**Study Guide for Dental Pulp**

**Let’s Begin**

The dental pulp is the innermost layer of a tooth. It is the soft tissue component of the tooth that renders it vital and sensitive to stimulus. It is the reason why we feel sudden, sharp pain when we eat ice cream.

In this module, you will learn about the different functions of the dental pulp. You will also learn about the different parts of the dental pulp and anatomy of the pulp cavity for each tooth.

**Read/Watch**

Go through the attached powerpoint presentation. Make sure you have read it before the scheduled synchronous session so you can participate. The session will be recorded and posted on VLE for the benefit of those who cannot attend the live session. You are, however, highly encouraged to attend if your connectivity allows.

Other reading resources:

* “Chapters 13.” *Wheeler's Dental Anatomy, Physiology, and Occlusion*, by Stanley J. Nelson, 10th ed., Elsevier Saunders, 2015, pp. 201-228.

**Think**

Watch these two videos linked here. After watching the videos, post your answer to this question in the discussion forum.

*“Why do you think it is important to know the anatomy of the pulp cavity?”*

* “Dental Fillings White Amalgam I.” *YouTube*, Ballarat Dental Care, 15 May 2015, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2EoOZQYVbQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2EoOZQYVbQ).
* American Association of Endodontists, director. *Root Canal Treatment Step by Step*. *YouTube*, American Association of Endodontists, 3 Mar. 2015, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=AATnG9BdIMg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AATnG9BdIMg).