



## Morphology & Access cavity of premolar teeth

Restorative dentistry  
(Endodontics)

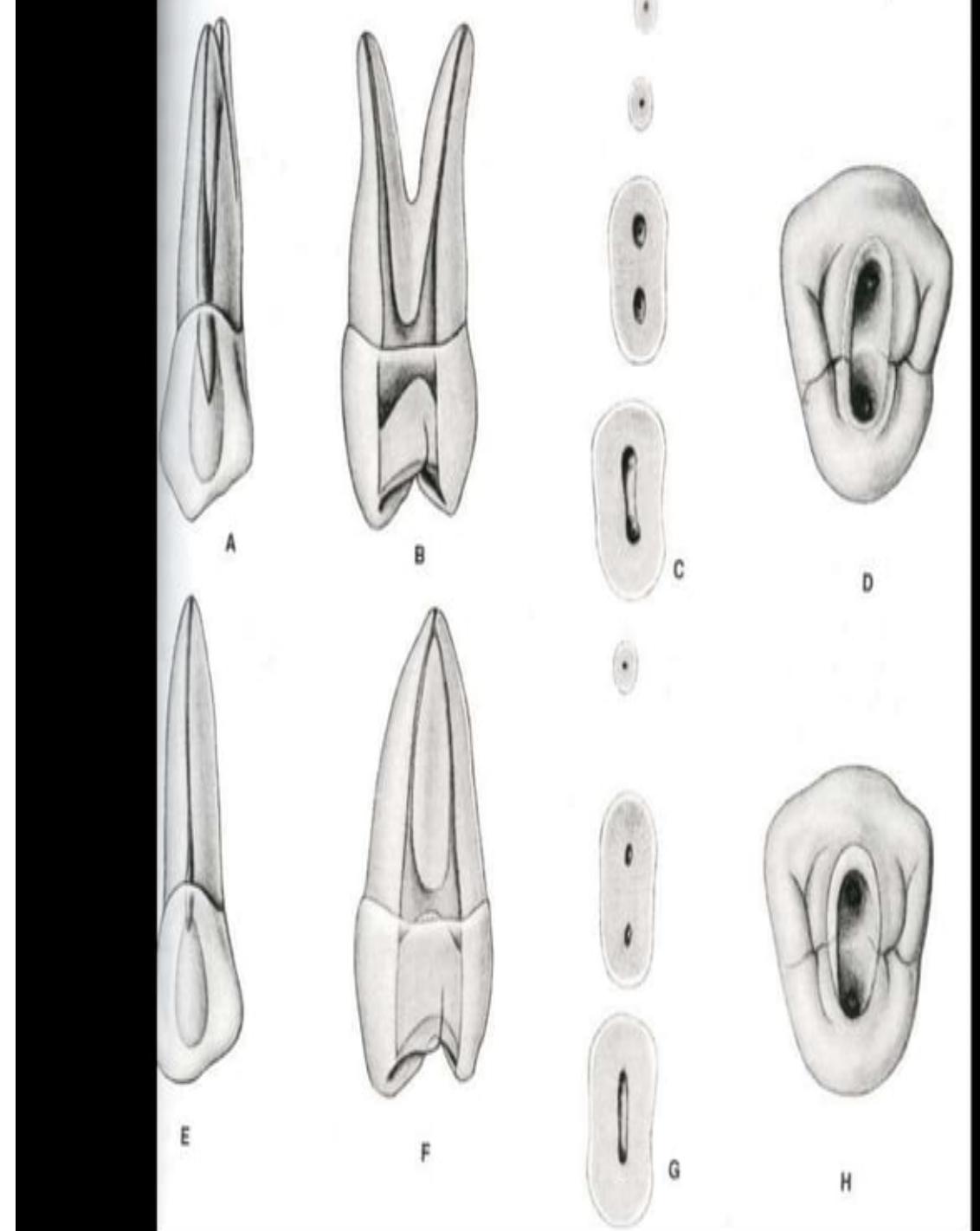
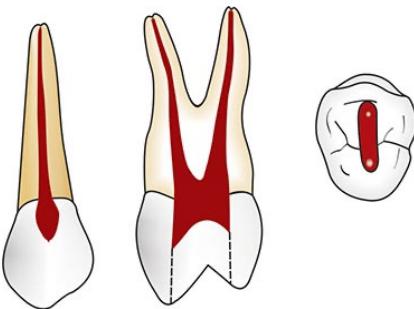
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# Maxillary first premolar

## Pulp chamber

- Narrow mesiodistally
- Pulp horn under each cusp
- Buccal pulp horn more prominent than palatal
- The roof of the pulp chamber is coronal to the cervical line
- The floor of the pulp chamber is convex: usually with two orifices, one buccal and the other is palatal and it lies deep in the coronal third of the root below the cervical line.
- **In cross section** , the pulp chamber is oval in buccopalatal direction.



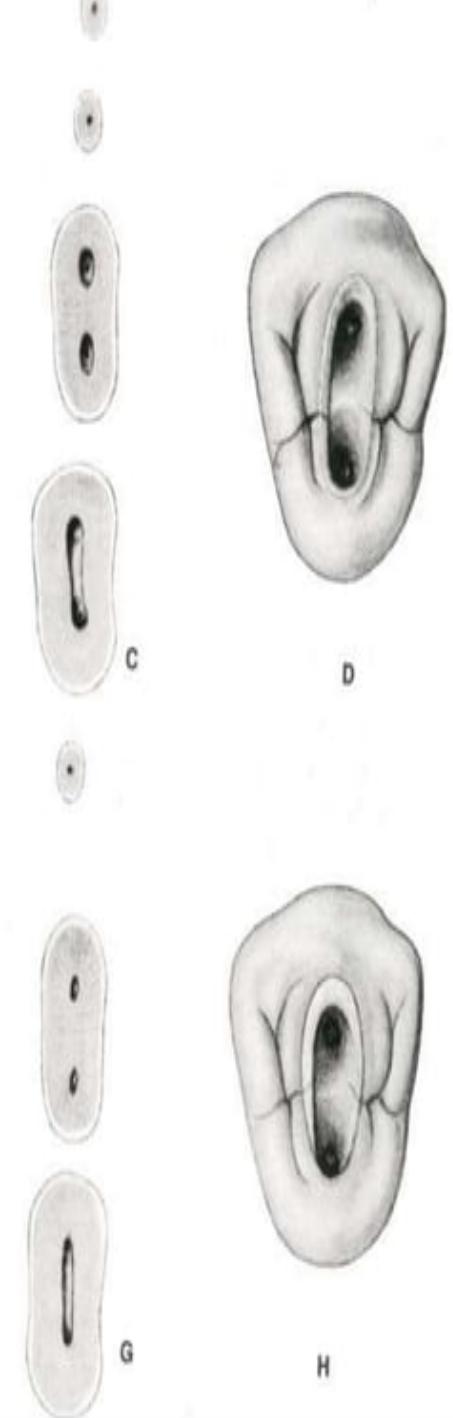
## Roots

- Has **two roots in 55% of cases:**
- ~~22% of cases , roots are separated : 33% roots are partially fused~~
- **43% of cases have one root and 2% have three roots**
- When three roots are present ; one is palatal and two are buccal which closely resemble the configuration of a small maxillary second molar



## Root canals

- In a tooth with a single canal through the length of the root, the canal is ovoid in shape , wider buccopalatally than mesiodistally in the cervical and middle third and round in the apical third



