

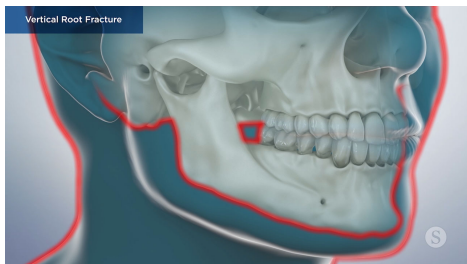
Vertical Root Fracture



A vertical root fracture is a crack that originates at the root of a tooth and extends vertically toward the gumline completely separating the tooth and the root pulp within.



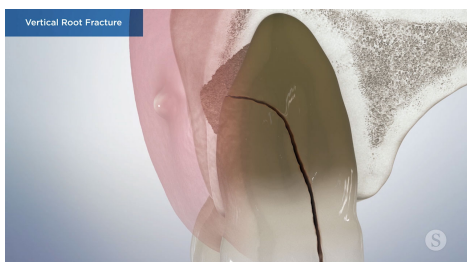
It is usually seen in teeth that have had previous root canal treatment or, in non-restored teeth, trauma or impact to the face and mouth.



Teeth with vertical root fractures can sometimes develop pain, swelling, or other symptoms, or they may be completely asymptomatic, going undetected for some time.



It is important to seek treatment for a vertical root fracture.



If left untreated a root fracture can result in bone loss from around the tooth, pain, and decreased function.



Treatment varies depending on the nature or location of the fracture.



Your doctor will discuss options with you that provide the best possible outcome.