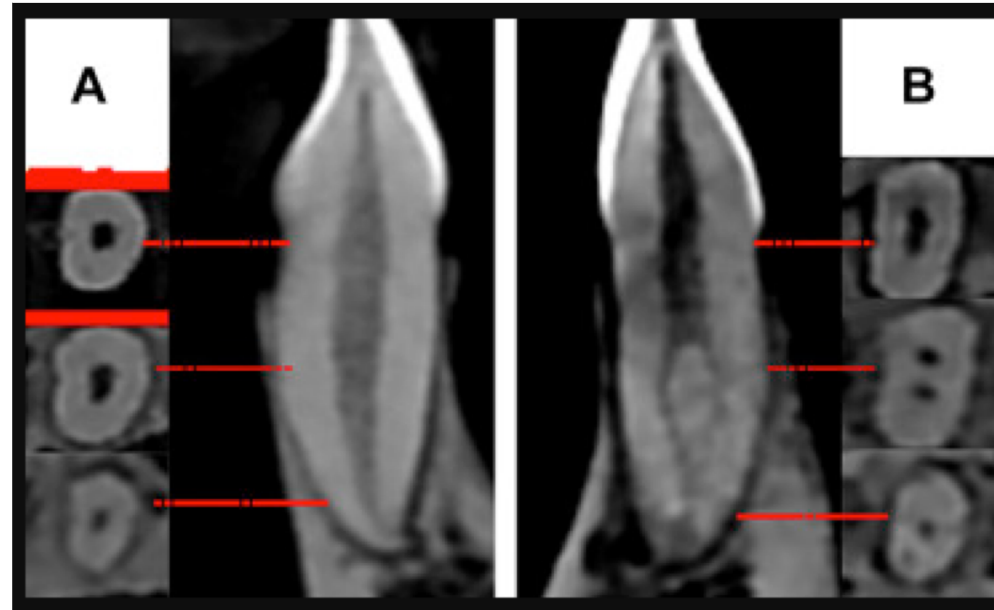
Pulp chamber

- Smallest tooth in the arch
- Pulp chamber is small and flat mesiodistally
- Three pulp horns present in a recently erupted tooth
- Pulp chamber is wide & ovoid in cross section in the cervical third of the crown and tapers incisally
- **Roots**
- Has 1 root , which is flat and narrow mesiodistally but wide labiolingually



Root canals

A correlation between crown shape and canal configuration, short crowns had blunted roots usually with a split canal when 2 canals are present, the point of division was in the cervical third of root

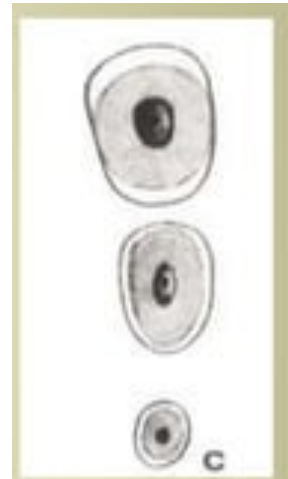


Cross section

Cervical third : ovoid in labiolingual direction

Middle third : ribbon shape

Apical third : Round in shape



Mandibular lateral incisor

Pulp chamber

Similar to mandibular central incisor but lateral has larger dimensions

Root

- Larger than that of central incisor
- The roots are straight or distally or labially curved
- It may have more than one root





A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H

MANDIBULAR CENTRAL AND LATERAL INCISORS

Length of tooth	Central incisors (mm)	Lateral incisors (mm)	Canal	Central incisors (%)	Lateral incisors (%)	Root curvature	
Average length	21.5	22.4	One canal one foramen	73	56.9	Straight	60%
Maximum length	23.4	24.6	Two canals one foramen <i>Type II Vertucci</i>	26	14.7	Distal curve	23%
Minimum length	19.6	20.2	Two canals two foramens <i>Type IV</i>	6.5	29.4	Mesial curve	0%
Range	3.8	4.4	Lateral canals	5.2	13.9	Labial curve	13%
						Lingual curve	0%