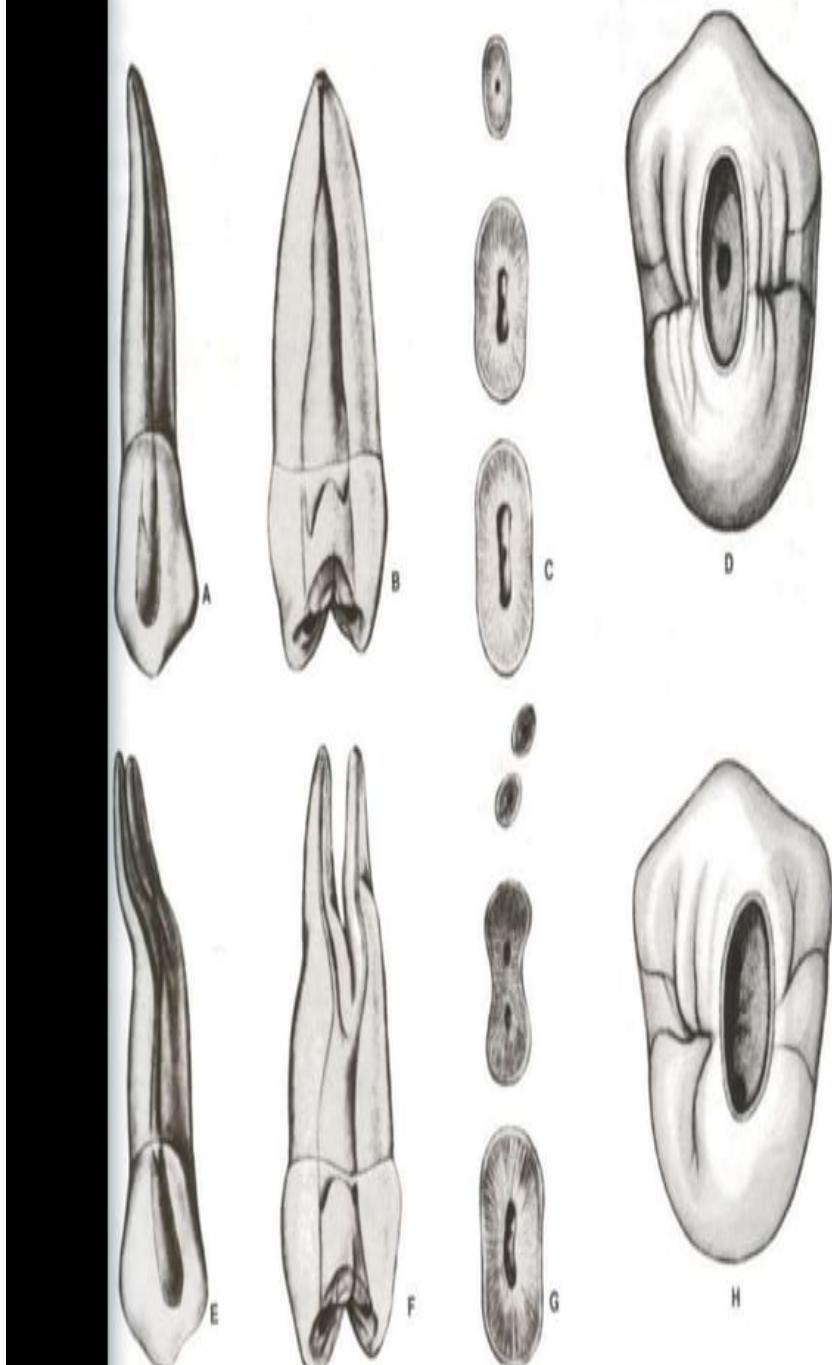
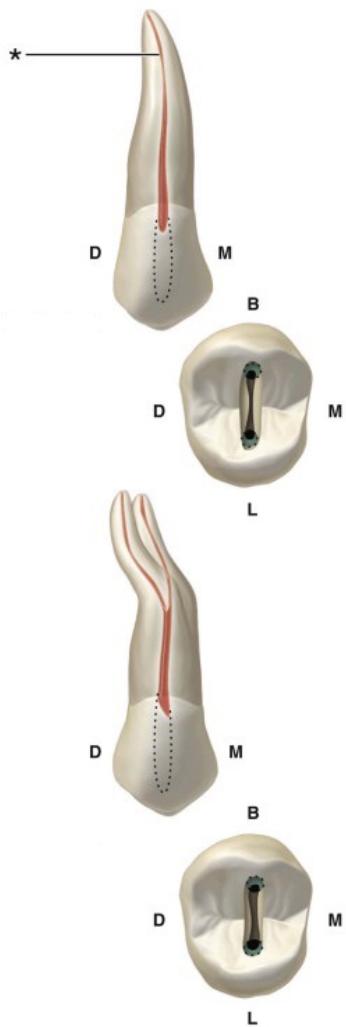
## MAXILLARY FIRST PREMOLARS

Length of tooth (mm)	Canals (%)	Direction	Curvature of roots		
			Single root	Double roots	
				Buccal	Palatal
Average length	21.8	One canal One foramen	9	Straight	38 28 45
Maximum length	23.8	Two canals One foramen <i>Type II Vertucci</i>	13	Distal curve	37 14 14
Minimum length	18.8	Two canals Two foramina	72	Mesial curve	0 0 0
Range	5	Three canals Three foramina	6	Labial curve Lingual curve Bayonet curve	15 3 0 14 36 8 28 9 0

# Maxillary second premolar

## Pulp chamber

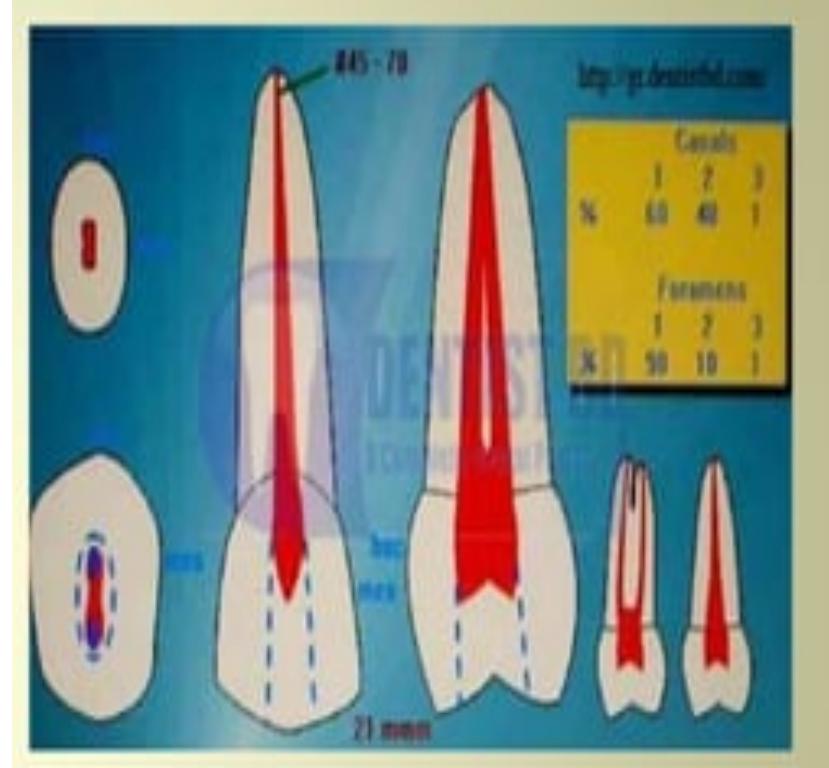
- Narrow mesiodistally
- Wider buccopalatally than maxillary first premolar
- Two pulp horns , buccal and palatal
- The roof of the pulp chamber is coronal to the cervical line
- The pulpal floor is deeper if two canals are present.
- **In cross section** , the pulp chamber has a narrow oval shape.



