

Cracked Tooth Syndrome

Simple Crack: The majority of teeth can be treated by placement of a simple crown on the tooth. When the tooth is prepared for the crown and a temporary restoration is placed, the pain usually leaves immediately. **If this is the case with your tooth, we will place the final crown without a problem on your next appointment. The condition should then be solved.**

Complex Crack: Occasionally, a tooth will crack in the nerve. **These cracks can be treated the same way, however if pain persists after the temporary crown has been placed, notify us as soon as possible--this is an indication that you have a crack into the nerve of the affected tooth.** This tooth may require root canal therapy before the permanent crown is placed or could require removal and replacement.

Symptoms of a Cracked Tooth

- Pain when chewing
- Pain on cold-air application
- Unsolicited pain (usually leakage of sugar into tooth crack)
- No x-ray evidence of problem
- No dental decay present
- Easy verification of crack when tooth is prepared for restoration



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