Mandibular cuspid

Pulp chamber

Resembles maxillary cuspid but it is smaller in all dimensions

Root

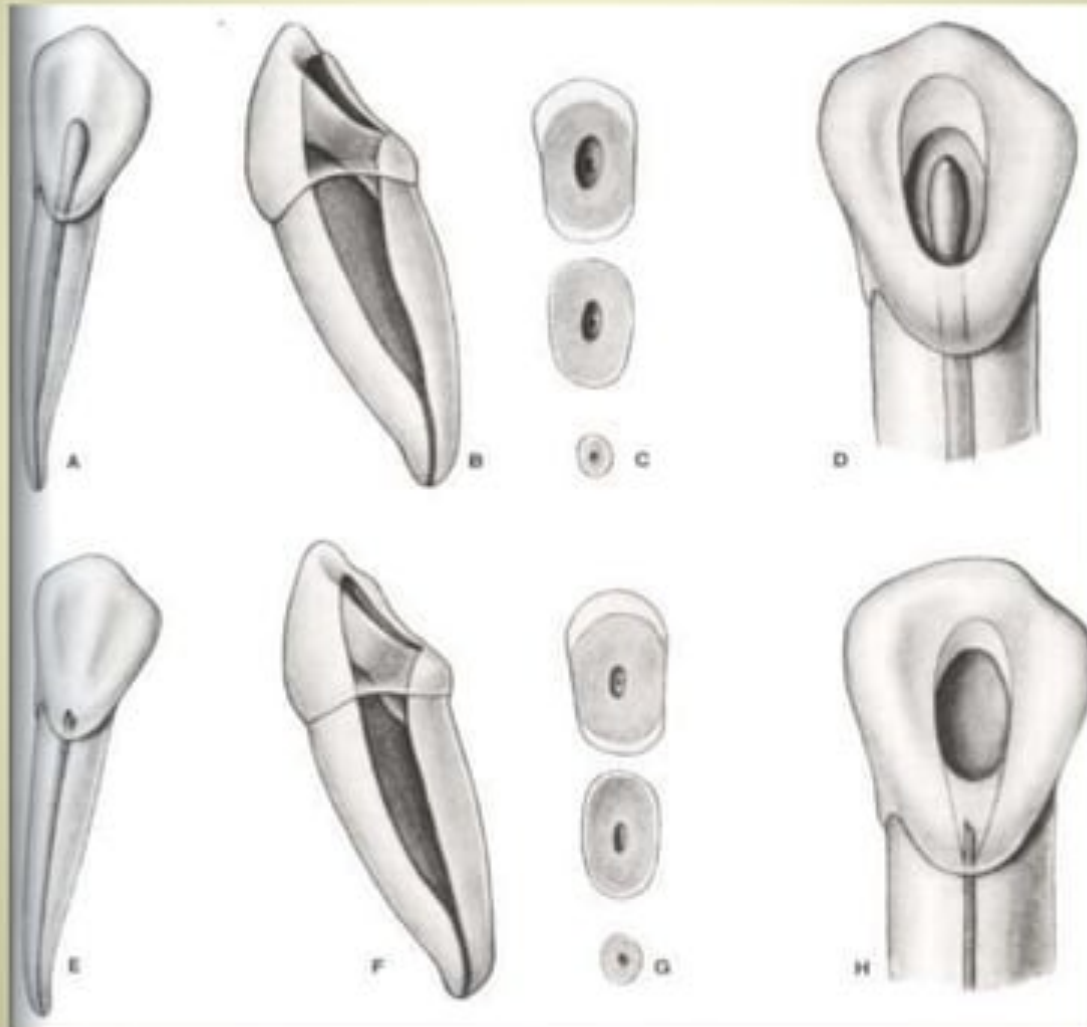


- This tooth has a slight labial axial inclination of the crown.
- Although it has a single root , it may has 2 in 25% of cases
- It may has separate roots, labially and lingually.



Root canals:

- When one root canal is present, a labiolingual view of the root shows a canal that is broad in the middle third and tapers to a constriction in the apical third. It is ovoid in cross section in the cervical and middle thirds of the root and round in the apical third



Length of tooth (mm)		Canals		Lateral canals	Root curvature (%)	
Average length	25.2	One canal	94%	9.5%	Straight	68
		Two canals	6%			
		Two foramina				
Maximum length	27.5				Distal curve	20
Minimum length	22.9				Mesial curve	1
Range	4.6				Labial curve	7
					Lingual curve	0
					Bayonet curve	2

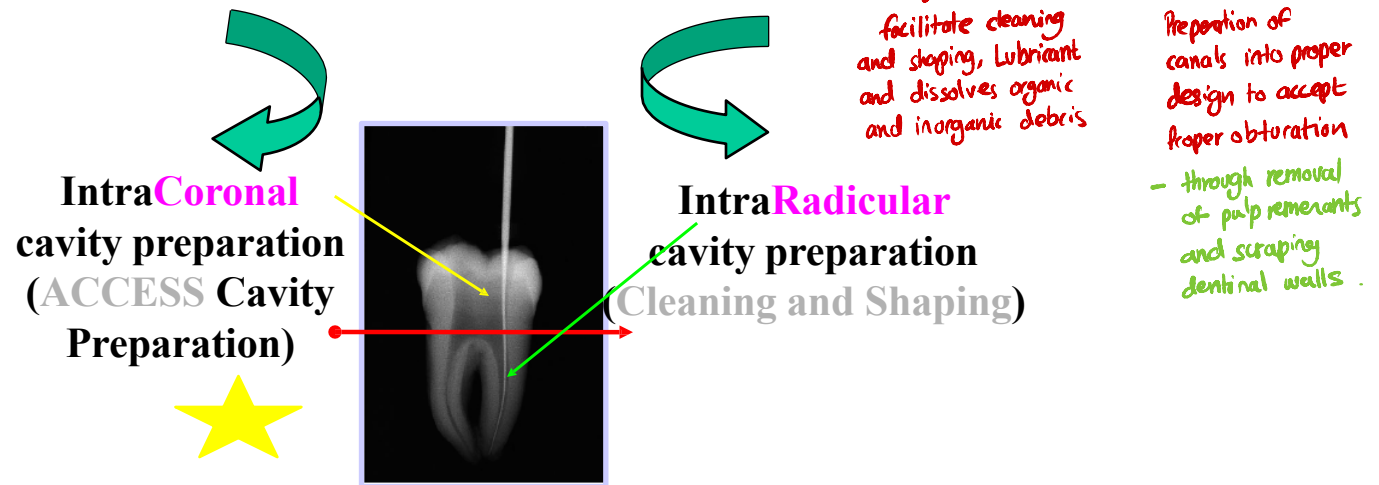
Type IV vertucci

Access cavity preparation



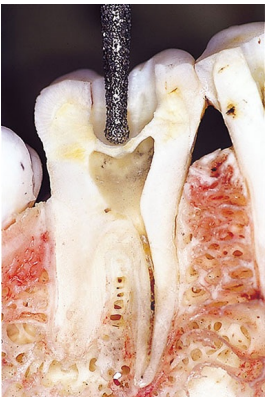


Endodontic Cavity Preparation (chemomechanical preparation)



What is Endodontic access?

Creation of an opening from the external surface of the tooth to the pulp chamber projecting out its side walls and internal anatomy to the outside



Laws for finding pulp canal orifices:

Law of Centrality

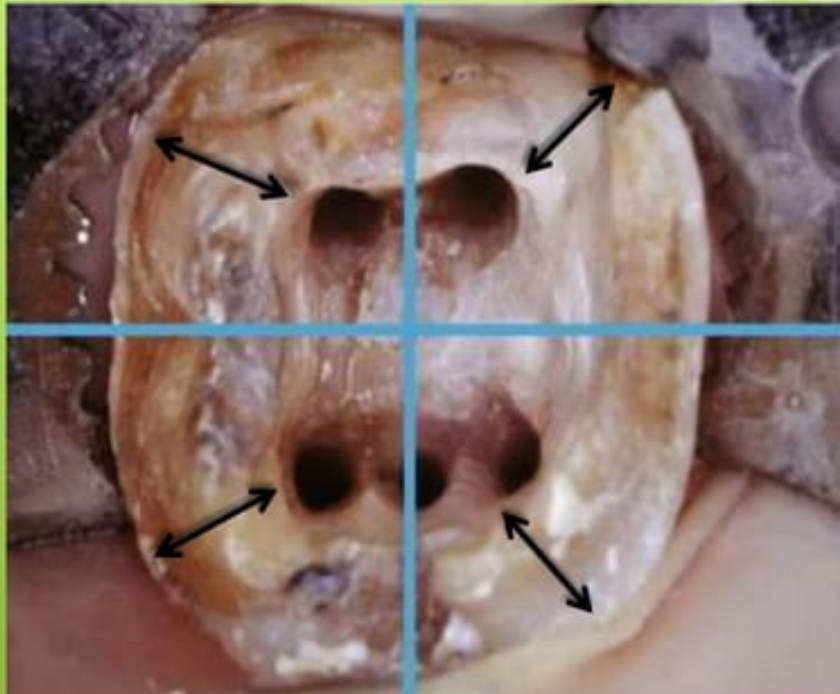
Majority of pulp chamber founds
in center of the tooth

Law of Concentricity

Pulp **coincidence** (external anatomy)

Law of CEJ

pulp orifices placed at level
of CEJ



Law of concentricity

* pulp chamber coincide with
external surface of the tooth.



