

Re: Decapitated tooth

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On Sep 25, 8:46 am, Mark & Steven Bornfeld
<bornfeldm...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Centre Parting wrote:

My RHS upper pre-molar (I think previously crowned) has broken off at the gum line, leaving the full root in situ.

I think it must have been route-canalled too – as there's no pain, just a gap.

I'll be going to my dentist just as soon as I've saved the bucksheesh.

In the meantime, I was wondering what options he's likely to offer me. And wondering how the hell he's gonna get the root out – if that's what he's likely to do.

The tooth had been filled many times and was now undersized due to loss of tooth-wall.

Getting it out is generally not a problem. Saving it depends on the condition and bulk of the remaining root.

Sometimes if the tooth is to be saved it is necessary to do what we call a "crown lengthening" procedure—removing some gum and occasionally some bone surrounding the root to expose enough root structure to replace a crown without burying the edge of the crown too far under the gumline.

OTOH, these days we are more likely to remove questionable teeth if implant placement is an option.

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