

Vital Pulpotomy – Post-Op Instructions After Anesthesia

- Numbness may last several hours; avoid chewing until it fully wears off.
- Be careful not to bite your cheeks, lips, or tongue.

What Was Done

- Part of the tooth's nerve (pulp) was removed.
- A soothing medication was placed.
- The tooth was sealed with a **temporary filling**.
- This procedure is meant to **reduce or eliminate pain**, but it is **temporary**.

What to Expect

- You should feel significant relief once the anesthetic wears off.
- Some soreness is normal.
- Because internal breakdown varies, improvement cannot always be predicted – additional treatment may be needed.

Pain Management

- Take pain medication as needed.
- **Ibuprofen** (Advil, Motrin, Nuprin) is usually effective.
- Call the office if pain worsens or you have concerns.

Important: This Is NOT the Final Treatment

- A pulpotomy is **only a temporary emergency procedure**.
- You will need **root canal treatment** to save the tooth.
- Delaying treatment can lead to:
 - Painful abscess
 - Infection
 - Possible tooth loss

General Notes

- Contact your dentist with any questions or concerns.
- You are responsible for costs if instructions are not followed.