appearance of darker color means
that you reach the floor of pulp chamber
(stop your access cavity)

yellowish

Darker

Law of color • change



Law of orifice • location

- At junction between axial wall and the floor



PREOPERATIVE CLINICAL GUIDELINES



Assessment of complicating factors

- calcification
- curved canal



Determinati on of penetration point

- Conservative
point of view



Assessment of occlusal and external root form

- Law of
concentricity



Radiographi c assessment

Instrument and armamentarium

- ❖ Magnification and illumination.
- ❖ Rubber dam. *-prevent contamination.*
- ❖ Headpieces.
- ❖ Burs .
- ❖ Endodontic explorer (DG-16, DE-17).
- ❖ Endodontic operative spoon .
- ❖ #17 Explorer .
- ❖ Ultrasonic unit and tips



Magnification and illumination

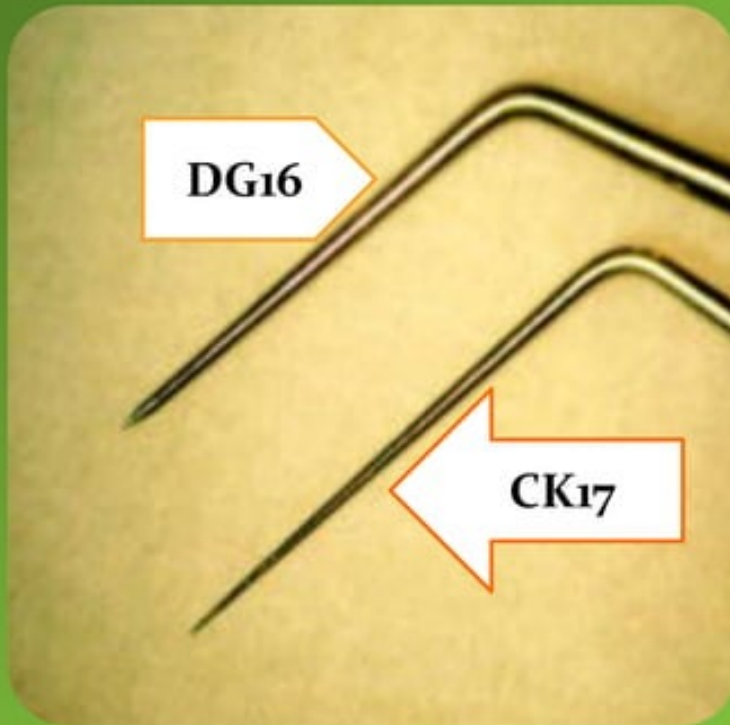


Surgical telescopes (loupes)



Microscope (DOM)

explorers



Endodontic Explorer

Explore pulp orifices



A #17 operative explorer

*catch any remnants
of pulp chamber*

Endodontic spoon excavator

- Excavate pulp tissue and infected dentin from pulp chamber



*Used for coronal flaring to facilitate root canal instrumentation.

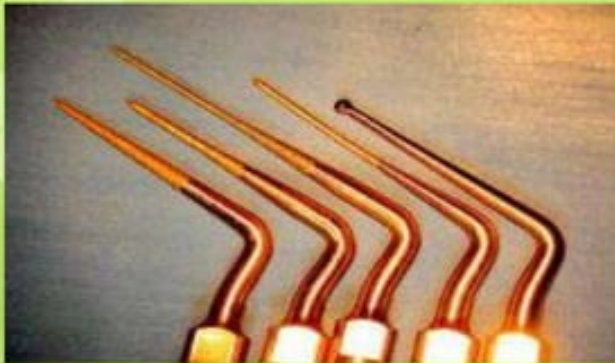
Gates glidden bur



Orifice
opener

Ultrasonic Unit and Tips

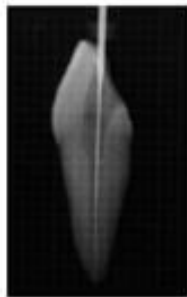
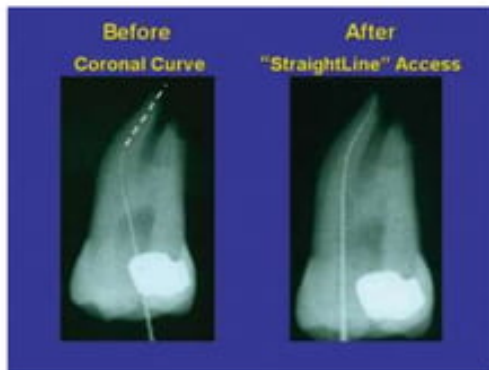
Refining access cavity
to detect any hidden canal
→ Conservative
(unlike dental
bor)



Finding and Breaking Into Hidden Canals



Objectives of access cavity preparation:



1- Straight line access to apical foramen or to the initial curvature of the canal.

2- To locate all root canal orifices.

3- To conserve sound tooth structure.

- increase tooth longevity
- Better prognosis

Principles of endodontic coronal cavity preparation

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graph TD; A[Principles of endodontic coronal cavity preparation] --- B[Outline form]; A --- C[Convenience form]; A --- D[Removal of caries]; A --- E[Toilet of the cavity];
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Outline form

