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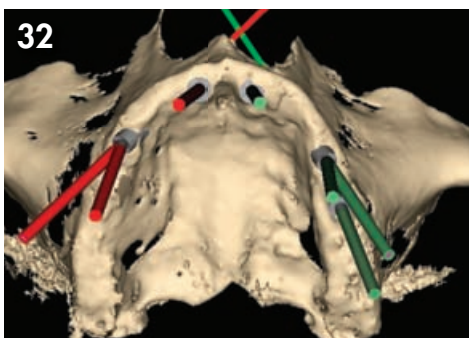


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Edwin with his family and dentist, Dr Daniel Sundaesan.

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"If you've got a patient with Down Syndrome, it's a case of behaviour management, it's a case of knowing what comorbidities tend to present with Down Syndrome, and then making allowances for that," said Dr Sundaesan.

Dr Sundaesan worked quickly, using smiles and hand gestures to assure the young man. By the end of the procedure, Edwin had three teeth extracted — including the tooth that had pained him for two years.

His mother was grateful for Dr Sundaesan's compassion for her son. "He was very good with Edwin. It was interesting to watch. Edwin didn't resist, he just lay there, still and calm," she said.

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Adhesion, biomaterials, and CAD/CAM

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We're living in a challenging and intense world, with an unclear future on the horizon. In a context that challenges our beliefs, we must strive to be professionals and experts – to keep the faith. In dentistry, the plethora of materials and techniques available to us can be challenging for our 'dental faith'. As a practitioner trying to find their way amidst an avalanche of new dental products, new technologies, and contradictory scientific publications, it is more important than ever to examine our beliefs, our values, and the foundations that will allow us to make the best choices.

Four synergistic components play their part in making these decisions: science, experience, good sense, and the patient.

Science

In theory, the scientific method is a fundamental basis according to which a hypothesis is tested using varied levels of evidence (expert opinions, in vitro tests, clinical case presentations, series of cases, cohort and random clinical studies, systematic reviews and meta analyses). Unfortunately, the scientific approach has its failings.

Clinical study conditions don't always represent clinical reality. For medical ethical reasons it isn't possible to standardise all clinical conditions. Results are 'polluted' by a multitude of confusing variables, such as the operator, the nature of the clinical table, the patient habits, and so on.

Consequently, it's not unusual to have a null hypothesis (absence of differences between the method or material tested and the control method), especially with clinical studies which present a majority of factors provoking confusion, by default.

With this in mind, studies combined with digital simulation and in vitro tests represent considerably more advantageous research tools thanks to the possibilities of extreme standardisation (Korioth and Versluis, 1997; Magne et al, 1999).

Experience

It has been shown that one of the significant variables of clinical practice is represented by the practitioner himself and by his skill to master a specific approach. For example, in medicine, a study on carotid stenting clearly showed that patients treated by experienced operators presented lower risks of complications (Calvet et al, 2014).

Similar data exist concerning the performances of dental bonding as much in vitro as in vivo (Unlu et al, 2012; Kemoli et al, 2009).

Clinicians who participate in numerous training courses and who develop bonding skills will consequently be more likely to produce more reliable results (Bouillaguet et al, 2002).

Good sense

It is clear that numerous daily clinical acts lack high level scientific substantiation. The scientific community itself recognises the existence of a 'speaking pig', according to Bandalier's parable. This is a parable that explains that good sense must be employed even in scientific methods.

According to this parable, a researcher trained a pig to speak. You might think this is crazy, but if the aforementioned pig spoke to you to wish you a good evening, we

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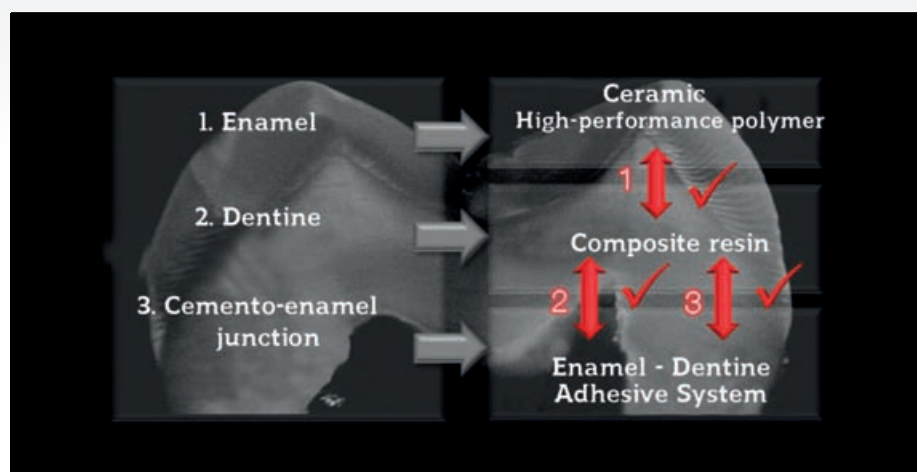


Figure 1: Three skill levels of adhesion are necessary to apply the biomimetic principle.

Table 1. The De Munck et al meta-analysis revealed the adhesive performances (dental bonding resistance in micro-tension) of the 10 most tested adhesives in research, as well as the loss of adhesion after one year (in % in brackets)

Meta-analysis of adhesive performance (dentine bond strength in microtension)			
1. Optibond FL	49.7 MPa	44.8 MPa	(-10%)
2. Clearfil SE Bond	45.4	38.6	(-15%)
3. Scotchbond 1	42.2	30.9	(-27%)
4. Xeno III	38.6	28.6	(-26%)
5. Scotchbond MP	38.4	30.3	(-21%)
6. Clearfil S3	37.8	26.1	(-31%)
7. One-Step	36.3	23.2	(-36%)
8. Prime & Bond NT	35.9	23.5	(-36%)
9. Prompt L-Pop	31.4	20.4	(-35%)
10. One-up Bond F	27.9	18.0	(-35%)

hope that you would be surprised without necessarily thinking about the 100 pigs selected randomly so as to verify the phenomena. What's most important is the fact that the pig speaks.

Along the same lines, we can ask the question, is a randomised study necessary to prove that the use of a

parachute will prevent death in the event of an air crash (Verkamp, 2010)?

These examples show that good sense must be applied in each situation. Equally, it's not unusual that contradictory scientific data is produced, thus requiring a decision based on experience and good sense.

The patient

Finally, it is entirely possible that science, experience, and good sense all indicate the same therapeutic solution. Nevertheless, the patient can be unable to choose this solution due to, for example, questions of finance or availability.

A part of the treatment, or a 'low cost' alternative, that doesn't necessarily correspond to the ideal solution proposed by the treatment team must therefore be explored.