## Roots

- Maxillary second premolars have **single root** in **88% of patients.**
- 10 % have 2 roots that are partially fused.
- 2 % have 2 well developed roots.
- 43% of cases have **one root** and 2% have three roots.

2 roots



## Root canals

- If two canals are present, they may be separate **Vertucci IV** or **converge at apex**. → **Vertucci II**
- Majority of canals are curved.

## In cross section :

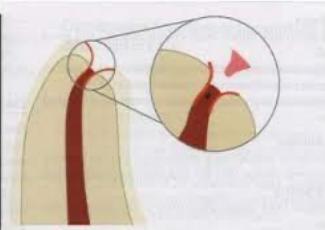
Cervical third : canals are oval & narrow

Middle third : ovoid in shape

Apical third : round



- The apical foramen is centrally located in 12% of cases.
- **Gutmann** reported that the apical foramen has been demonstrated to be on the lateral root surface 78% of time with a mean distance of 0.5 mm from the apex.



## MAXILLARY SECOND PREMOLARS

Length of tooth (mm)		Canals (%)		Root curvature (%)	
Average length	21	One canal One foramen	75	Straight	9.5
Maximum length	23	Two canals Two foramina	24	Distal curve	27
Minimum length	19	Three canals	1	Mesial curve	1.6
Range	4			Buccal curve	12.7
				Lingual curve	4.0
				Bayonet curve	20.6



# Mandibular first premolar

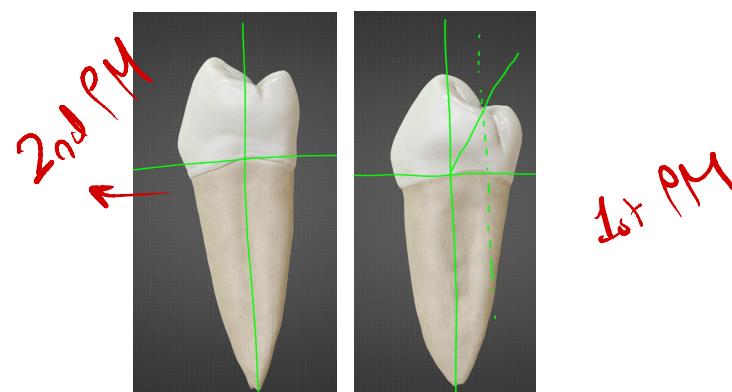
## Pulp chamber

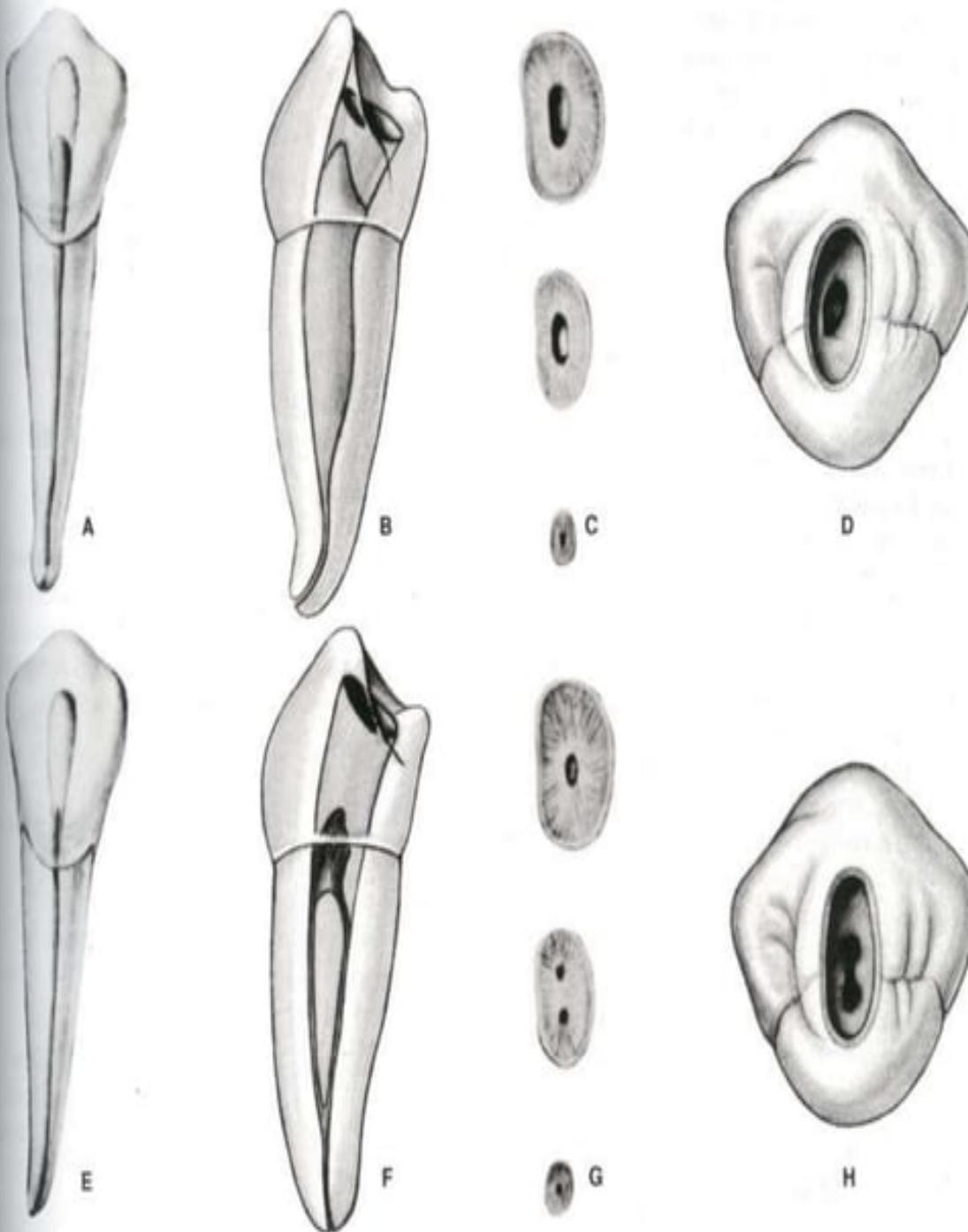
- Transitional tooth between anterior and posterior teeth
- The crown of mandibular first premolar has  $30^{\circ}$  lingual tilt.
- The mesiodistal width of the pulp chamber is narrow, buccolingually, the pulp chamber is wide, prominent buccal pulp horn.
- Small lingual pulp horn may disappear by time and may give the pulp chamber an appearance similar to that of a mandibular cuspid.
- **In cross section**

**Cervical third** : canals are ovoid

**Middle third** : ovoid in shape

**Apical third** : round





## Roots

- Mandibular first premolar usually has a short conical root. Bifurcation and trifurcation of the roots are most common anomalies in mandibular first premolar.
- Bifurcation of roots among lower premolar , usually occurs buccolingually, but rarely bifurcation may occur mesiodistally also.



