

# What is a **Pulpectomy**?



*A cavity can spread*



*An opening is made*



*A crown seals and protects*

When the nerve of a baby tooth becomes infected, a pulpectomy can save the tooth. Like root canal treatment in an adult tooth, a pulpectomy involves removal of the infected nerve and the placement of a filling material.

## **Treatment in four steps**

Though treatment is individualized in each case, there are four common steps in a pulpectomy. First, an opening is made into the tooth to get at the infection. Then the infected nerve tissue is removed. A filling material is placed in the root canals, and then a crown is placed to seal and protect the tooth.

## **Comfort is a priority**

We want the entire procedure to be comfortable for your child, so the first thing we do is make sure her mouth is thoroughly numb. We place a rubber dam around the tooth to isolate it from the rest of the mouth. It protects her like a safety net, ensuring that nothing can fall to the back of her throat.