The biomimetic approach and Bio-Emulation

The retention and type of resistance of dental preparations has, for a long time, been a key reference for the placement of traditional restorations, as much for prosthetics (bridges and crowns) as for 'conservation' (fillings). These approaches (which are unfortunately still to be found in the armamentarium of certain of our colleagues) didn't give the optimal maintenance of healthy tissue and pulp vitality and could result in a reduced life cycle for the dental organ concerned (Simonsen, 1991).

Fortunately, over the last 20 years, a fundamental element that has characterised natural tooth restoration has been unanimously approved of by new generations: it concerns the deep respect for healthy dental tissues and the recognition of the fact that an intact natural tooth is not the result of human willingness, but is the result of a divinely conceived, engineered, work of art.

Therefore, it is the clinician's responsibility to maintain the biological, functional, mechanical, and aesthetic balance of the dental tissues in relation to the restorations required (Magne and Douglas, 1999). The socio-economic stakes can be critical. The success of developing restoration materials and techniques in these domains has an immediate and long-term impact on dental surgery, as much in poor as in rich countries around the world.

With this in mind, the study of the natural tooth at all levels remains the driving force behind the approach known as 'biomimetic' or 'Bio-Emulation' (Magne, 2006; Bazos and Magne, 2014; Bazos and Magne, 2011).

Natural teeth are composed of a 'brain' (the pulp), itself protected by a hybrid mechanical structure, both resistant and resilient. Indeed, the dentine forms an elastic structure, capable of absorbing the repeated shocks of chewing thanks to elastic and viscoelastic deformation.

Equally, the periodontal ligament and alveolar bone support this compensatory deformation. The enamel operates in total synergy with the dentine, furnishing it a morphological

and functional stability in spite of the abrasive, attrition and chemical erosion 'attacks'.

The cornerstone: 'trinitarian' adhesion

The combining of the enamel with the dentine via the dentino-enamel junction (DEJ) forms the cornerstone of the long-term operation of the natural tooth (Lin and Douglas, 1994). The same goes for dentino-enamel adhesion in the biomimetic approach, which has enabled the total abandon of the principles of retention and forms of resistance (including dental and root posts) and the application of the principal of the absolute preservation of healthy tissues, even in the most desperate of situations concerning anterior and posterior teeth (Walls, 1995a; Walls, 1995b; Magne and Magne, 2005a; Magne et al, 2016).

Nonetheless, a profound knowledge of adhesion principles is necessary to correctly apply biomimetic principles so as to reproduce structural continuity between the enamel and the dentine (DEJ).

Three adhesive interphases must be considered (Figure 1): the composite resins constitute the hub of this 'trinitary' adhesion because they enable the combining of the restoration material and the tooth. It is generally agreed that resinous adhesion to restoration material can be easily mastered, be it resin (direct or indirect in the form of high performance polymer) or ceramic.

A methodical approach by micromechanical retention (etching by fluorhydric acid for ceramic, microabrasion for polymer), meticulous cleaning (by ultrasonic wash) and chemical coupling (silane application and heat-drying) is generally recommended (Roulet et al, 1995; Jardel et al, 1999; Magne and Cascione, 2006; Magne and Knezevic, 2009).

There are two distinct aspects to resinous tooth adhesion. First of all, bonding to the enamel by acidic etching and secondly dampening through a low viscosity resin, both are generally acknowledged as being stable and extremely reliable. Nevertheless, it must be noted that the enamel, once etched, remains fragile and specific precautions (gentle pressure) are essential so as not to damage the hydroxyapatite prisms during the dentine conditioning, or even during the application of the adhesive on the enamel itself.

It is also important to note the importance of the bevels for a transversal section of the prisms and for an optimal adhesion, especially in the interdental zone (Carvalho et al, 2000; Hugo et al, 1992).



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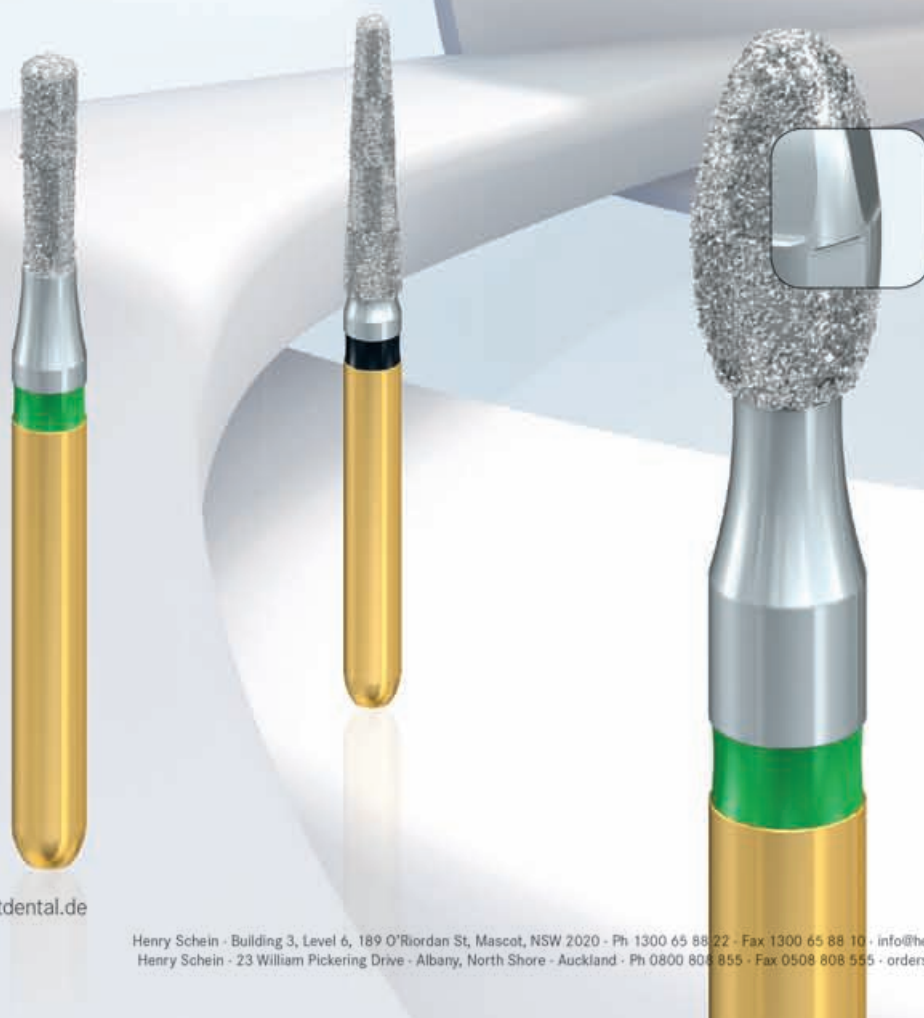




Figure 2: A structural adhesion to the dentine requires a filled adhesive such as Optibond FL, which contains 48% of filling (weight).