## Root canals

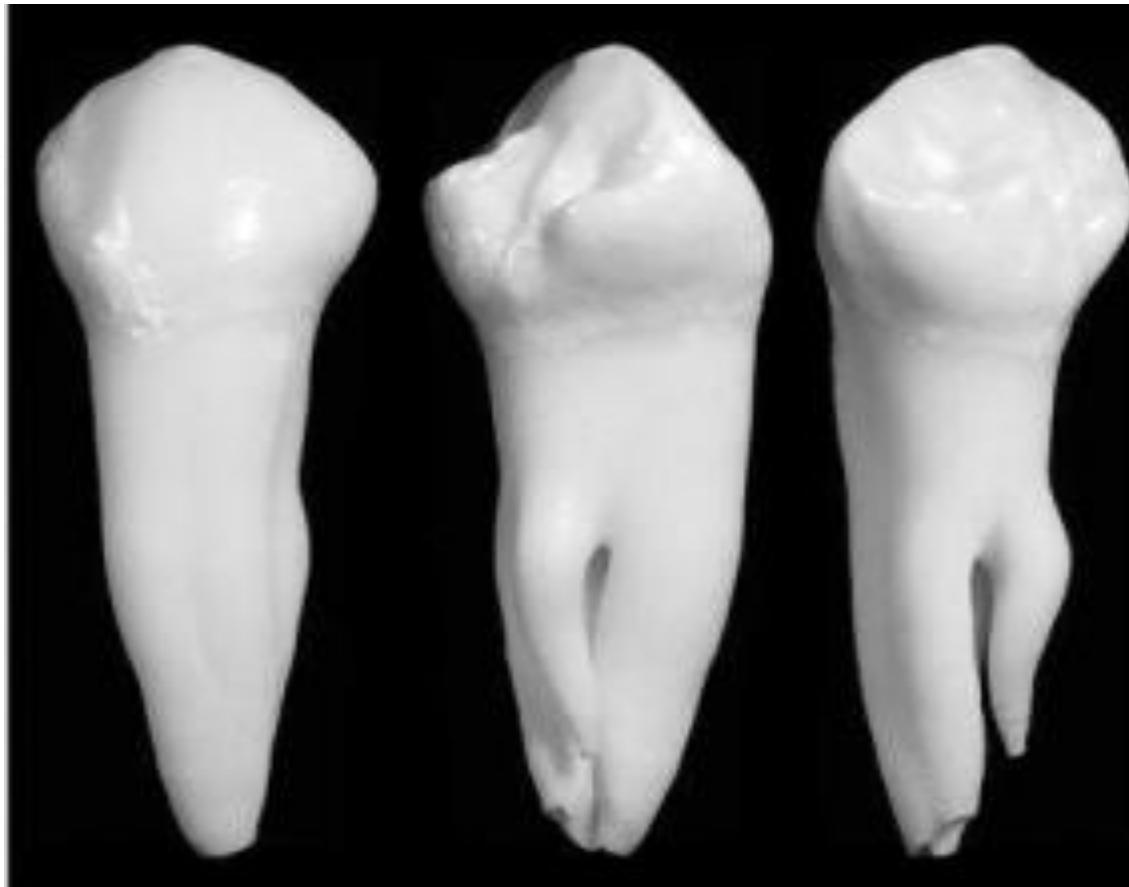
- If one canal is present, it will be cone shaped and simple in outline. Mesiodistally, such a root canal is narrow; buccolingually, it is broad and tapers toward the apical third.



## Cross section

- Cervical and middle thirds are ovoid.
- Apical third is round.





## MANDIBULAR FIRST PREMOLAR

Length of tooth (mm)		Canals (%)		Root curvature (%)	
Average length	22.1	One canal	73.5	Straight	48
		One foramen			
Maximum length	24.1	Two canals	6.5	Distal curve	35
		One foramen			
Minimum length	20.1	Two canals two foramina	19.5	Mesial curve	0
Range	4.0	Three canals	0.5	Buccal curve	2
				Lingual curve	7
				Bayonet curve	7

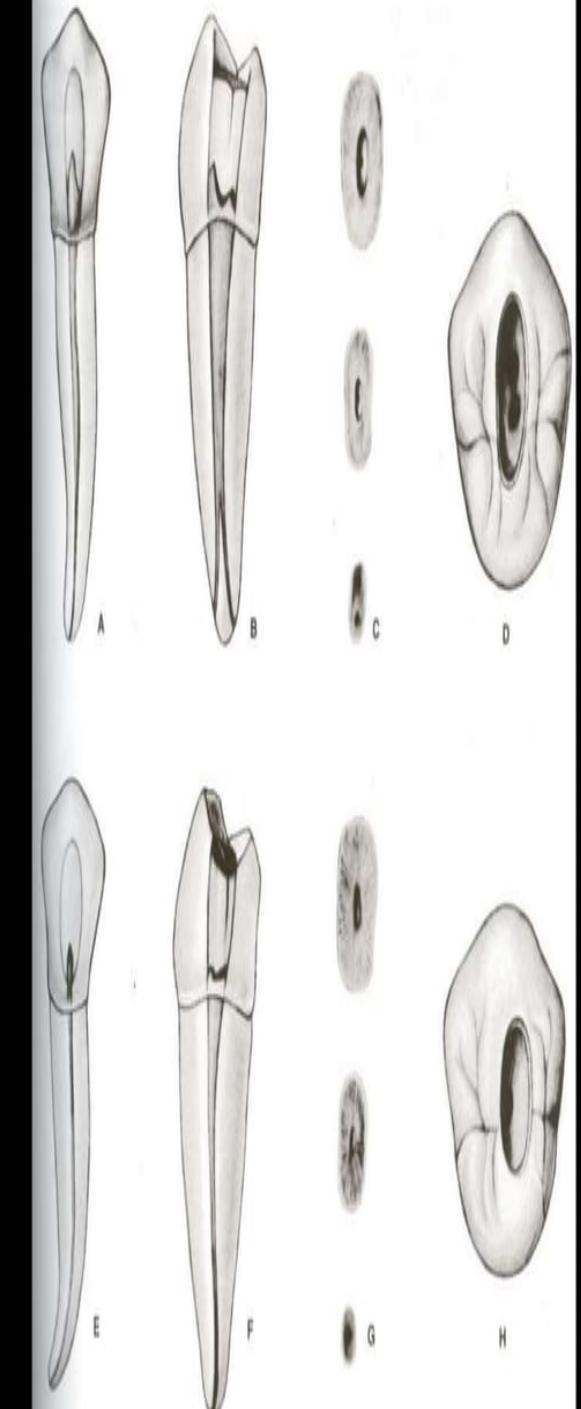
## Mandibular second premolar

### Pulp chamber

- The pulp chamber of mandibular second premolar is similar to that of mandibular first premolar , except the lingual horn is more prominent under a well developed lingual cusp.

### Roots

- The mandibular second premolar usually has a single root, but on rare occasions 2 to 3 roots are present.



