

At **illumine** we do everything we can to support you in keeping dentally fit and retaining your teeth for as long as possible.

Our dentists are passionate about promoting oral health and see removing teeth as a final option.

However, there are times when it is necessary to remove a tooth. We remove teeth when:

- The tooth is damaged and diseased through dental decay and it cannot be restored
- When the teeth and root is fractured so badly or deeply that restoration is not possible.
- When root canal treatment has failed and cannot be repeated
- Where a tooth has an abscess which cannot be treated in any other way
- Where gum disease has reduced the surrounding bone support for the tooth
- Where teeth are impacted and cannot come through properly (often the case with wisdom teeth)
- Where a tooth is unerupted (not come through) and is complicating restorative treatment or orthodontics
- To make space for other teeth to be moving during orthodontics
- When a client does not want to undertake alternative, often more complex, treatments.

We remove teeth under a local anaesthetic (injection in the gum) to make the tooth removal painfree. It is natural to be a little anxious when having a tooth removed but modern dental anaesthetics are very effective and enable us to deal with most situations, including some surgical tooth removals, in a painfree manner.

However, sometimes the complexity of a tooth removal, or the clients 'medical status or anxiety, means that we may refer a client to a Specialist, such as an Oral Surgeon in a hospital department.

We give all our clients both verbal written aftercare instructions when a tooth is removed and we will follow up the client after a few days to make sure that all is healing well.