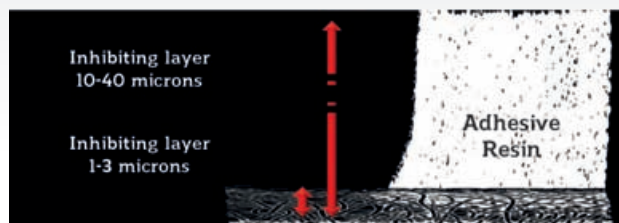


Figure 3: Problematics of the inhibiting layer in dentine adhesion. This layer can attain a thickness of 40 microns, which poses a problem of polymerisation of adhesive systems that are too thin. The hybrid layer itself only presents a thickness of between 1 and 3 microns

Dentine adhesion is a much more controversial subject. This is because more than a hundred adhesive systems are used around the world, many of which lack established and 'proven to be efficient' clinical surveillance. Adhesive systems are the perfect example of the plethora of commercial methods and products used and of a dental market influenced by competition between brands rather than by clinical performance. Consequently, certain adhesives are developed and promoted uniquely to target a competitor brand.

A healthy and structured dental adhesion

In 2012, a meta-analysis conducted on the parameters involved in dental adhesion highlighted the unjustified plethora of commercialised adhesive systems (Table 1). The study revealed a list of the 10 most tested adhesive systems. Optibond FL (Kerr) and Clearfil SE Bond (Kuraray) are the top two systems.

First commercialised in 1992 (first version – dual polymerisation), then replaced by the current version in 1994, Optibond FL (Figure 2) remains the uncontested market leader, with an adherence close to 50 MPa and the weakest level of degradation.

Purely for comparison purposes, a study on dentino-enamel adhesion revealed a constraint between 47.7 and 51.5 MPa (Urabeet al, 2000). It must be concluded that adhesive systems have the potential to reproduce the DEJ, on condition that simplified systems are avoided, particularly the 'all-in-one' systems (De Munck et al, 2012).

Another essential element is the adhesive application. Dentine hybridisation implies the demineralisation of the surface layer of the dentine. Nevertheless, the hybrid layer

remains extremely thin, between 1 and 3 microns, depending on the system. An adequate polymerisation of the adhesive layer is primordial to protect the hybrid layer (Van Landuyt et al, 2009).

For this reason, it is essential to recognise the inhibiting effect of oxygen on the polymerisation of the resins, which can easily reach a depth of 40 microns (Shawkat et al, 2009) and impact on the adhesive quality on the dentine (Figure 3) (Endo et al, 2005).

Hence, a perfect polymerisation of the interphase adhesive requires a layer of approximately 60 to 80 microns of adhesive resin. Thus, a micro-filled adhesive system such as Optibond FL offers a clear advantage thanks to the resin viscosity, which contains approximately 48% of fillings (includes fillings noticeably radiopaque).

As such, this adhesive acts as a composite fluid (liner) and enables a structural adhesion with the restoration. Indeed, a thick layer of adhesive resin is recommended to improve restoration adaptation (Pecie et al, 2013). It is important to understand this structural aspect in the adhesive dentine. An extremely fine adhesive, the all-in-one type, carries the risk of being badly polymerised (Van Landuyt et al, 2009) with all the complications that can ensue (compression with damage to the hybrid layer during the placement of the restoration, solubility increased etc).

Immediate dentine sealing (IDS) of dental preparations

Structural dentine adhesion requires a substantial and uniformly dense adhesive layer of roughly 80 microns. Therefore, it is essential that this layer be included during the restoration impression (semidirect or indirect), be it an analogue or a digital impression. This explains why we need

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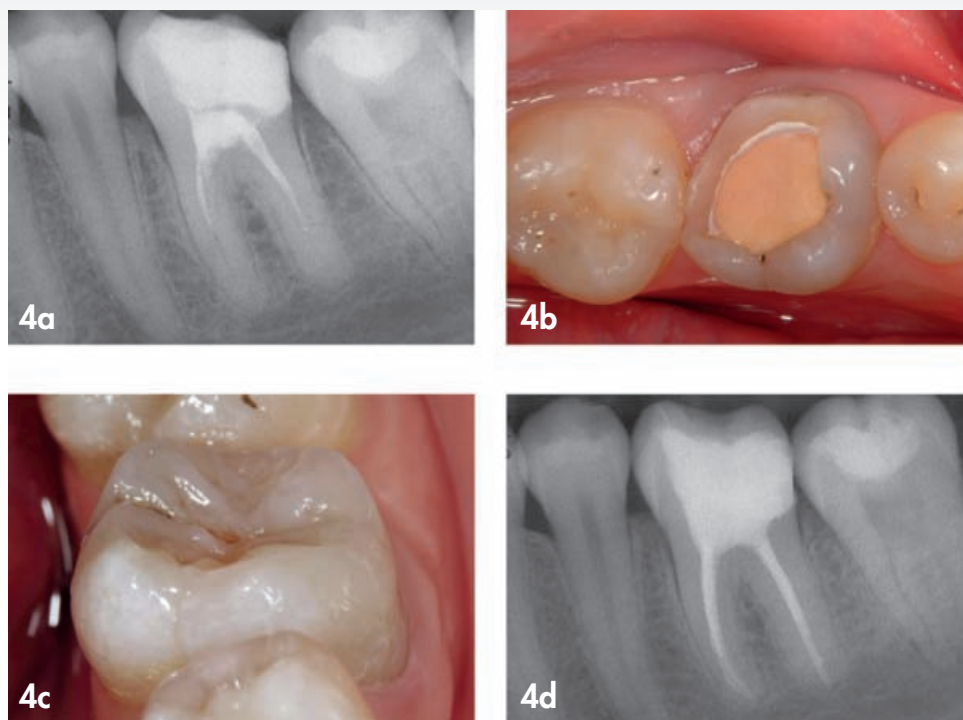


Figure 4: Restoration without posts or crown of a severely decayed first molar. Radiological situation (a) and clinical (b) following the elevation of the distal margin by direct adhesive restoration. Clinical (c) and radiological (d) situation after laying an indirect composite resin onlay (sealing of the onlay done in the Geneva Student University Clinic with Philippe Beuret).

to apply the adhesive system to the dentine immediately following the dental preparation (Magne, 2005).

In addition to demonstrating an adhesive quality that is superior to that of the traditional technique, the IDS assures a multitude of protective functions during and subsequent to the provisional phase and avoids the use of anaesthetic for the final restoration test, as well as facilitating the occlusal adjustments after the adhesive sealing.

A methodical application of the IDS has been described (Magne, 2014), and more than 20 advantages of the technique have been listed by the author, who possesses more than 20 years' experience.

An adhesive filler such as Optibond FL represents a clear benefit for the IDS technique through its capacity to generate a consistent resin layer, whereas a non-filled resin has an insufficient depth in the convex zones of the dental preparation (Stavridakis et al, 2005).

