

# Indications and Contraindications of Endodontic Therapy

## Indications of endodontic therapy

- Irreversibly damaged pulp tissue
- Necrosis or gangrene of pulp tissue
- Injury (trauma)

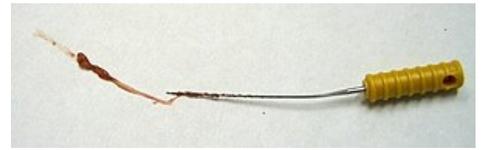
Complicated fracture of the tooth crown --> Pulp involvement -->  
Closed Apex (Pulpotomy for Open apex)

- Prosthetic

Lower incisors  
Premolars

Why? Because pulp chamber can easily be penetrated during  
a crown preparation,  
a bridge preparation

When there is lack of retention --> Use post & core



pulpectomy

## Contraindications of endodontic therapy

- Social

Lack of time (patient, doctor)

Economic constraints

Restless patient (Down syndrome, Parkinsonism)

Lack of interest from the patient

Poor hygiene

Patient prefers other solution (denture, fixed bridge)

- Technical

Extreme root canal anatomy (e.g. dens in dente)

Fractured instrument in the canal

Non removable root canal filling or cast post

Unsatisfactory armamentarium of the dentist

- Conservative

Heavy marginal periodontitis

Vertical fracture of the root

Deep root caries

Huge resorption of the root

Tooth with no importance (majority of those teeth are the wisdom)

Focal infection

# Links

## Related Articles

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