

Pulpotomy Access Opening Tooth #A

ADEX 2026-2027

Criteria applicable August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027

CRITICAL ERRORS		
Wrong tooth/surface treated	NO	YES
Procedure NOT challenged	NO	YES
Any part of the tooth is perforated	NO	YES

ACC = Adheres to Criteria

SUB = Marginally Substandard

DEF = Critical Deficiency

Placement	
ACC	The placement of the access opening allows for straight line access to the root canal system and is found in the mesial pit and central fossa of the tooth.
DEF	The placement of the access opening is not over the pulp chamber and does not allow access to the root canal system.
Access Opening	
ACC	The access opening is of optimal size and allows complete debridement of the pulp chamber.
SUB	The access opening is under-extended and only allows partial debridement of the pulp chamber.
DEF	The access opening is too small to allow complete debridement of the pulp chamber or does not allow access to one or more of the canal orifices.
Size	
ACC	The access opening is ≥ 1.5 mm from the mesial marginal ridge and/or cusp tips, or < 1.5 mm but ≥ 1.0 mm from the height of the oblique ridge.
SUB	The access opening is ≥ 1.0 mm but < 1.5 mm from the mesial marginal ridge and/or cusp tips, or < 1.0 mm but not past the height of the oblique ridge
DEF	The access opening is < 1.0 mm from the mesial marginal ridge and/or cusp tips, or past the height of the oblique ridge.
Internal Form	
ACC	The internal form of the access preparation tapers to the canal orifices with no or only slight gouges.
DEF	The internal form of the access preparation displays gross gouges and/or ledges which does not allow access to all canal orifices.
Pulp Horn Removal	
ACC	All pulp horns are fully removed.
SUB	All pulp horns are not fully removed.
DEF	Pulp horns are not engaged.
Condition of Adjacent/Opposing Teeth	
ACC	Any damage to adjacent tooth/teeth can be removed with polishing without adversely altering the shape of the contour and/or the contact.
DEF	A. There is gross damage to adjacent, or opposing tooth/teeth, requiring a restoration. B. There is evidence of gross damage and/or alteration to opposing hard tissue inconsistent with the procedure.
Condition of Surrounding Soft Tissue	
ACC	There may be slight damage to simulated gingiva and/or typodont consistent with the procedure.
SUB	There is gross iatrogenic damage to the simulated gingiva and/or typodont inconsistent with the procedure.