## MANDIBULAR SECOND PREMOLARS

Length of tooth (mm)		Canals (%)		Root curvature (%)
Average length	21.4	One canal	85.5	Straight
		One foramen		
Maximum length	23.7	Two canals	1.5	Distal curve
		One foramen		
Minimum length	19.1	Two canals two foramina	11.5	Mesial curve
				0
Range	4.6	Three canals	0.5	Buccal curve
				10
				Lingual curve 3
				Bayonet curve 7
				Trifurcation curve 1

# Principles of Access cavity preparation

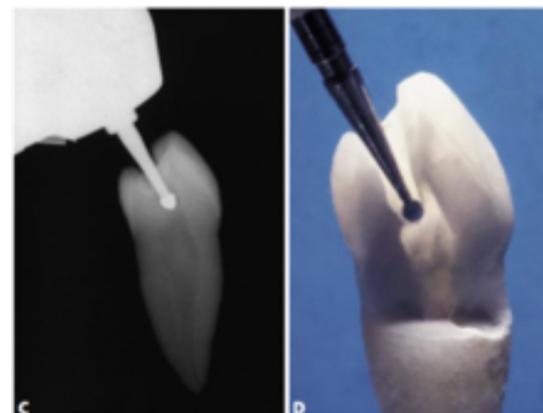
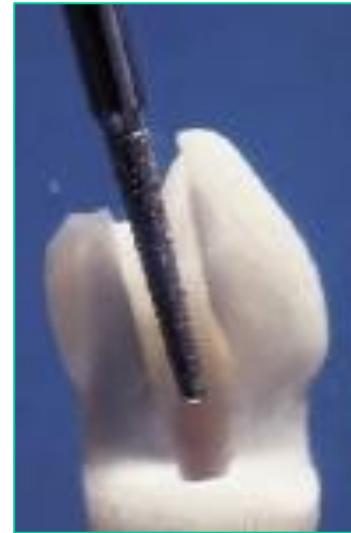


## **Principles of coronal cavity preparation:-**

- **Outline form (Access cavity)**
- **Convenience form**
- **Removal of carious dentine and defective restorations**
- **Toilet of the cavity (Irrigation)**

# Premolar

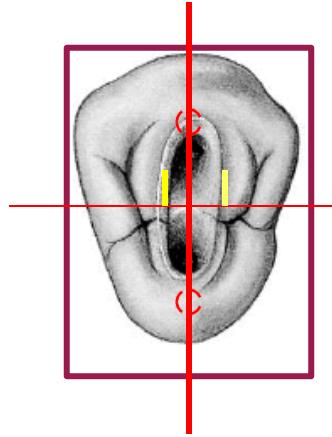
## Access Cavity Preparation for Premolar Teeth (Step by Step)



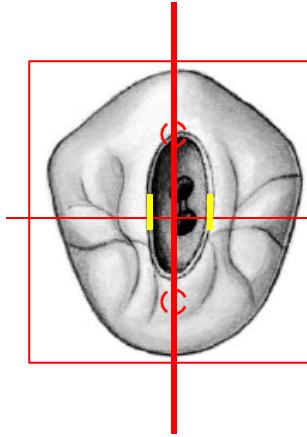
## Practical steps

★ Shape:

Distal



Mesial



★ Site  
(Location):

**Center**

★ Size (Extent):

**Ridges** Leave 1.5 - 2 mm of marginal ridge

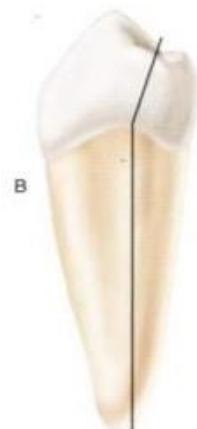
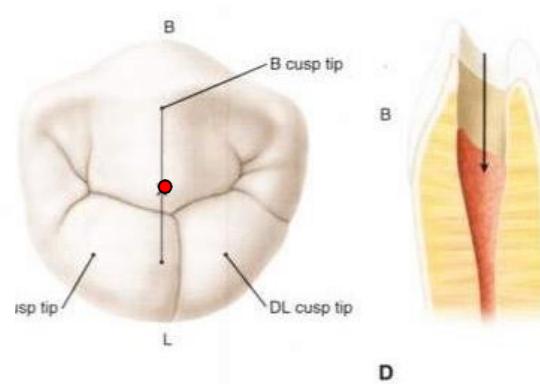
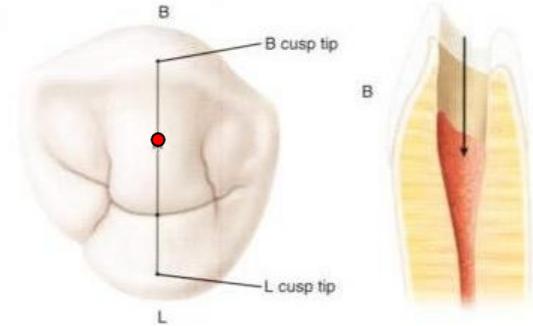
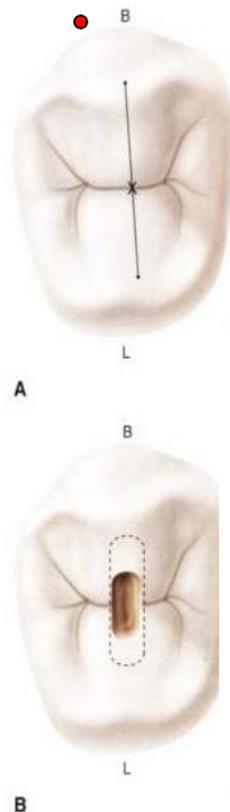
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\* Max 1st and 2nd PM  
in the center of occlusal surface

