



There are some patterns of defects that on first inspection do not appear to fit the concept of compartmentalization. However, they do. The most notable are the defects associated with canker rots. Canker rot fungi, once established in a tree, keep the wound open by slowly killing some living tissues around the wound. This process is the same as re-wounding. And, when the new wound is made, a new

column begins to develop. An intricate pattern of multiple columns is associated with canker rot.