Neither posts nor crowns: an achievable goal?

In this context, it is particularly interesting to explore the possibility of completely abandoning the use of posts and crowns, even in the case of extreme situations. Clinical data

appears very favourable (Walls, 1995c; Magne et al, 2000; Magne and Magne, 2005b). This approach has been used by the author for over 20 years with major implications including both the medico-biological aspect (specifically, the saving of the healthy tissues and the maintenance of the tooth vitality) and the socio-economic context (namely the reduction of costs when compared to the traditional, more invasive, prosthetic approach).

The bases of the concept 'neither posts nor crowns' have also been documented in an experimental and numerical manner (Magne and Douglas, 1999). For teeth having a significant loss of coronary tissue (Figures 4 and 5), a traditional treatment by prosthetic crowns involves the removal of large quantities of intact dental substance (Edelhoff and Sorensen, 2002a; Edelhoff and Sorensen, 2002b), with potentially negative effects on the biomechanical coronary and the periodontal tissues (the necessity for a clinical elongation of the crown for short teeth), as well as considerable financial consequences.

By using the adhesive system, we are able to preserve the tissues as much as possible and limit the costs. Several publications that are currently being prepared by the author

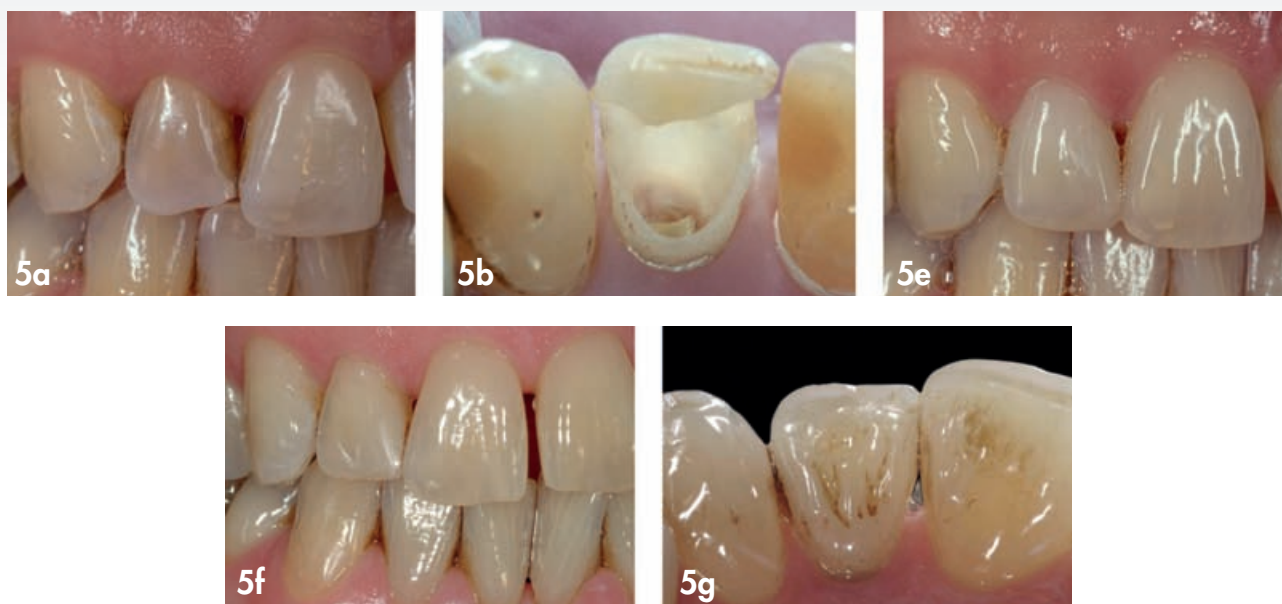


Figure 5: Long-term monitoring of a case of lateral incisor treated with neither post nor crown. Initial situation on 1994 (a, b). Tooth UL4 is devitalised, discoloured and presents considerable decay (b). Clinical situation following internal whitening and direct adhesive restoration (c). Follow-up at 11 years from the buccal view (d) and lingual view (e). The restoration is still functioning today more than 20 years later (2015).

and his research team also prove that the utilisation of root posts is unnecessary, even when the anterior or posterior teeth entirely lack the dental banding effect.

It has also been shown that in the case of complications, adhesive restorations are generally replaced or repaired very economically in sharp contrast to prosthetic crown failure, which often necessitates costly major ductal surgery or extraction (Smales and Berekally, 2007).

Lastly, the adhesive technique sometimes enables the saving of teeth at great risk, especially when it concerns very submucosal carious lesions. In this case, the use of the elevation of deep margins technique is suggested (Dietschi and Spreafico, 1998; Magne and Spreafico, 2012; Kielbassa and Philipp, 2015).

In the case of indirect restorations (Figure 4), the technique is applied in conjunction with the IDS, thus facilitating the impression (especially the numerical impression), isolation, and placement of the final restoration.

Restorative materials: a secondary choice

Once adhesion is mastered, the choice of the type of

restorative material would seem to become of secondary importance. Indeed, the decision to use either ceramics or composite resin must not be based purely on the physical properties and mechanical performances of the materials.

Their position on the dental arch and the type of antagonist teeth are also critical elements. For posterior teeth, numerous in vitro researches into resistance to fatigue have clearly demonstrated the superiority of high performance polymers (HPP) and materials based on lithium disilicate (Schlichting et al, 2011; Magne et al, 2010).

The astonishing performance of composite resin CAD/CAM blocks justifies the use of the initialism HPP in order to differentiate them from hand stratified restorations, which can present intercalary deficiencies and porosities.

A CAD/CAM block can be manufactured in much better conditions using, for example, heat and pressure. The mechanical properties are potentially improved, giving them an astonishing combination of resilience (principal property of the dentine) and resistance to wear (property attributed to the enamel).

Equally, the HPPs have numerous practical advantages



Figure 6: Natural teeth can be used as databanks in the form of stereolithographic files, which allow the three-dimensional impression of prosthetic structures.

compared to ceramic, such as the speed of machining (no additional firing), machining in fine layers (Tsitrou and van Noort, 2008), reduced wear of milling instruments, and a lower risk of fracture during occlusal adjustments before sealing (Magne et al, 2011).

Lastly, the resins have a chameleon effect (they combine very naturally with the dental tissues) (Fasbinder et al, 2005). The price to pay is the progressive loss of the form and texture of the surface, which doesn't occur with ceramic.

Another advantage of ceramic is this marvellous surface finish (if it's obtained in an appropriate manner), which facilitates hygiene and maintenance. Given that the clinical performances of the HPPs and ceramic are very similar, it is important to apply good sense and to thus use ceramic when the existing antagonist is in ceramic, in order to have a better collective resistance to wear.

