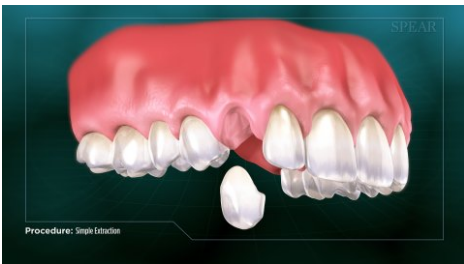




When a tooth has become so extensively decayed or damaged that it cannot be saved, your dentist may recommend extracting it.



In a simple extraction, your tooth is removed without surgery. Your doctor applies slight pressure with a specially designed instrument to gently and gradually ease the tooth from the socket.



Once the tooth has been removed, your doctor will clean the area so the healing process can begin. While you are healing, your doctor can fit you with a temporary tooth.



When the area has sufficiently healed, your doctor will discuss treatment options to permanently replace the extracted tooth.