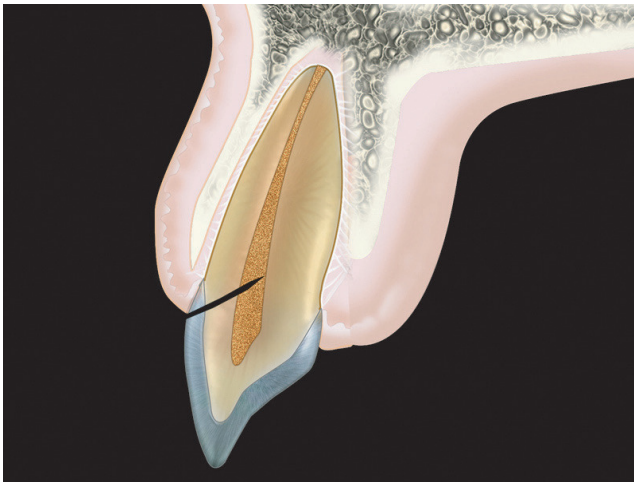
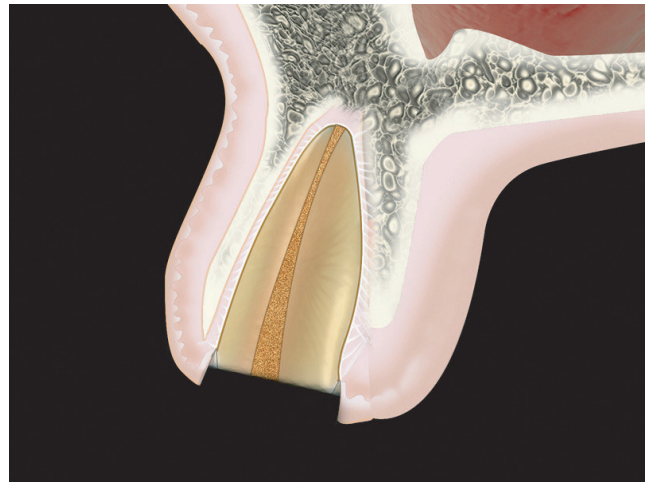


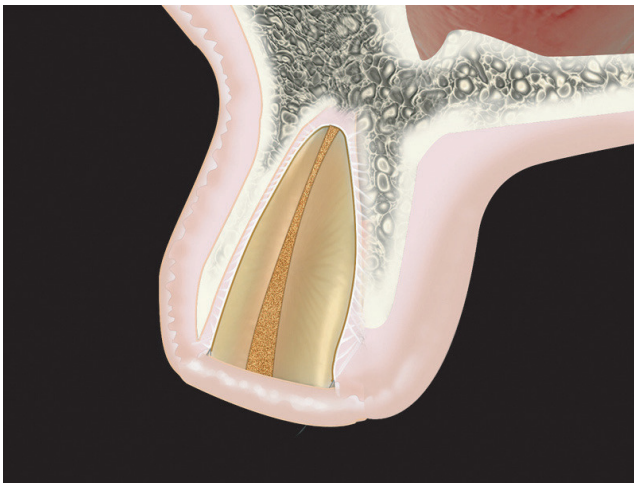
Tooth Reduction Prior to Grafting



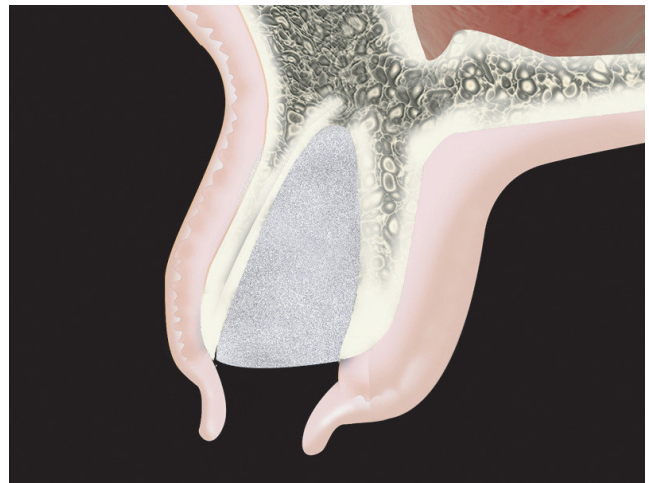
When a tooth is being extracted and replaced with an implant, a grafting procedure may be required at the time of extraction to ensure that enough bone exists to support the implant.



In order to place a graft, there must be tissue over the hole to prevent the graft from falling out. The tooth is cut below the gum line and the root is left within the jaw bone.



After several weeks, good tissue grows over the root and fills back in. The root is now extracted from the jaw bone, and the area is ready for grafting.



An implant or grafting material is placed within the jaw bone where the root existed, and there is plenty of good tissue available to cover the implant or graft to allow healing to occur.