When the antagonist tooth is intact, composite resins should be considered, as they offer the best resistance to total wear (material and antagonist) (Kunzelmann et al, 2001). As far as anterior teeth are concerned, there is no doubt that porcelain is the ideal material for indirect veneers.

The CAD/CAM revolution

Today, it is clear that CAD/CAM is much more than a simple restoration tool. It is also a diagnostic tool (Kurbad and

Kurbad, 2013; Reiz et al, 2014), a prognosis tool (Zaruba et al, 2014), and above all, a fantastic platform for the biomimetic approach.

It is equally a research tool without parallel because the design and restoration quality can be highly standardised (Magne and Knezevic, 2009). Lastly, it is a necessary tool in the development of virtual dental patients or VDP (DeLong et al, 2002), which allows a complete image of the clinical data and the ability to access additional data, otherwise inaccessible, on the patient himself.

The rapid prototyping techniques combined with 3D printing techniques enable the generation of pre-stratified restorations, based on the database, which includes not only the dental morphology but equally the thickness of the dentino-enamel layers (Figure 6).

Now that it has been clearly established that the ideal materials are the natural tooth, the enamel and the dentine, it is possible to envisage totally innovative approaches.

A recently published article revealed that it was possible to produce a natural restoration from a wisdom tooth provided by a donor (Schlichting et al, 2014). The trick was to position the natural crown (ideally) in the milling chamber to avoid any occlusal adjustment whilst having a perfect match with the preparation. This was able to be done thanks to CAD/CAM.

This breakthrough opens the door to other total biomimetic solutions, including on implants etc. Ironically, while millions of dollars are being spent on stem cell research to produce a biomimetic tooth in a petri dish, countless wisdom teeth are extracted and eliminated every day – teeth that could be recycled and used to produce 100% biomimetic restorations.

Conclusion

Using the scientific method, but also applying experience and good sense, it is now possible to offer our patients minimally invasive restorative solutions when we base ourselves on the biomimetic approach.

A total mastery of bonding techniques as well as the implementation of new CAD/CAM tools has permitted the progressive elimination of the old concepts based on mechanical retention and the type of resistance of dental preparations.

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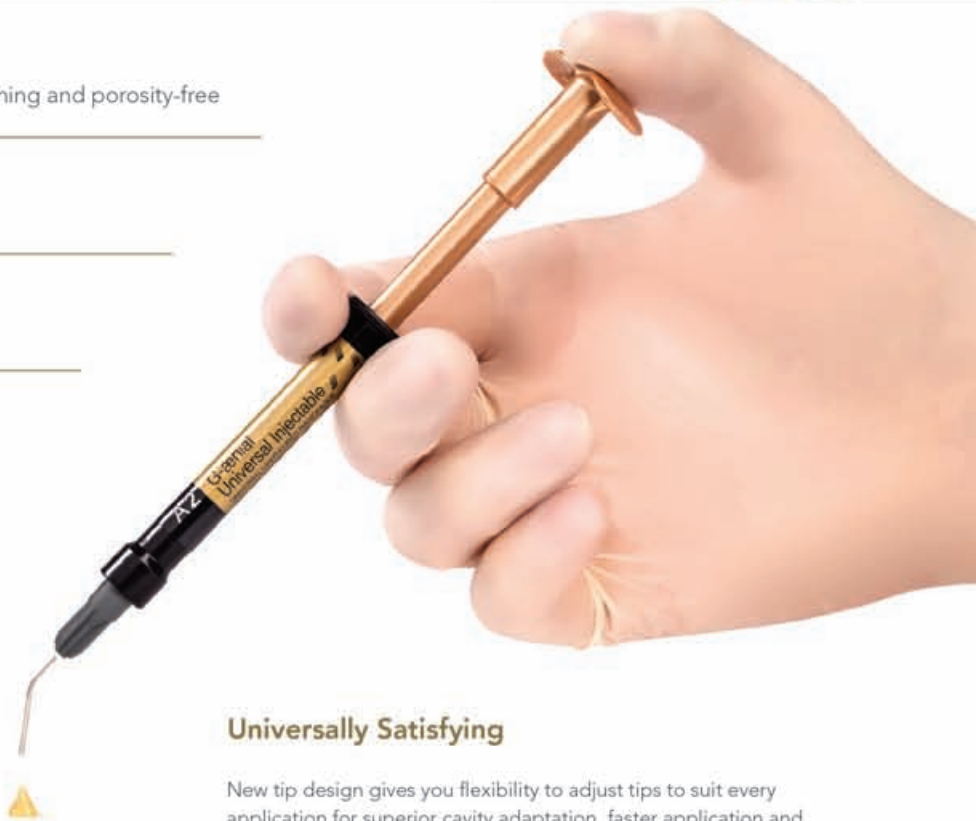
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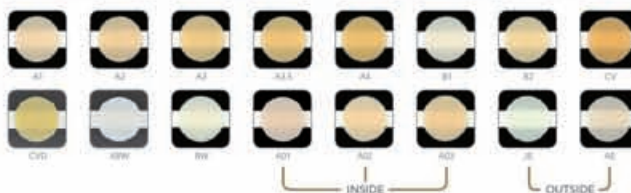
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Vital pulp therapy with bioceramic cement in two immature, traumatized teeth

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Introduction

If pulp vitality in a young, permanent tooth is lost before root formation is completed, the clinician is confronted with a tooth that is more prone to fracture in case of a trauma, due to the presence of a root with very thin dentinal walls. In addition, the affected tooth might exhibit a poor crown-root ratio. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that pulp vitality should be preserved in an immature tooth with pulp involvement.

According to the definition of the AAE, the American Association of Endodontists, vital pulp therapy is a procedure to encourage apexogenesis.

The requirements for a successful vital pulp therapy are the presence of a non-inflamed or a reversibly-inflamed pulp, the ability to control the hemorrhage, the use of a biocompatible and bioactive pulp capping material and the creation of a bacteria-tight seal.

Over the course of time, several materials have been used as pulp capping agents. Calcium hydroxide has traditionally been the material of choice, followed by Mineral Trioxide Aggregate (MTA). MTA is described as a first generation bioactive material. It has many advantages, but also some disadvantages.^{1, 2} The initial setting time is at least 3 hours. It is not easy to manipulate, resulting in considerable wasted material, and is hard to remove. Clinically, both gray and white MTA stain dentin, presumably due to the heavy metal content of the material or the inclusion of blood pigment while setting.^{3, 4} Efforts have been made to overcome these shortcomings with new compositions of MTA⁵⁻⁷ or with additives.^{8, 9} However, these formulations affect MTA's physical and mechanical characteristics.

