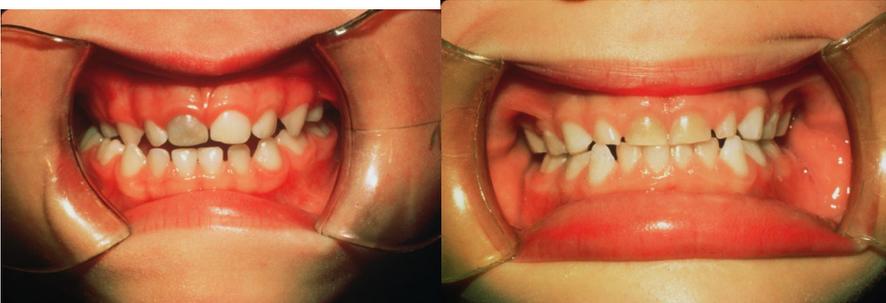


Traumatic injuries

1. Some teeth may require root canal treatment if an abscess (tooth infection) occurs.
2. Teeth will frequently discolor after injury and should be watched carefully for signs of abscess such as pain, swelling on the gum near the tooth. The discoloration may improve with time or may become more severe.
3. Permanent teeth that are discolored after trauma may require a root canal and bleaching to improve the color.
4. Teeth that have been pushed out of position may need to be pushed back and splinted together with other less affected teeth, the duration of the splint depends on the extent of the injury. The more severely they are out of position, the more likely they are to need root canal treatment.
5. As a result of trauma the ligament around the root of the tooth may be damaged. Some teeth may bond to the bone (ankylose) and stop growing. As the jaws continue to grow, the position of the tooth will not change and the tooth will begin to look out of place. If this becomes severe, the tooth may need to be repositioned surgically or removed.
6. Sometimes due to excessive inflammation the root will begin to disappear (resorb) after a severe injury and the tooth may need to be removed.
7. Keep child on a soft diet for week, avoid foods such as breads, crackers and etc. keep injured areas clean and make sure to brush teeth routinely, often time warm salt water rinses once a days can help, rinses should only be utilized if your child is able to spit.

In all cases of severe blows to the face or jaws, a physician should be consulted to evaluate for brain or nerve injury, jaw fracture or the need for tetanus booster.



DIS-COLORED TEETH



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Over the counter children's motrin or Tylenol can be used for pain control, be sure to use the amount appropriate for your child's age and to follow the instructions on the box accurately.