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*May your heart be
light and happy;*

*May your
Smile be Big
and Wide,*

*And may your
pockets always
have a coin or two
inside.*

**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**

*Dr. Bob and
Team*

Is my Tooth Abscessed?



I hope you never have this in your lifetime. However, you should know the symptoms, if not for yourself, for your loved ones. It is not unusual for an abscessed tooth to fail to present any symptoms.

However, routine X-ray exams may reveal an abscess before you even experience pain. An abscessed tooth is an infection brought on by tooth decay, periodontal disease or a cracked tooth. These problems can let bacteria enter the pulp and can lead to pulp death.

Infection Spreads

Even without obvious signs, an abscessed tooth's infection can still spread, leading to severe and even life-threatening complications without proper treatment. If you have never experienced one before, a tooth abscess can be a harrowing experience which can be dangerous. You should see your dentist immediately if you believe that it is happening to you.

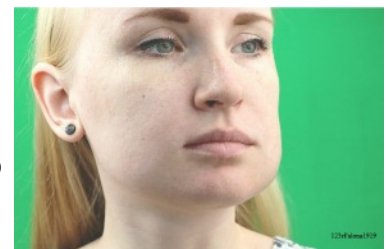
The Start of an Abscess



A chronic abscess begins with a little bit of throbbing around the tooth. Sometimes there is a bubble in the gum tissue, which allows the abscess to drain. If the bump keeps draining, this type of pain

could last a long time before escalating to something else. It may seem like the toothache comes and goes. This type can be dangerous because the abscess may lead to bone damage. Without draining, the pain may intensify, causing swelling. An acute abscess starts with immediate pain with seemingly no cause.

The gums may swell up, and everything around may feel painful and tender. The pain is very intense. It can be difficult even to have your lip over your teeth.



**NEVER HAVE WE HAD TO
KEEP CHILDREN FROM
SCHOOL & FRIENDS ...**



**WE THINK CHILDREN
ARE
SUPER HEROES !**

Further indications of an Abscess

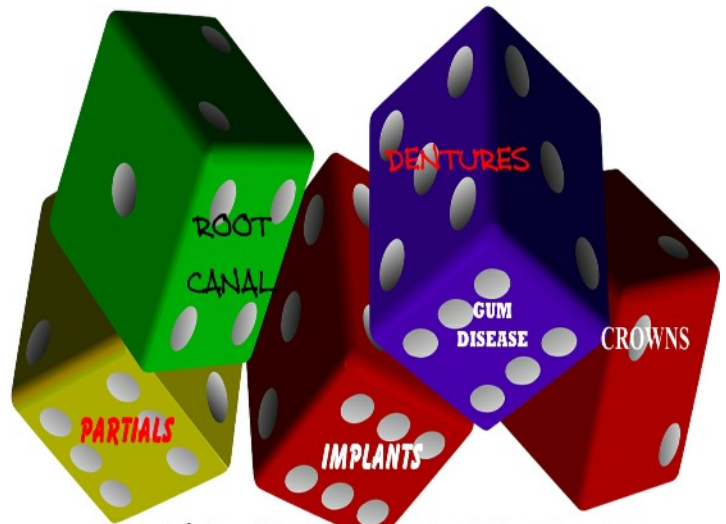
Other symptoms of an abscessed tooth are pain while chewing, random pain when biting into something, painful sensations from hot or cold foods that seem to linger, a constant bad smell or taste in the mouth, or persistent throbbing pain.

**MAYBE
IT WILL
GO
AWAY....**

It will NOT go away

When an infection spreads from an abscessed tooth, the results may be life-threatening. We can help

you get a tooth abscess under control before it becomes a critical situation. We can also help you manage the pain and prevent avoidable problems like this. But, if the swelling gets out of control, you may not be able to breathe or swallow at all. If your eyes are closing due to swelling from a tooth abscess, you should go to the hospital IMMEDIATELY. It could be a life-threatening event.



DON'T ROLL THE DICE WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR DENTAL HEALTH.

DR FOSTER AND HIS STAFF DID THEIR USUAL EXEMPLARY JOB. THEY ARE EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL AND EFFICIENT. THEIR COVID PROTOCOLS ARE THOROUGH, AND THEY ARE VERY FOCUSED ON MY ORAL HEALTH. A VERY PATIENT-CENTRIC PRACTICE.

JOE P.

Avoiding an Abscess

1. See me twice a year, and any time you feel your teeth aren't feeling right.

2. Routine x-rays will show us if there is an infection starting. That way, we can take care of it before it can cause you discomfort.

3. Another way to avoid having an abscess is to have all the recommended treatment. We can't stop any infection if we are not allowed to restore a cavity.



Brownie Ice Cream Cups



Yields: 12

1 box brownie mix, plus ingredients called for on box

Cooking spray, for pan

Ice cream, for serving

Chocolate Sauce, for serving

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Prepare brownie batter according to box instructions.

Spray a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray. Fill each hole two-thirds full with brownie batter.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with moist crumbs, 20 to 22 minutes.

Immediately upon coming out of the oven, use the bottom of a shot glass to make a well in each brownie. Let cool 15 minutes.

Add a scoop of ice cream to each brownie, then top with chocolate sauce and sprinkles.

Thanks to Delish.com for this recipe. They have more!