Bioceramics are inorganic, non-metallic, biocompatible materials that have similar mechanical properties as the hard tissues they are replacing or repairing. They are chemically stable, non-corrosive, and interact well with organic tissue. Bioceramic materials used in endodontics can be categorized by composition, setting mechanism and consistency. There are sealers and pastes, developed for use with gutta-percha, and putties, designed for use as the sole material, comparable to MTA. Biodentine™ is a calcium silicate cement that was developed as a dentine substitute in deep cavities. Comparable to MTA, Biodentine™ is biocompatible and in contact with vital tissues it has been demonstrated to be bioactive and suitable to be used as a pulp capping agent.^{10, 11, 12} It has a higher compressive strength than MTA¹² and most glass ionomer cements, a higher flexural strength and flexural modulus than MTA Angelus¹² and can be applied in a bulk on dentin without any conditioning.^{13, 14} The material sets in 12 minutes and is capable to withstand deterioration when used as a temporary filling for up to 6 months.¹⁵

In the opinion of the author, bioceramic materials have several advantages over MTA. In general, bioceramic materials have better clinical handling properties. The difficulties in handling of MTA have been frequently reported by clinicians.¹⁶ Another drawback of MTA is the potential for staining dentin, which has been shown in several in vitro studies,^{4, 17, 18} clinical investigations^{19, 20} and case reports,^{3, 21} which have shown that both white and gray MTA cause discoloration. To date, there have been no reports of staining of dentin by Biodentine™ or comparable bioceramic products, which has also been the experience of the author.

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Figure 1a: Preoperative radiograph of #21 showing an immature tooth with an open apex and a complicated crown fracture.

Figure 1b: Clinical picture showing a complicated crown fracture in #21.

Several studies report that bismuth oxide, which acts as a radiopacifier in MTA as a radiopacifier,^{22, 23} may increase the cytotoxicity of MTA, because bismuth oxide does not encourage cell proliferation in cell culture.²⁴ Biodentine™ contains zirconium oxide as opacifier.

Case reports

Patient #1 was a 7-year old female who suffered a traumatic dental injury to tooth #21 three days earlier. Her main complaints were sensitivity to warm and cold, and her medical history was noncontributory. Clinical examination revealed a crown fracture with pulp exposure of tooth #21 (Fig. 1a). Radiographically, #21 had an open apex and no peri-apical pathosis (Fig. 1b). The diagnosis was a complicated crown

fracture with reversible pulpitis of tooth #21

Treatment options were discussed with the patient and her parents, and a partial pulpotomy was selected as the treatment of choice. The fragment was stored by her parents, but due to the subgingival fracture site (Fig. 1c) and missing tooth structure in the fragment itself (Fig. 1d), it was not possible to re-attach the fragment to the tooth. Local anesthesia was administered (Septanest N, Septodont, Saint-Maur-des-Fossés, France) and a partial pulpotomy was carried out with a new diamond bur in a high speed handpiece with copious water cooling. Since it was not possible to apply a rubber dam, utmost care was taken to keep a dry field and prevent saliva to contaminate the pulp tissue after the Cvek pulpotomy. A cotton pellet soaked in



Figure 1c: The palatal aspect of the fracture site, covered with plaque.



Figure 1d: Photograph of the fragment, showing an oblique fracture line with the palatal outline below the gum line



Figure 1e: After a partial pulpotomy was carried out, a cotton pellet soaked in NaOCl 5% was applied to the pulp stump to stop the bleeding.
 Figure 1f: Clinical picture showing the hemorrhage was controlled.
 Figure 1g: Biodentine was used as a pulp capping material.



Figure 1h: Postoperative radiograph of the pulp cap with Biodentine, showing a material with moderate radiopacity.
 Figure 1i: After one week, the Biodentine had not washed out.
 Figure 1j: A retraction cord was packed into the sulcus to obtain a dry field and expose the subgingival margin of the palatal fracture site.



Figure 1k: Postoperative radiograph showing the teeth restored with composite resin.
 Figure 1l: Clinical picture of the restoration of composite core material layered with a micro-filled composite at the buccal site.
 Figure 1m - n: Recall radiograph at 6 and 12 months, showing continued root formation.

sodium hypochlorite 5% was applied on the pulp stump with moderate pressure (Fig. 1e). After five minutes, the bleeding had stopped (Fig. 1f), and Biodentine™ (Septodont, Saint-Maur-des-Fossés, France) was applied as a pulp capping material to a thickness of approximately 3 mm with a Dvogan MTA carrier (Hartzell and Son, Concord, CA) (Fig.

1g-h). After the material had set in approximately 20 minutes, it was used as a temporary restoration. This is one of the advantages of the use of Biodentine™ over MTA, and makes it the material of choice in these type of cases. The patient was rescheduled for a second visit. After one week, the patient returned and was asymptomatic. The Biodentine™

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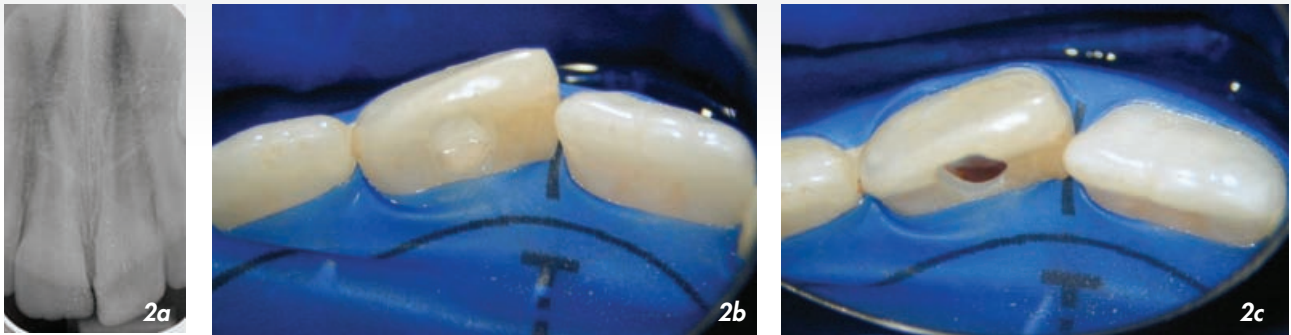
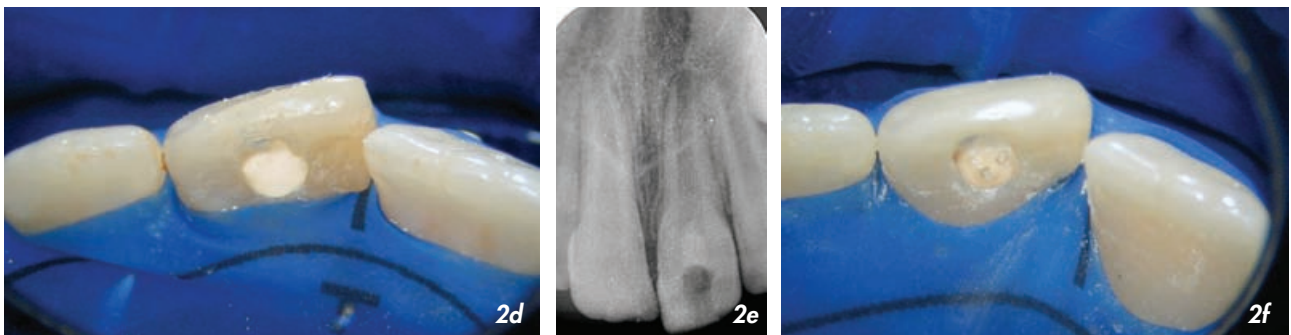


Figure 2a: Preoperative radiograph of 21 showing a class IV restoration of composite resin and an immature root with an open apex. Figure 2b: After a partial pulpotomy was carried out, a cotton pellet soaked in NaOCl 5% was applied to the pulp stump to stop the bleeding. Figure 2c: After a couple of minutes, the bleeding had stopped, which is indicative of healthy pulp tissue.