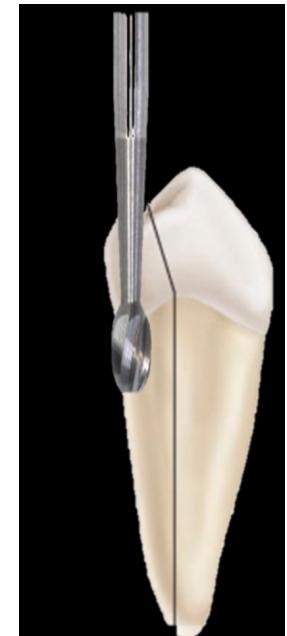
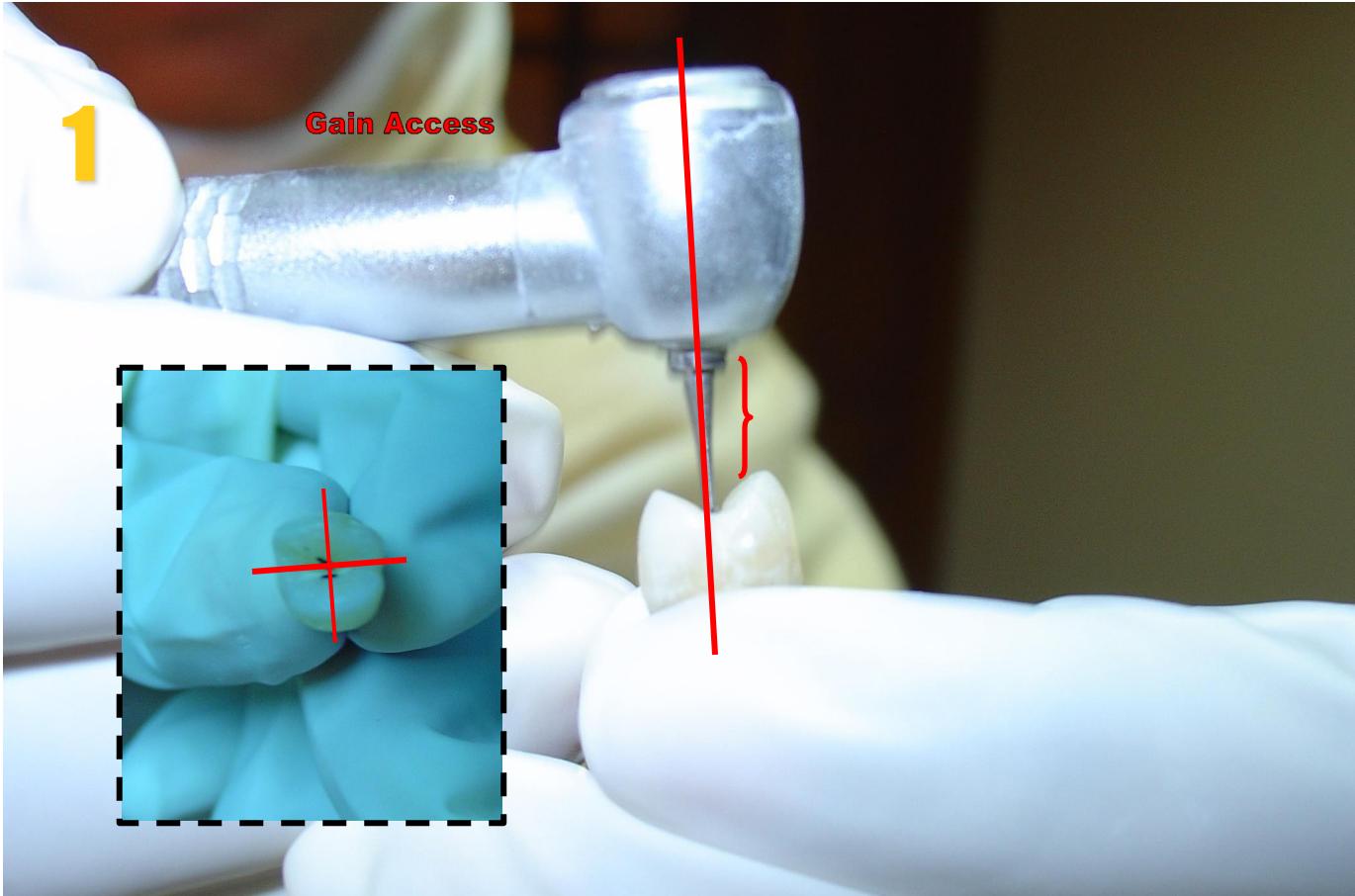
\* Max 1st PM  
in the center of buccal  
cusp ridge

\* Max 2nd PM  
few mm above the  
central groove.

### Gain Access

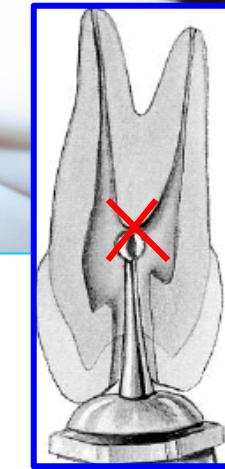
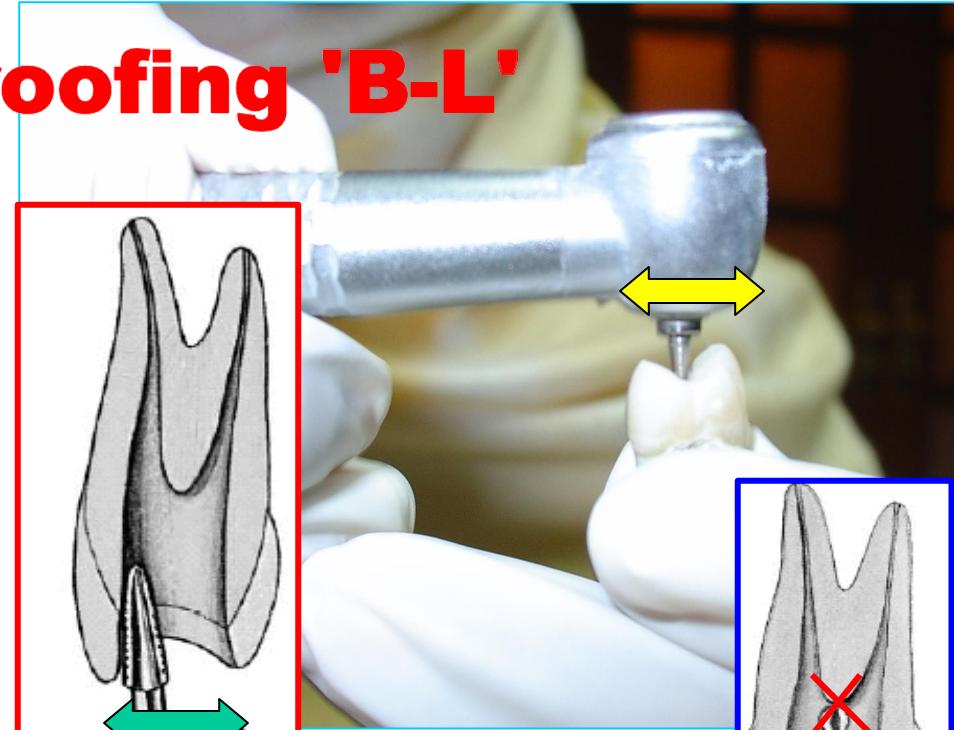
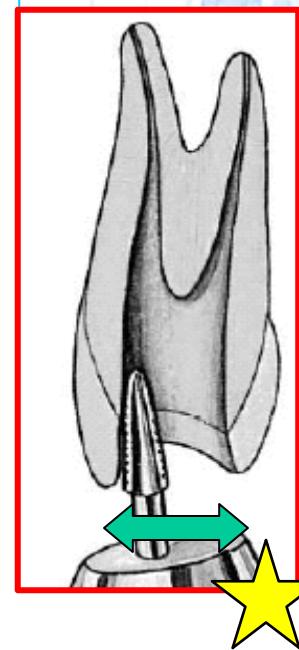
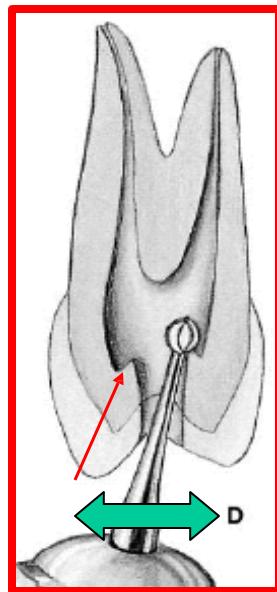


— Parallel with  
the long access  
in all teeth  
except in lower  
1st PM you  
should start  
by  $45^{\circ}$  because  
of lingual convergence  
of the crown.