Convenience
form

Removal of
caries

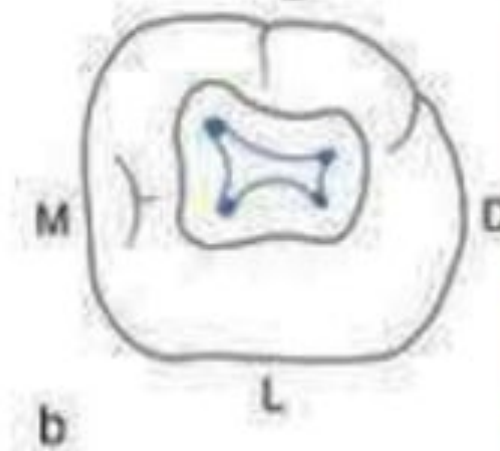
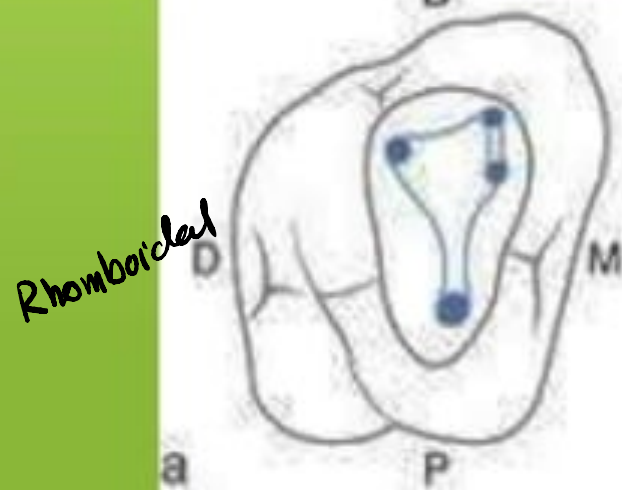
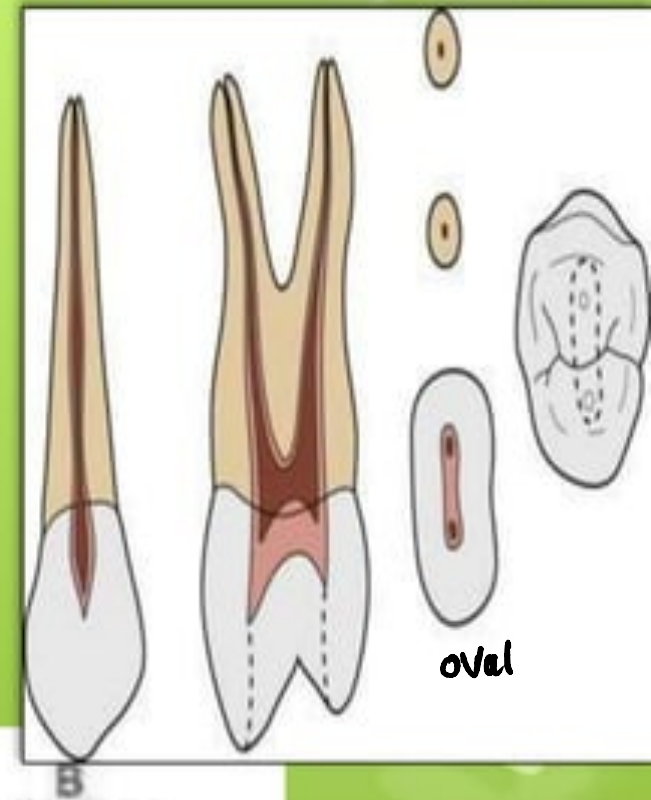
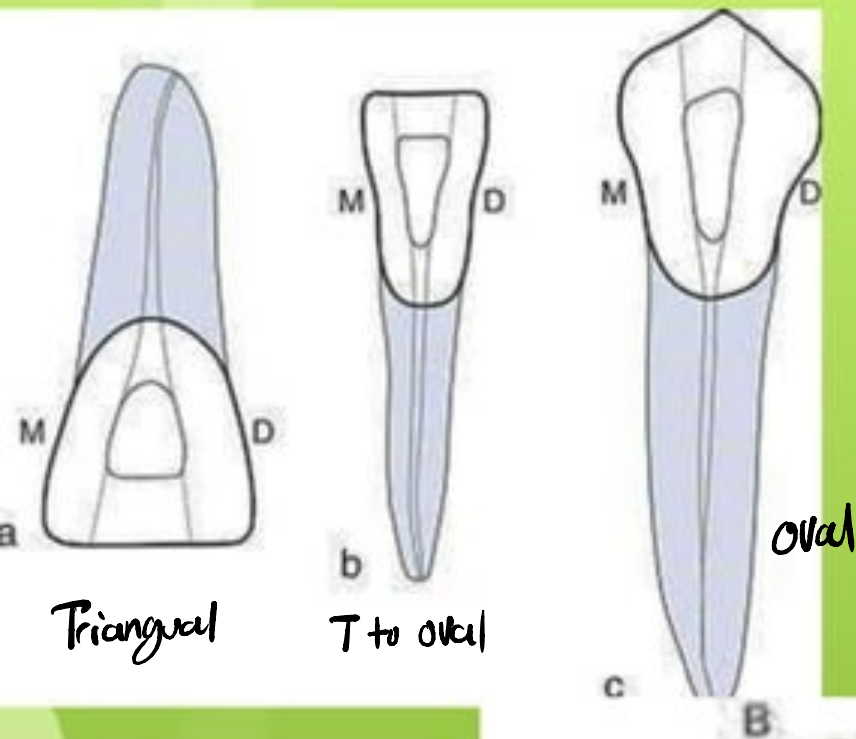
Toilet of the
cavity

Principle I **Outline Form**

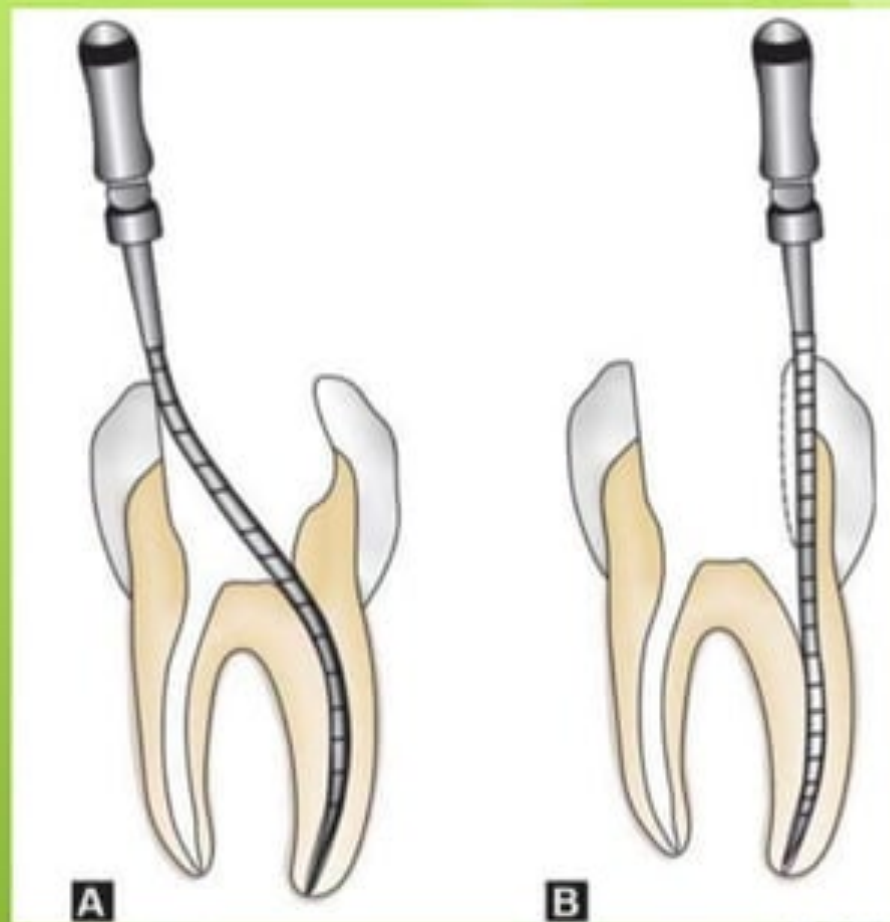
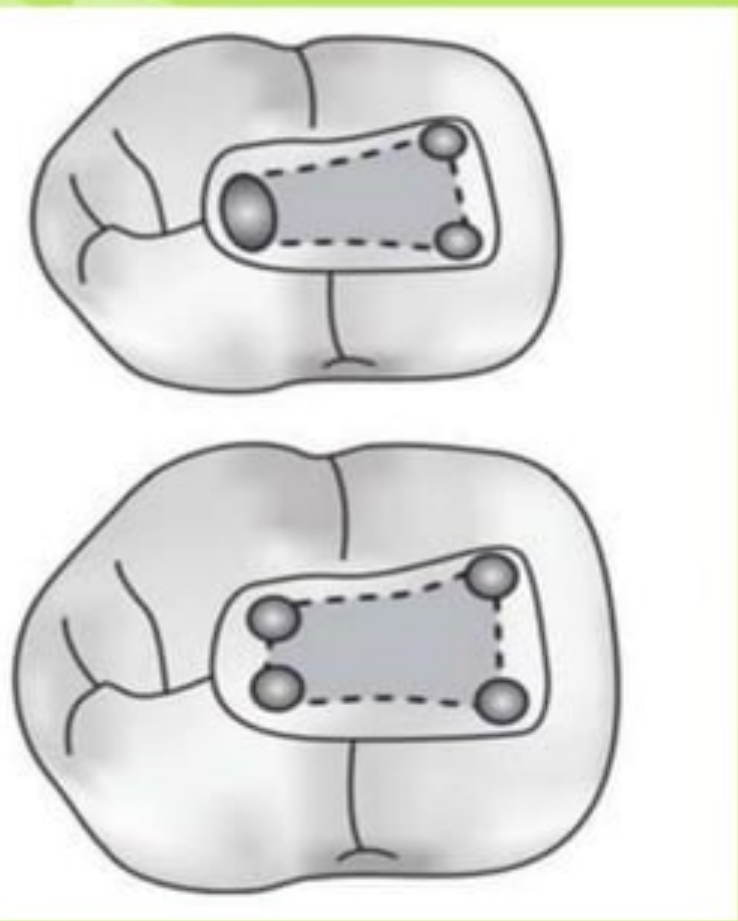