Figures 2d - e: Biodentine was used as a pulp capping material. Figure 2f: Photograph of the set Biodentine.

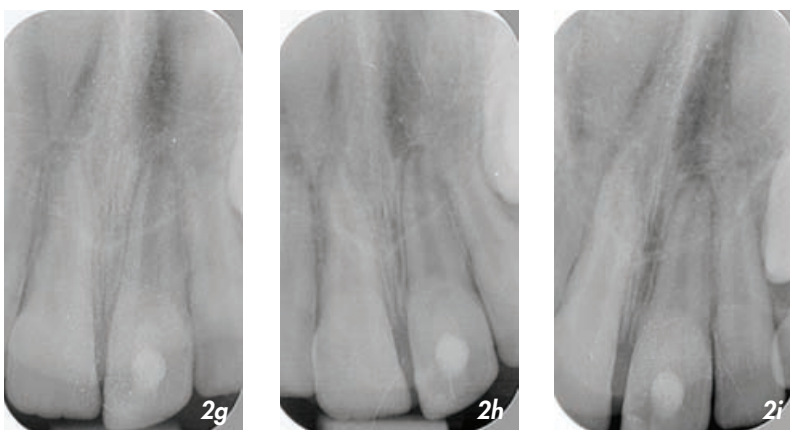


Figure 2g: Postoperative radiograph showing the pulp-capped tooth restored with a composite resin. Figure 2h-i: At 6 and 18 months respectively, the patient was asymptomatic and the recall radiographs showed continued root development.

had fully set and had not washed out (Fig. 1i). A gingivectomy was carried out, and a retraction cord (Gingibraid, van R, Oxnard, CA, USA) was packed into the sulcus (Fig. 1j). Then a build-up of composite core material was placed (Luxacore; DMG, Hamburg, Germany), which was cut back on the buccal site and layered with a micro-

filled composite (Filtek Supreme Ultra Universal Restorative, 3M ESPE, St. Paul, MN, USA) (Fig. 1k-l). Follow-up after 6 (Fig. 1m) and 12 months (Fig. 1n) showed a healthy tooth in full function with continuous root development.

Patient #2 was an 8-year old male who was referred for advice and possible treatment of tooth #21. His medical

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history was noncontributory. Some months ago, he sustained an uncomplicated crown fracture of # 21. His dentist made a restoration of composite resin, that had to be replaced 5 times, because it came loose every single time. For one week, the patient had experienced severe sensitivity to hot and cold food and drinks. Clinical testing confirmed that tooth #21 was very sensitive to cold. A radiographic examination revealed that #21 had an open apex and no peri-apical pathosis (Fig. 2a). The diagnosis was an uncomplicated crown fracture with a reversible pulpitis in tooth #21.

Treatment options were discussed with the patient and his parents, and a partial pulpotomy was selected as the treatment of choice. Local anesthesia was administered (Septanest N, Septodont, Saint-Maur-des-Fossés, France), rubber dam was applied (Optradam, Ivoclar Vivadent, Schaan, Lichtenstein) and a partial pulpotomy was carried out with a new diamond bur in a high speed handpiece with copious water cooling. A cotton pellet soaked in sodium hypochlorite 5% was applied on the pulp stump with moderate pressure (Fig. 2b). After five minutes, the bleeding had stopped (Fig. 2c), and Biodentine™ (Septodont, Saint-Maur-des-Fossés, France) was applied as a pulp capping material to a thickness of several mm with a Dovgan MTA carrier (Hartzell and Son, Concord, CA) (Fig. 2d-e). A moist cotton pellet was introduced on top of the Biodentine™, the access cavity was filled with a temporary filling, and the patient was rescheduled for a second appointment. After a week the patient returned asymptomatic. The Biodentine™ had fully set (Fig. 2f) and a build-up of composite core material was placed in the endodontic access cavity (Luxacore; DMG, Hamburg, Germany), with a top layer of a hybrid composite (Tetric Ceram, Ivoclar Vivadent, Schaan, Lichtenstein) (Fig. 2g). At the 6-month (Fig. 2h) and 18-month recall (Fig. 2i), the tooth was asymptomatic and showed apical maturation and continuous root development.

Conclusion

The author has presented 2 cases in which Biodentine™ was successfully used as a pulp capping material in an immature tooth with pulp involvement. In both cases, treatment provided elimination of symptoms and continuation of root formation. In addition, no signs of discoloration were noticed after 6, 12 and 18 months respectively.

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Mandibular first molar with four canals in the mesial root

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Abstract

A 35-year-old female patient with intermittent pain in the lower right jaw was referred to the dental practice. The right mandibular first molar did not respond to thermal testing and the patient reported moderate pain to percussion and palpation in the region of this tooth. Radiographic findings confirmed the presence of periradicular disease and previous root canal treatment. Initially, only four treated canals were found (two mesial and two distal) Two extra canals were found in the mesial root. The treatment was performed and the success confirmed after 12 months. This case report reiterates the complexity of mandibular first molar variation and is intended to reinforce the clinicians' need to be aware of the variable morphology of root canals in this tooth.

Introduction

The goal of endodontic treatment is to clean and shape the root canal system and obturate it in all its dimensions (Almeida et al, 2015). Before starting treatment, aberrant root or root canal morphology should be investigated, detected and adequately treated (Lea et al, 2014). Failure to recognise any unusual canal configuration could eventually lead to an unsuccessful treatment outcome (Almeida et al, 2015; Lea et al, 2014; Ghoddusi et al, 2007). Thus, the proper knowledge of the root and root canal morphology, along with any related anatomical variations, is essential to achieve a successful treatment (Almeida et al, 2015; Lea et al, 2014; Ghoddusi et al, 2007).

