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## **Traumatic Injuries to the Teeth**

**Traumatic** injuries to the teeth require special attention. The injuries may vary significantly in type and extent. Some may be obvious such as a fracture or concussion (a blow to the tooth). There are many other possible injuries or consequences of injury.

Treatment for these injuries will naturally vary depending on the specific type of injury, and, the duration of therapy will vary as will the prognosis.

**The sooner the teeth are examined and therapy started, the better the chances for successful healing.**

Therapy first begins with a complete examination of the involved teeth, and adjacent teeth, supporting structures, jaws and joints. Frequently, several x-rays are taken from different angles to help see the extent of damage—often a single x-ray cannot show fractured roots or displaced teeth. Pulp vitality testing using cold and electrical stimulation is done to see the immediate condition of the pulp and for comparison for follow up exams.

If endodontic therapy is indicated, frequently it may take from six to twelve months or more to treat correctly.

**The usual or routine Root Canal Therapy cannot be done in many types of Trauma.**

Treatment must be modified significantly to achieve success. There can never be a guarantee of success, however, we try and usually do have a high success rate. If chances for success are less than 90%, you will be informed.

Only by keeping all scheduled appointments and following all directions can we hope to help you retain your teeth in health and function.

If there are any questions or any problems, please do not hesitate to call us.