1. Size of Pulp Chamber: → affects outline form
* Receded pulp chamber
in older patients → bcz of continuous
dentin deposition

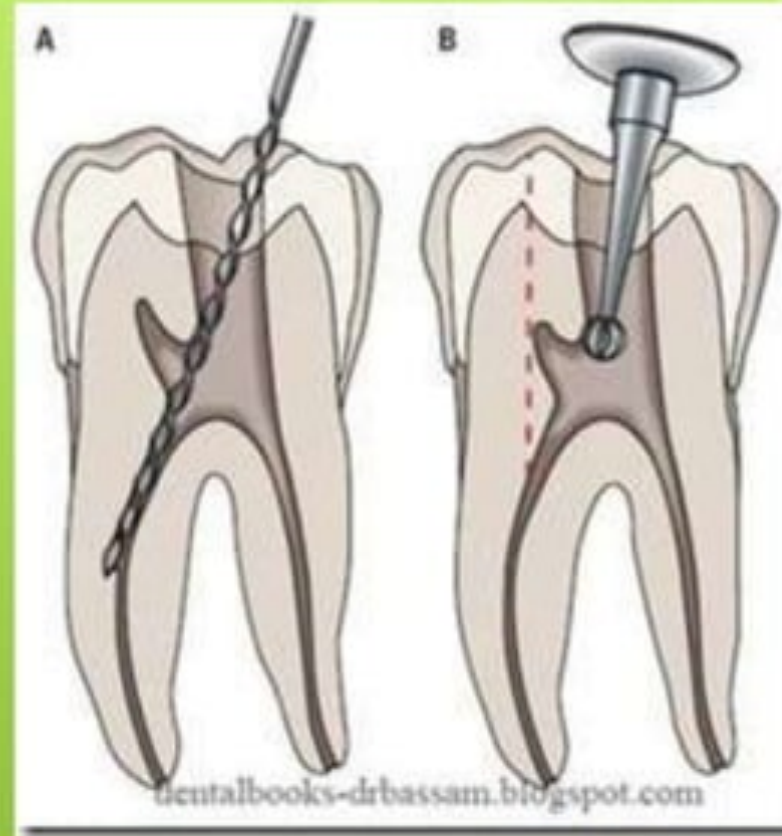
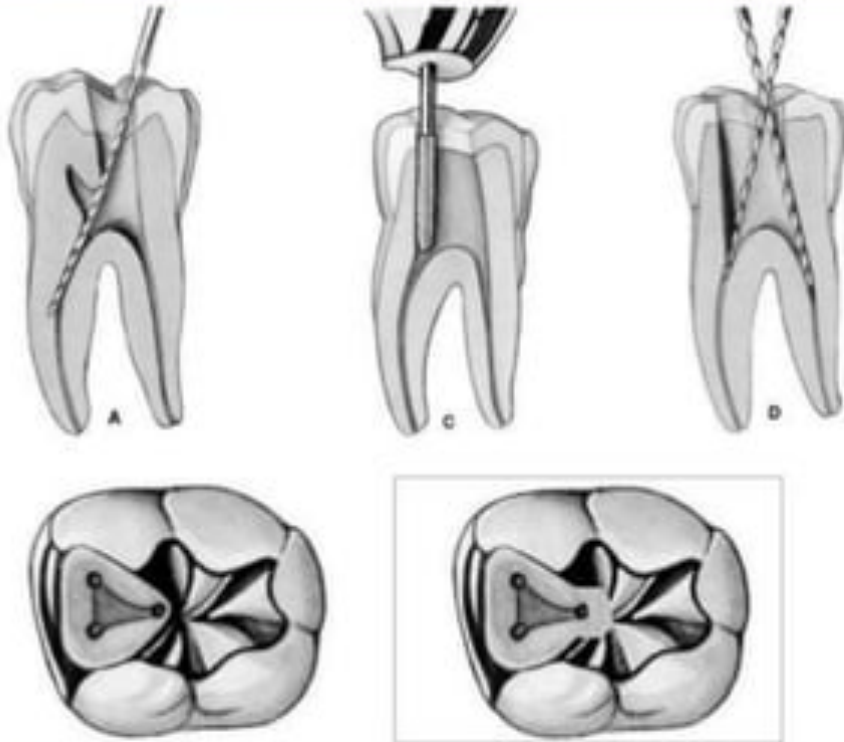
2. Shape of Pulp Chamber



