

WHEN IT IS NOT “JUST A FILLING”



Navigating Deep Caries and Primary Teeth Pulpal Decisions in Children



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WHY THIS SESSION MATTERS

Parents often expect that a cavity in a child can be managed with “just a filling”. When caries is deep, treatment decisions become more complex and directly influence outcomes, child experience, and long-term oral health.

This practical, case-based lecture equips general dentists with a clear framework for managing deep caries in primary teeth.

“Treating deep caries is not about procedures - it’s about decisions.”

AIMS

- Approach deep caries management in children as a holistic, structured decision-making process.
- Update on techniques and materials used in pulp treatment for primary teeth.
- Integrate case selection, behaviour management, and pain control into clinical planning
- Ensure safe, predictable outcomes through proper case selection and timely escalation

SESSION DETAILS

Date:
Wednesday, 19 August 2026

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
(Registration from 5.30pm)

Venue:
SDA Multipurpose Room
320 Serangoon Road #13-12
Centrium Square, S(218108)

CDE: 2 points

Light refreshments provided

CLINICAL FOCUS OF THIS SESSION

This session reframes deep caries management as a structured decision-making process rather than a purely procedural one, integrating clinical judgement with child-centred care.

By the end of this lecture, participants will be able to:

1. Identify when deep caries in primary teeth needs pulpal management beyond a filling.
2. Distinguish which pulp treatment is appropriate for each case
3. Communicate risks, benefits, alternatives and outcomes to parents.
4. Apply effective behaviour management and local anaesthesia techniques to improve treatment acceptance
5. Recognise when treatment can be done chairside versus referral to optimise care and reduce risks.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

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Dr Tong is an accredited specialist in Paediatric Dentist with a strong background in both clinical practice and academia. She graduated from NUS, and completed her specialist training with distinction at the University of Leeds (UK).

Dr Tong currently works in private practice, and is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at NUS. Her interests include managing severe dental trauma, dental anomalies and supporting anxious children. She is an advocate for oral health in children with special needs, and remains actively involved in postgraduate education, research and professional accreditation.

REGISTRATION FEES (w/GST)

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