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## Deroofing 'B-L'



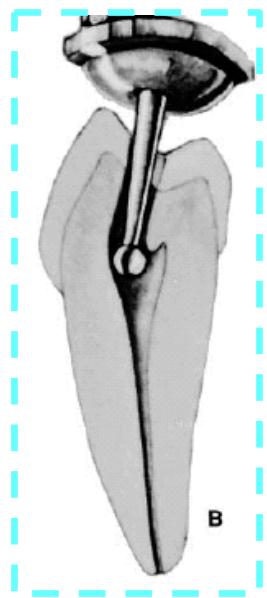
-Don't deroof widely  
in mesiodistal direction

bcz pulp chamber in PMs are  
narrow mesiodistally.

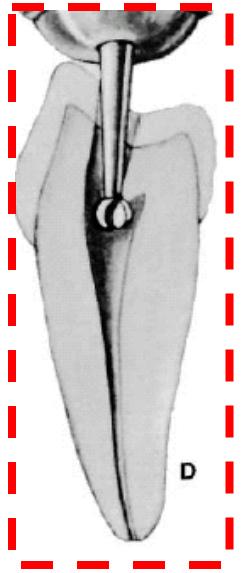
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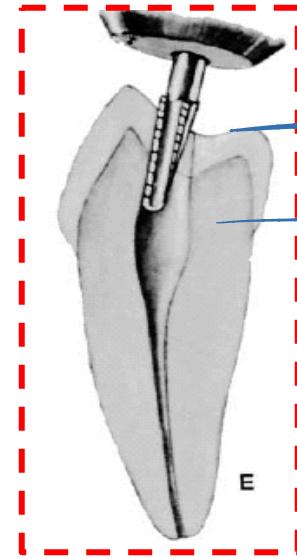
**Flaring**



Gain Access

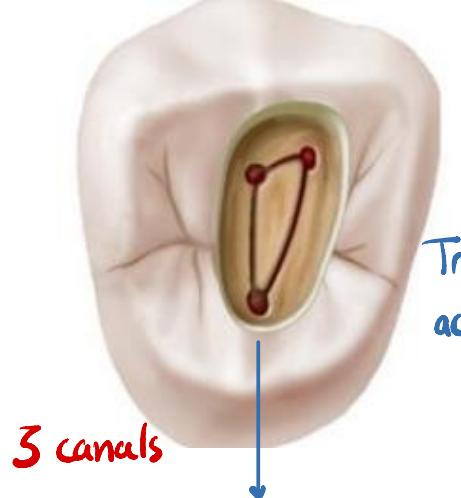


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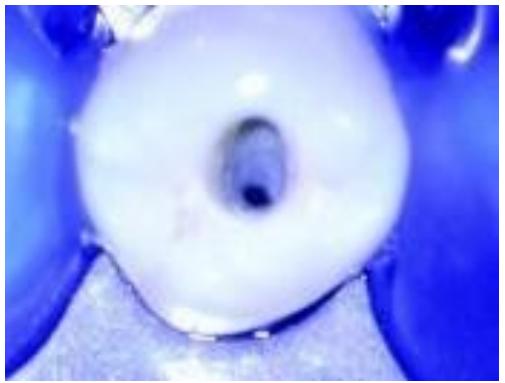


smoothing the walls  
Using non-cutting tip bur .

### Flaring

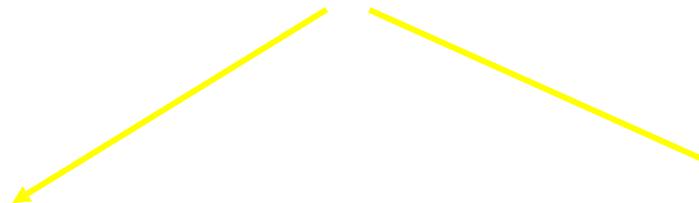


Triangular access .



- Access cavity is ovoid in shape  
if there was one canal .
- Keep about 2mm from marginal ridge .

# Errors of access cavity



## Correctable

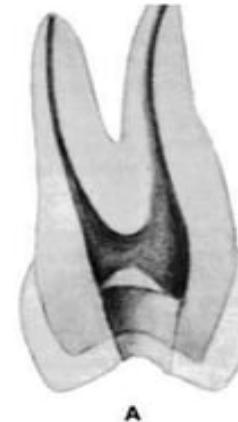
- 1 Underextended (Too constricted) cavity
- 2 Pulp horn remains
- 3 Cervical bulge remains
- 4 Mouse hole effect

## Non-correctable

- 1 Overextended cavity
- 2 Gouging
- 3 Perforation

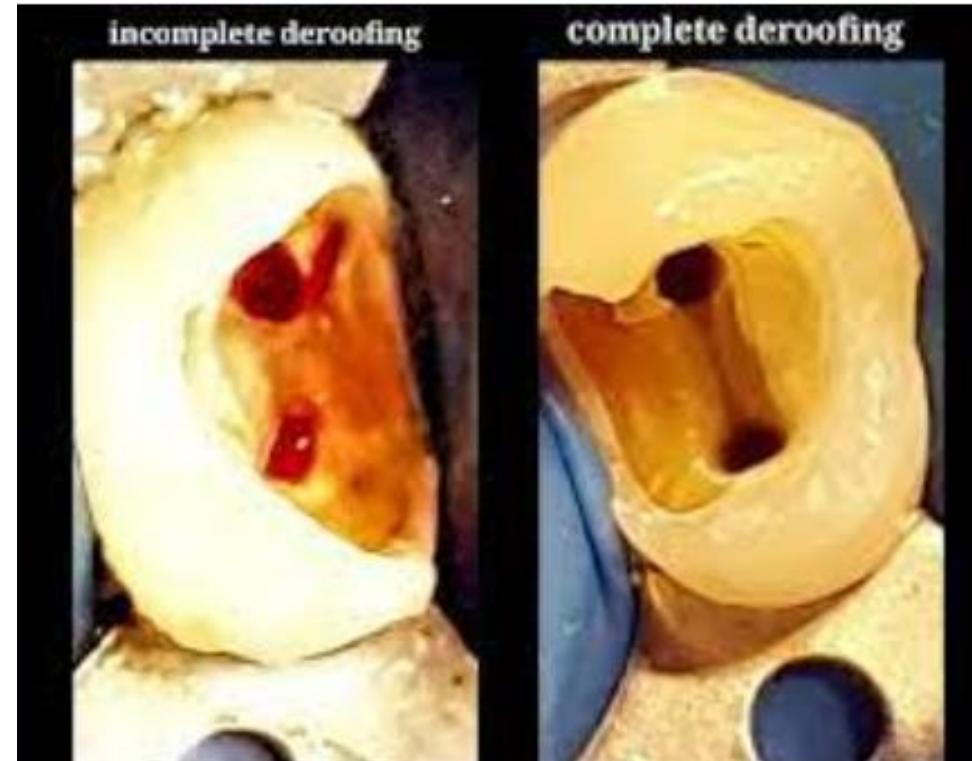
- Unexposed orifice "canal"
- Remnants of infected pulp and dentin
- many microorganisms
- Failure of RCT