3. Number, Position, and Curvature of Root Canal



Principle II *Convenience Form*



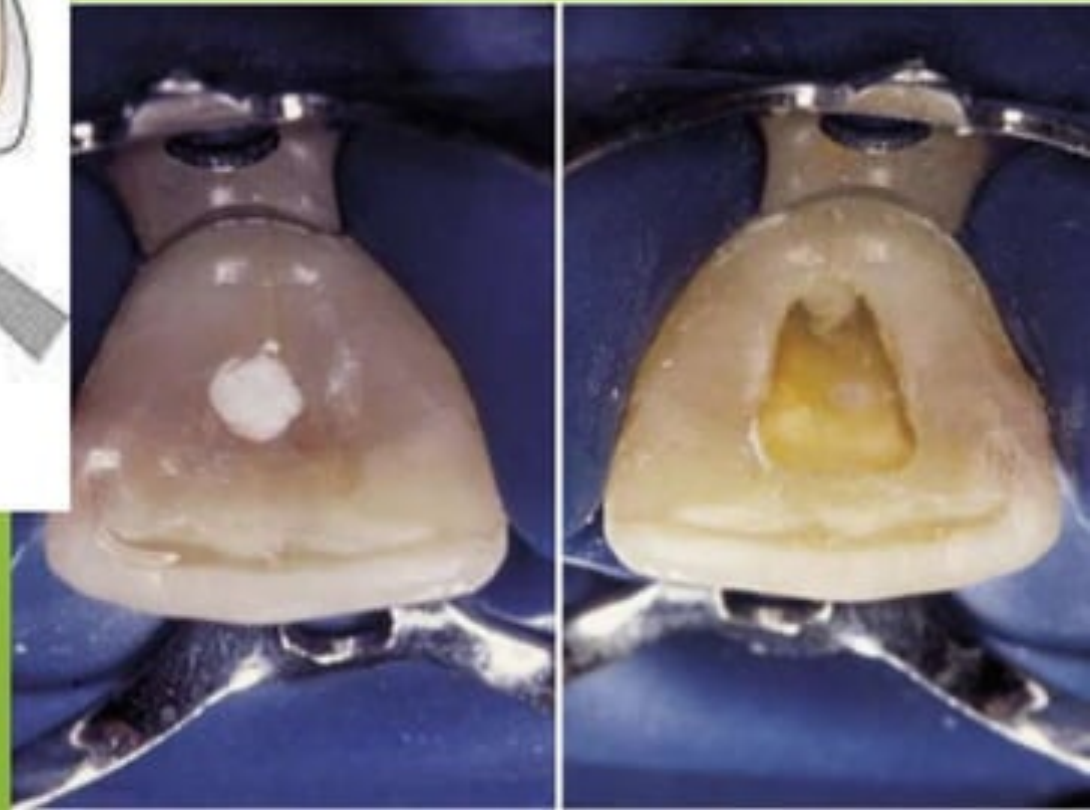
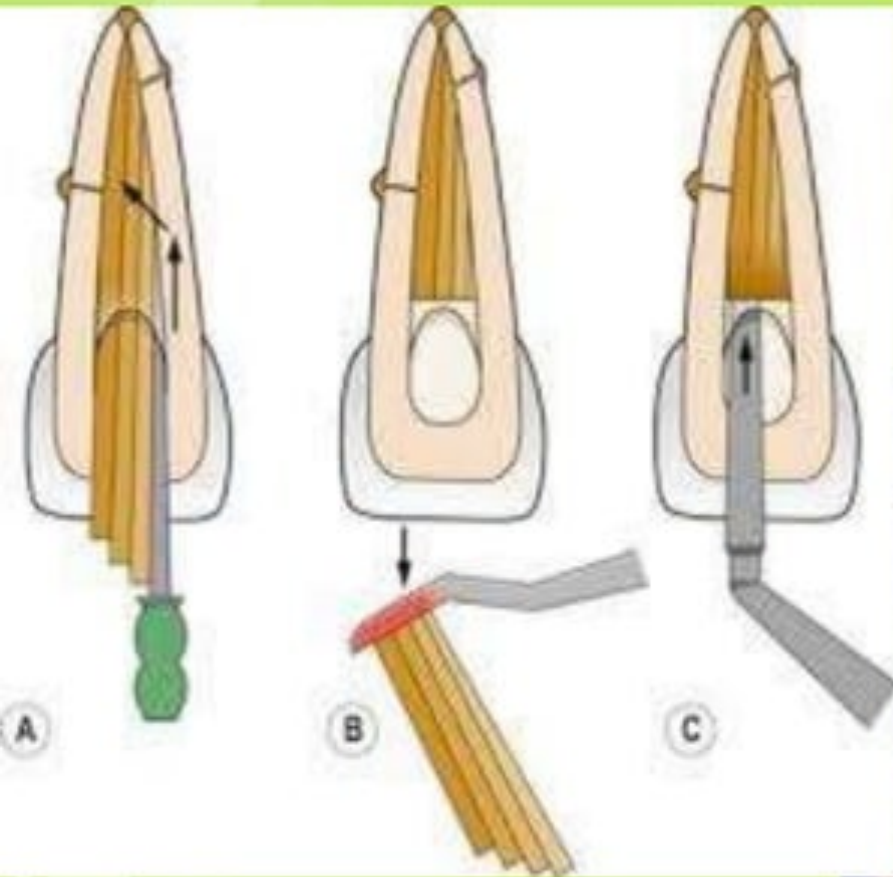
1. Unobstructed Access to the Canal Orifice

