

more compared to other normal unaffected teeth they may require a strong filling or a stainless steel crown.

- Our Pediatric Dentists are qualified to perform this procedure in one sitting rather than call your child multiple times. This way it becomes very much acceptable to the child. However, if the child is brought late to the Pediatric Dentist and a swelling, pus formation, gum boil or an abscess has already occurred in connection with the damaged tooth then more sittings may be needed.

Advice

It is extremely important to take proper advice from a qualified, specialized Pediatric Dentist who has an MDS degree over a regular BDS dental surgeon. A Pediatric Dentist has a specialized Master's training in that particular field over and above a normal graduate BDS degree. Hence a Pediatric Dentist is the best person to give you a perfect and most suitable advice for all your child's dental health concerns.

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Root Canal

Why Root canal in Milk Teeth?

Importance of Milk Teeth

Milk teeth are present in the mouth for a specific purpose. The front teeth arrive from roughly 6 months to 1 year and remain there till 6-9 years of age after which they fall off. The molars (back teeth) arrive at roughly 1½ to 3 years or remain till 10-12 years after which they are shed.

They protect the underlying unerupted permanent teeth, maintain the space in the jaw till the new teeth erupts, maintain the vertical and lateral dimension of the face apart from helping in chewing, asthetics and speech. The order of eruption and falling is decided by nature so that the permanent teeth come one by one, take up their positions in the jaws and form the basis of permanent dentition of future. Therefore, milk teeth are extremely important, should be preserved at any cost, should not be removed prematurely and should be allowed to fall only at their natural time. Only this way can the health of permanent teeth, their sequence of eruption and determination of position be secured without creating any abnormality.

Why is Root canal done ?

Whenever the milk teeth get infected with cavities they can be treated with fillings if decay is spotted early and the inner nerve (present in all teeth) is not damaged. However if the nerve does get affected because of decay or accidental fracture of teeth, then an advice should be sought from a Pediatric Dentist regarding treatment. Your Pediatric Dentist with the help of clinical examination and X-rays would be able to tell you if root canal is needed or not. If that particular tooth

has still some time to go before they fall then it is advisable to retain that tooth for aforementioned reasons by doing a treatment called as Root Canal (RC).

Your Pediatric Dentist removes all the infected pulp (nerve & blood tissue) from within the tooth, cleans the canals and fills them with a specially formulated material. This material is designed to be dissolved while the body is naturally reabsorbing the root in preparation of the tooth falling out to be replaced by a permanent tooth later on in life.

Important

- The milk teeth and permanent teeth are two separate entities. The nerves of the milk teeth have NO relation to the nerves of permanent teeth. Therefore doing a root canal treatment in milk teeth DOES NOT damage the permanent teeth formation.
- On the other hand by not doing a root canal in a decayed milk tooth, damage to the permanent tooth development may occur. The infection and pus of the primary tooth can spread beyond their roots and damage the structure and eruption path of the developing underlying permanent tooth.

The Benefit

- Once the RC is done the tooth is saved and brought back to a painfree and healthy condition and this then serves the function for the child till they fall off naturally which is most desirable. But because they are not vital (living) any