Under extended access cavity



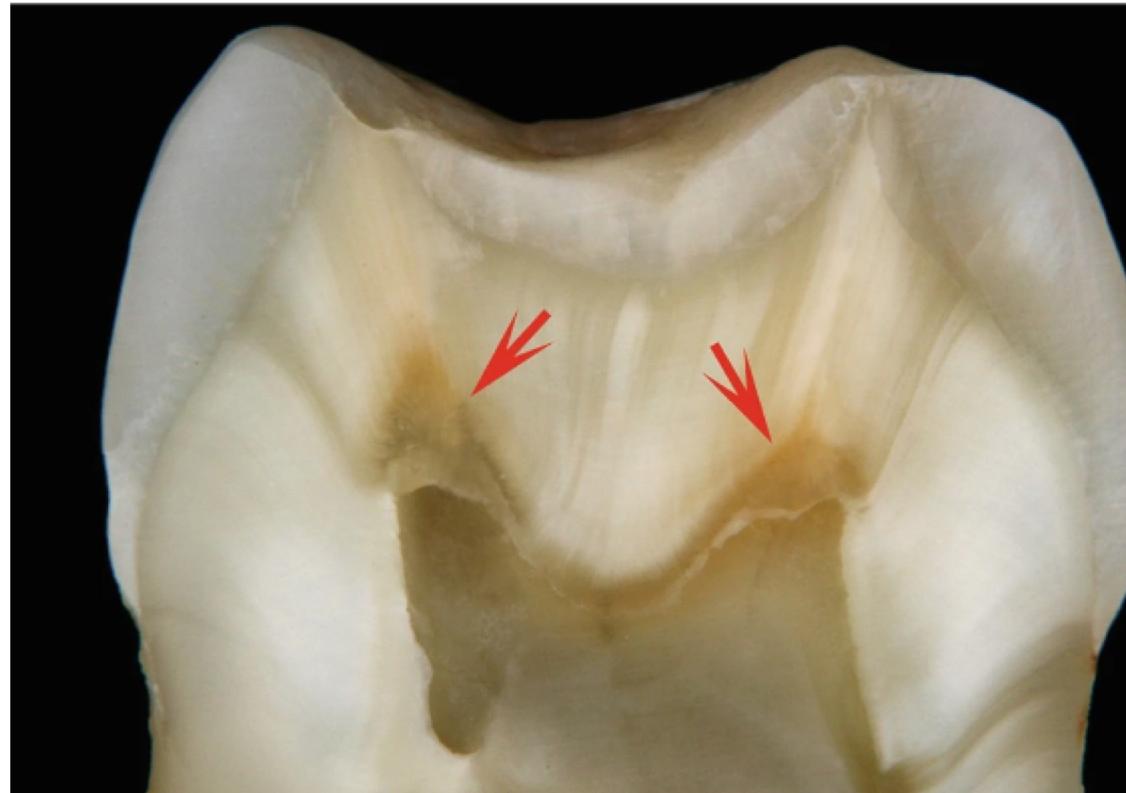
Correctable errors

Underextended acces cavity



\* Contain much ←  
microorganisms

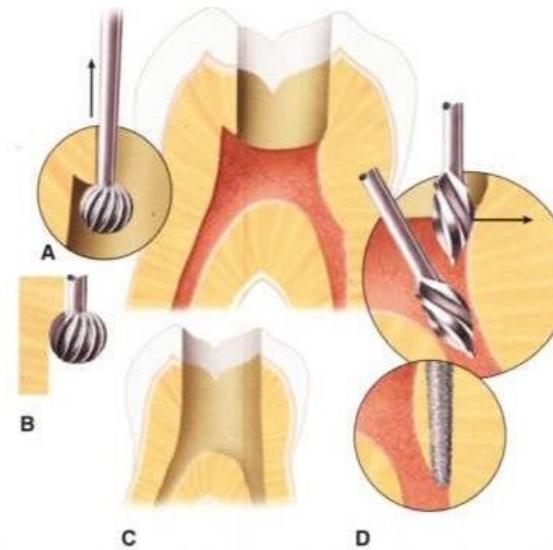
Pulp horns remain



# Cervical bulge remain

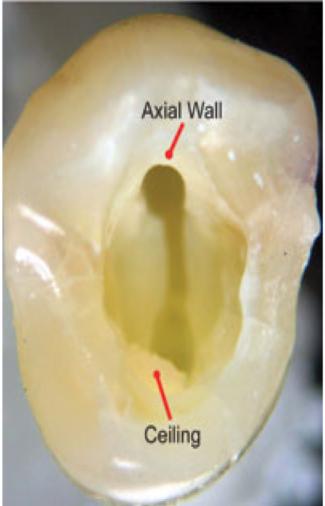


Lingual shoulder

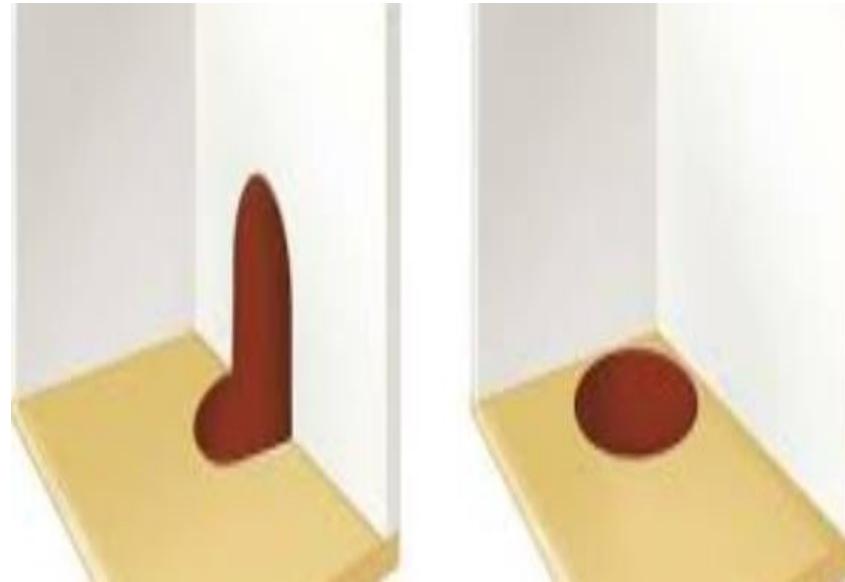


cervical bulge

\* Leaving remnants of  
pulp chamber above the  
orifices, so orifice is  
partially visible



## Mouse hole effect



**Figure 3.** Access preparation demonstrates "mouse hole" effect on buccal, and ceiling overhang on palatal.

# Non correctable errors

Over extended access cavity

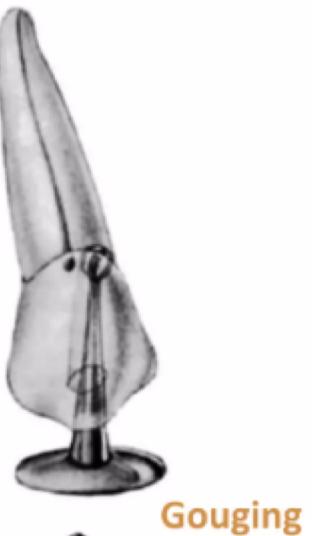


- Excessive cutting  
during access cavity

- more dentin removal  
weakens the tooth  
more and more  
↓

\* finally poor prognosis .

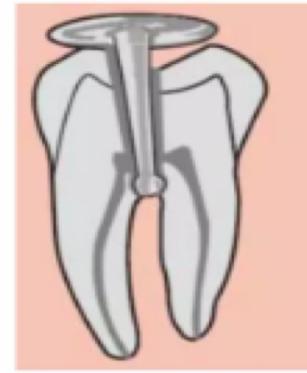
# Gouging



- Cutting in non-interested area (sound dentin)
- End with perforation

Perforation

- weaks the tooth
- Leads to poor prognosis.



**Thank you very much !**