2. Direct Access to the Apical Foramen.

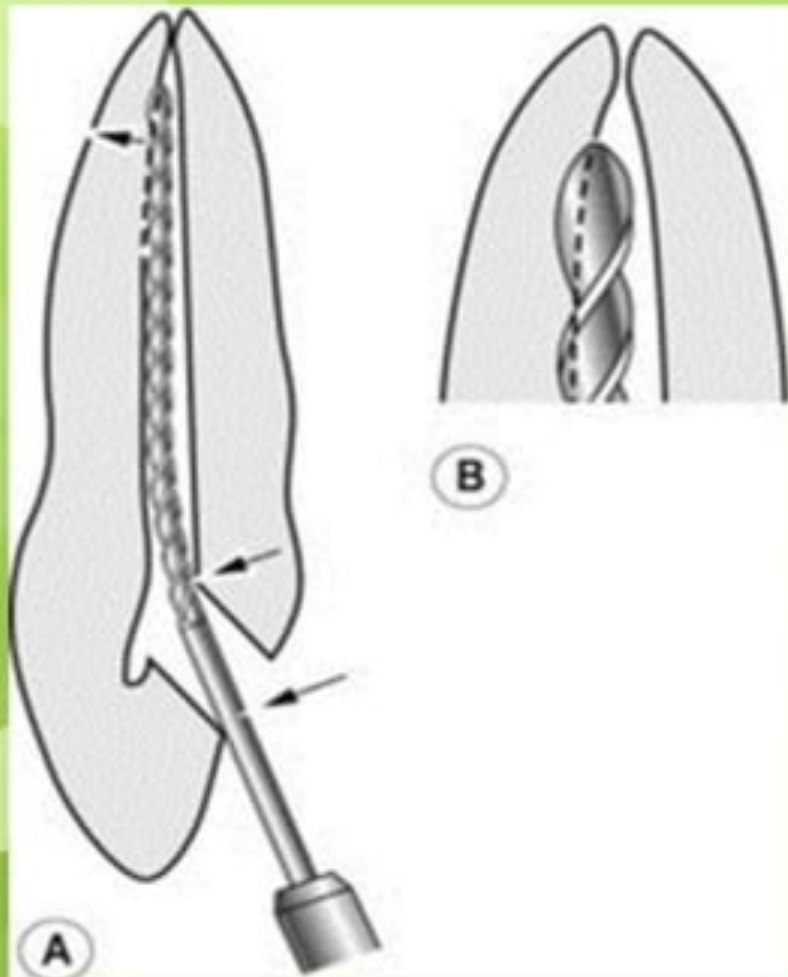
STRAIGHT-LINE ACCESS



3.Extension to Accommodate Filling Techniques



4. Complete Authority over the Enlarging Instrument



Principle III *Removal of the Remaining Carious Dentin*

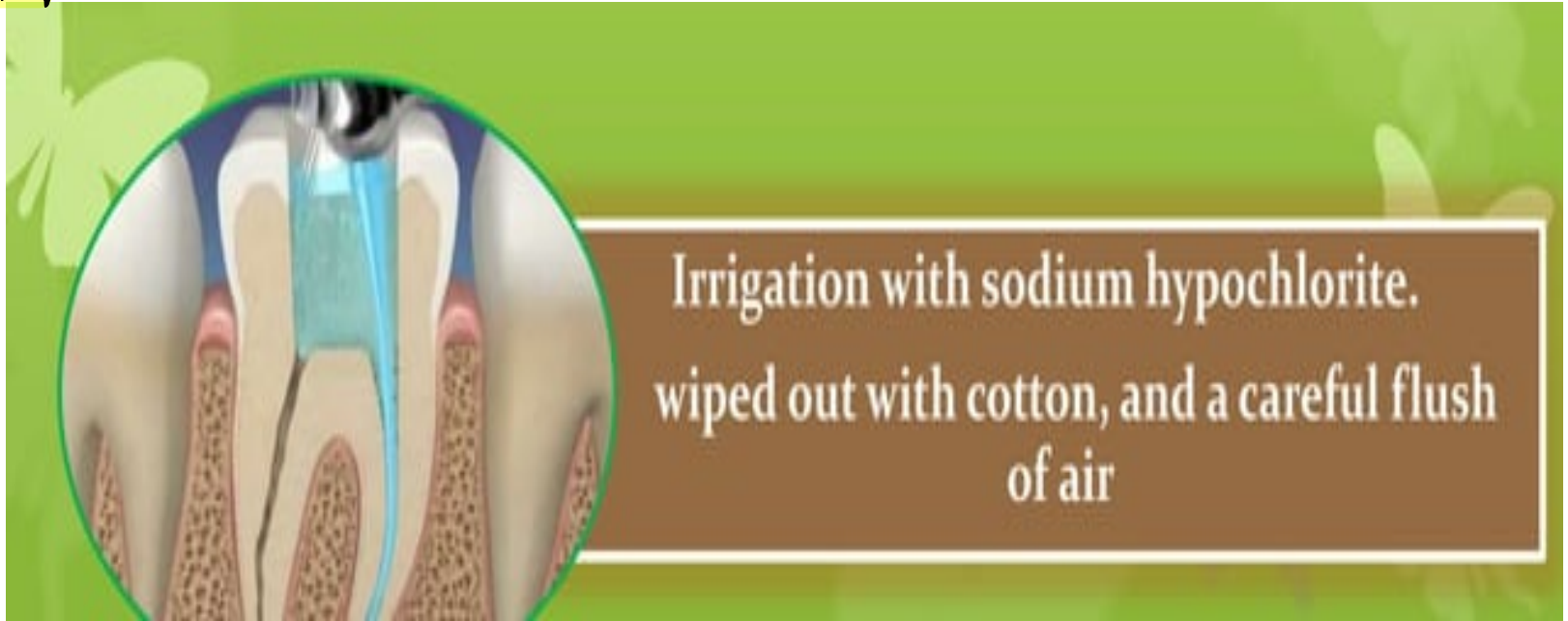
- Eliminate as much as possible of microorganism to prevent its invasion inside root canals
- Assess restorability of the remaining tooth structure.



Principle IV : Toilet of the cavity

Sodium hypochlorite has
dual function : Antimicrobial
and dissolves organic
material

- * Sterilization through antimicrobial sodium hypochlorite
- * Removal of organic tissue inside pulp chamber and canals



Endodontic Access Cavity Preparation of Anterior Teeth

Entrance through the lingual surface.

