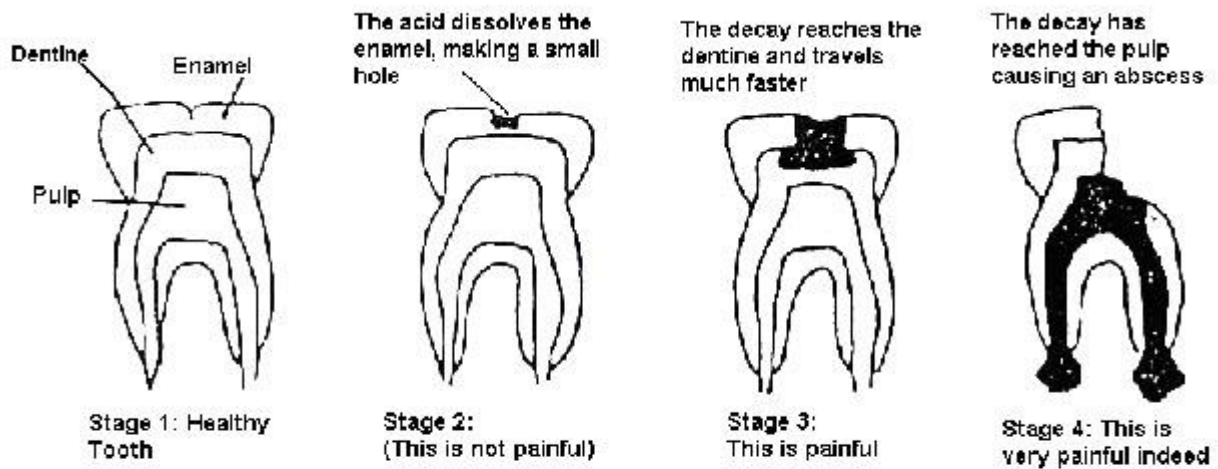


What is a Dental Therapist?

- A Dental Therapist is a dental professional who works under guidance of a practicing Dentist.
- A Dental Therapist working in Victoria can examine, monitor and treat children and young adults (up to 25 years).
- The role of a therapist is specifically focused at introducing young children into the dental environment and creating a positive experience. Education on prevention of dental disease at a young age is the key to a healthy mouth for a lifetime. This includes teaching young children about tooth brushing technique, diet and healthy habits.
- The main type of dental disease is dental decay (also known as caries, a hole, a black spot).
- Certain bacteria live in Plaque (white colour, soft and sticky) which covers our teeth. Every time we eat, these bacteria convert sugars to acid. Acid on our teeth repetitively or for a long time can dissolve our teeth and cause a dental decay.
- If you have children aged 0-25 years old please consider scheduling your future dental appointments with the Dental Therapist/ Hygienist - Meg Young



The Stages of Tooth Decay