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Q: I was hit in the mouth playing basketball a several months ago. I now have noticed a front tooth is getting darker. What's going on?

A: A tooth with a history of trauma that darkens usually means damage to the blood supply of the

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tooth. The darkening often results from internal bleeding inside the tooth. The nerve of the tooth may also be damaged.

The best course of action is to have the tooth x-rayed and tested by a dentist. If necessary, a simple procedure can be performed that will help prevent further deterioration of the root of the tooth. Left unchecked, this breakdown may cause the tooth to be lost.

The color of the tooth can also be improved either

by a special bleaching technique or by masking the color with a thin bonding layer.

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