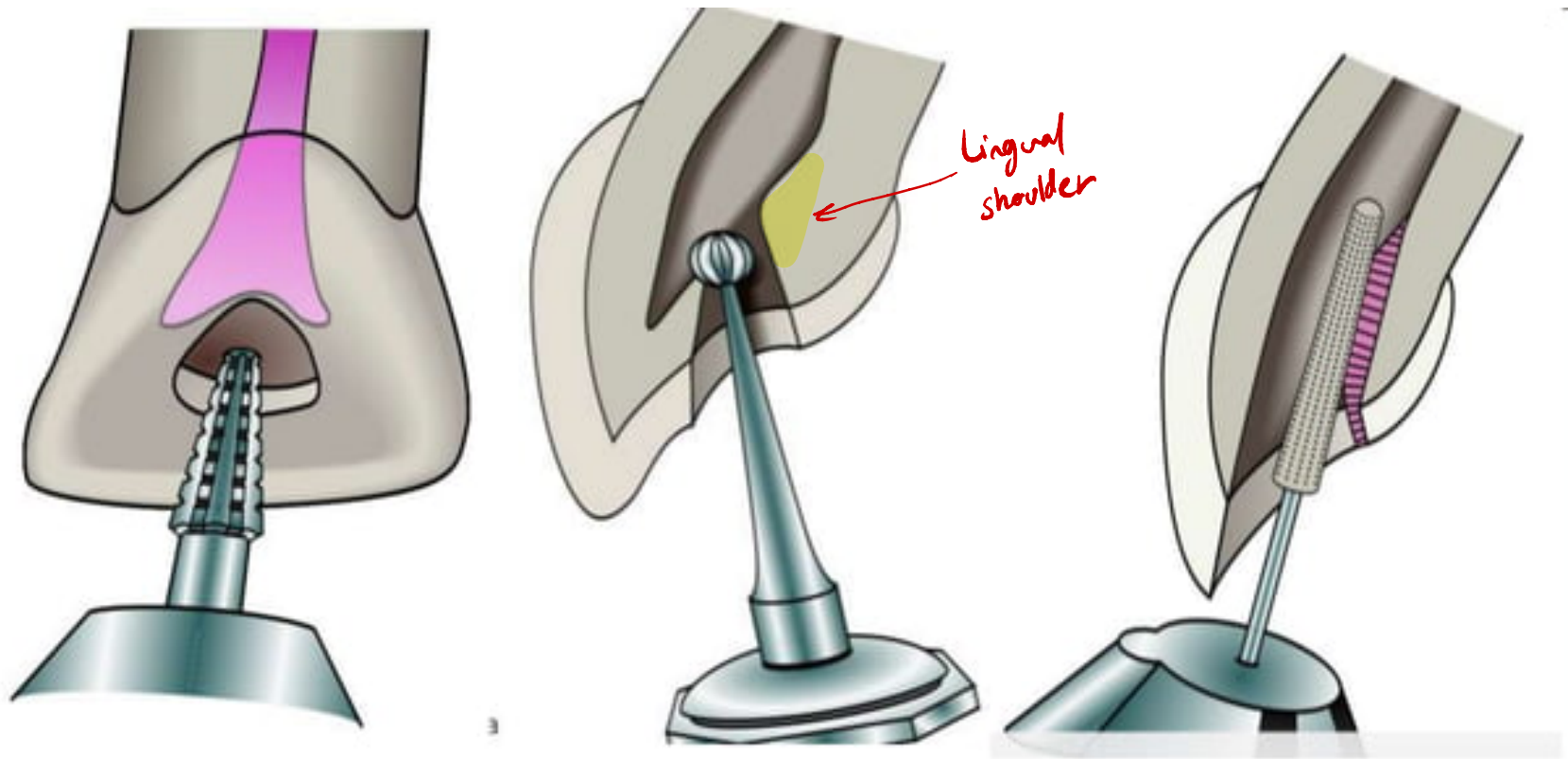
(Aesthetic concern)

Penetration into enamel with

No. 2 or No. 4 in an accelerated-speed handpiece , at a right angle

Convenience extension toward the incisal .





*cavity outline is funneled and fanned incisally with a fissure bur.

Penetrate(drop) the pulp chamber with surgical-length No. 2 or 4 round bur in aslow-speed .

*remove the lingual and labial walls of the pulp chamber.

*the lingual “shoulder” is removed

ERRORS **in Access cavity preparation**



Errors of access cavity preparation



Correctable

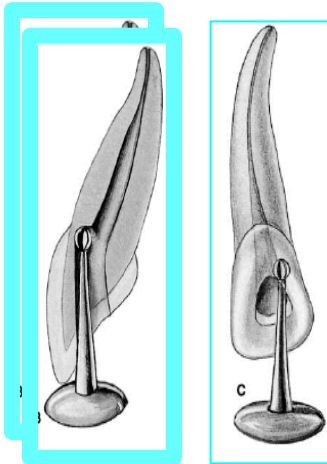
1. Underextended (Too constricted) cavity *- you didn't remove the whole chamber*
2. Pulp horn remains
3. Lingual shoulder remains
4. Incomplete deroofing
5. Rough margins

Non-correctable

- 1 Overextended cavity
- 2 Gouging
- 3 Perforation
- 4 Long Bevel (anterior)

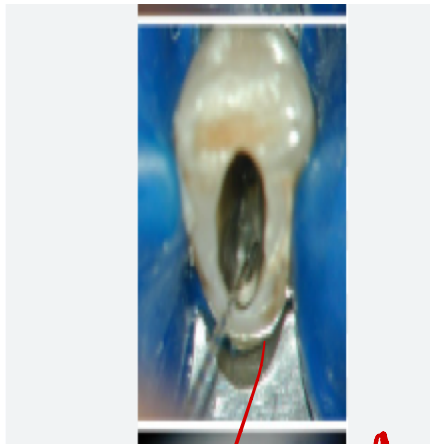
Non correctable error

Gouging



- cutting of non interested area
- * May leads to perforation

Overextended

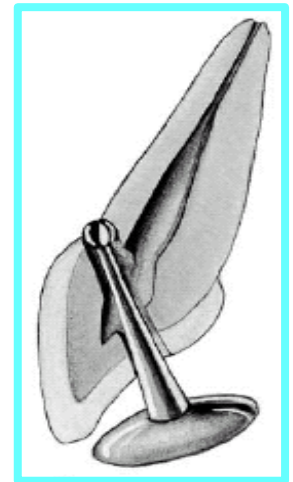


- over cutting
- weaker tooth.

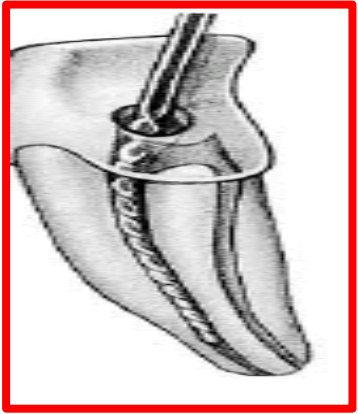
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Perforation

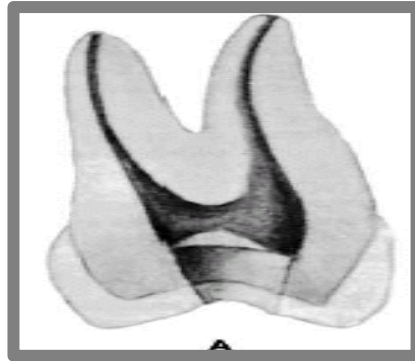


Correctable errors



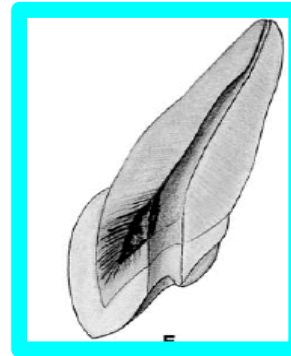
Underextended

- Pay attention during correction not to extend your access to much incisally



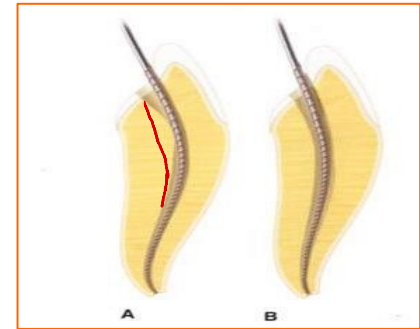
Incomplete deroofing

- missed canals
- Difficulty in canal preparation
- Pulp chamber remnants



Pulp horn remains

- Reservoir for re-infection.
- Dark Discoloration



Lingual shoulder remains

- Difficult access
- high stress on instrument (fracture)
- pulp remnants

Thank you for your patience