Mandibular first molars are the teeth that most require endodontic treatment, as they are the first posterior teeth to erupt in permanent dentition (Ghoddusi et al, 2007). Although mandibular first molars usually have two canals in the mesial root, named as mesiobuccal and mesiolingual canals, the presence of a middle mesial canal in the developmental groove has been widely reported in 1 % (Vertucci, 1964), 1.5% (Martinez-Berna and Badanelli, 1983), 2.1 % (Fabra-Campos, 1985), 2.6% (Fabra-Campos, 1989), 12% (Pomeranz et al, 1981), 14.7% (Akbarzadeh et al, 2017), 15% (Goel et al, 1991) and 18.6% (Versiani et al, 2016) of the cases. In addition, mandibular first molars may have one or two canals in the distal root (Ghoddusi et al, 2007).

As reported in several studies, the prevalence of a middle mesial canal in mandibular first molars may significantly range among researches. Clinical studies and case reports that demonstrated the presence of negotiable middle mesial canals present different data from studies which used extracted teeth model (Vertucci, 1984; Martinez-Berna and Badanelli, 1983; Fabra-Campos, 1985; Fabra-Campos, 1989; Pomeranz et al, 1981, Akbarzadeh et al, 2017; Goel et al, 1991; Versiani et al, 2016).

To the best of the authors' knowledge, just one case has ever been reported in the scientific literature of a mandibular first molar with four canals in the mesial root (Reeh, 1998) In this particular case, the author reported a successful endodontic retreatment of a mandibular first molar with seven canals, where the other three canals were located

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Case Report 1

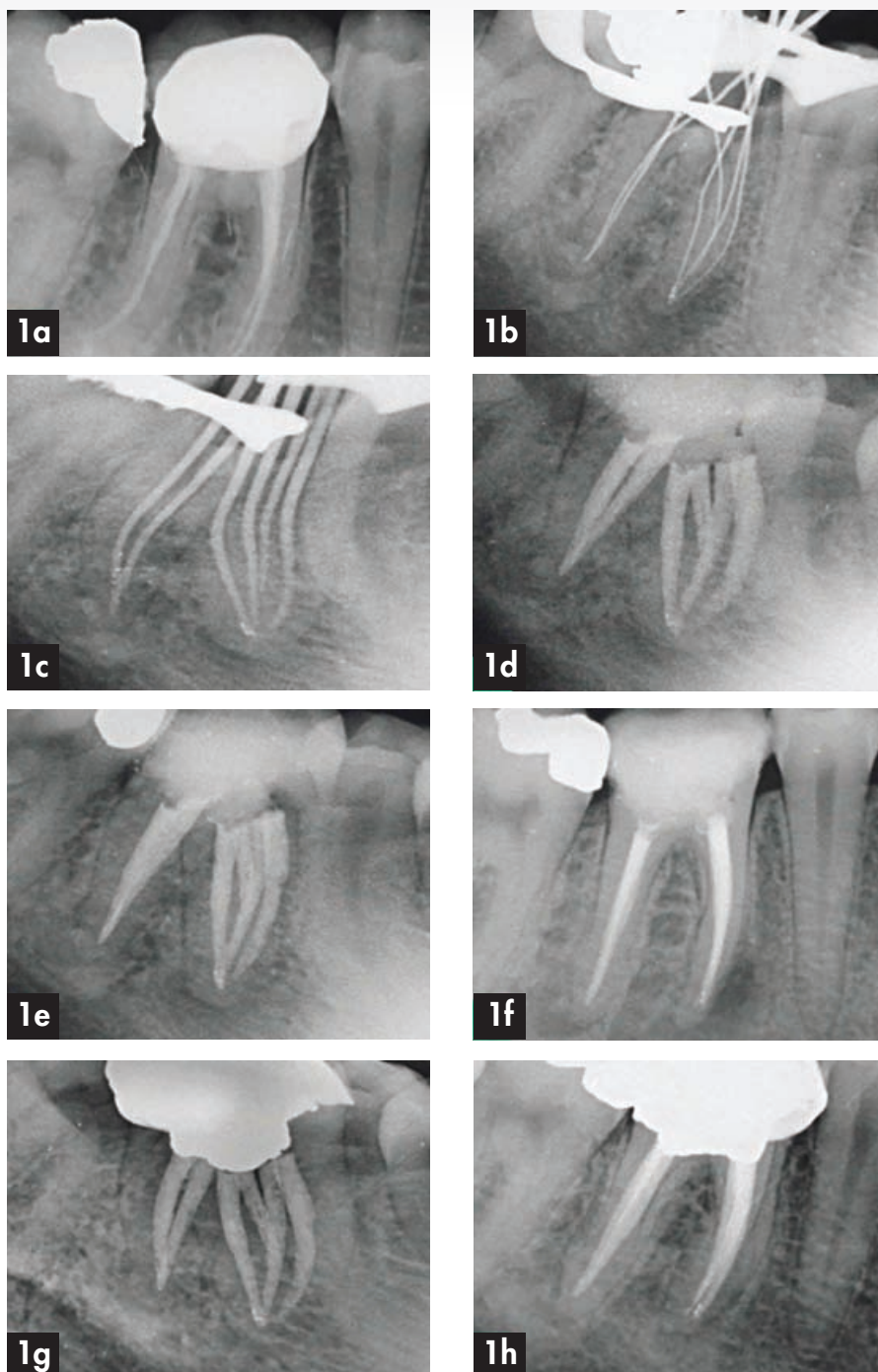


Figure 1: Initial radiograph (a); Radiographic working length confirmation (b); Radiograph of main cones (c); Final radiographs (d-f); Radiographs of 12-month follow-up (g and h).

in the distal root. Initially, the clinician failed to detect the complexity of the root canal system of this tooth, and only

three canals were treated endodontically. Such factors demonstrate the importance of knowing the root canal system

morphology and its anatomical variations (Reeh, 1998). Furthermore, according to the author of the case report, looking for additional canals was crucial for a successful outcome (Reeh, 1998).

Therefore, the aim of this article is to report a clinical case of a mandibular first molar with four canals in the mesial root, and two canals in the distal root. All canals were properly prepared and filled, and the success of the treatment was confirmed after 12 months by clinical and radiographic findings.

Case report

A 35-year-old female patient, with a history of intermittent prior to being seen, was referred to the dental practice. Medical history was non-contributory. The right mandibular first molar did not respond to thermal testing (heated gutta percha and dry ice), and the patient reported moderate pain to percussion and palpation in the region of this tooth. Furthermore, the tooth had a total crown and there was no significant probing depth. Radiographic findings confirmed the presence of periradicular disease and previous root canal treatment (Figure 1a). Correlation of clinical and radiographic findings led to a diagnosis of a chronic periradicular abscess due to previous unsuccessful endodontic treatment. Therefore, a nonsurgical root canal retreatment was recommended.

After administering infiltration anaesthesia (Lidocaine 2% 1:80.000 epinephrine), the crown was removed, and rubber dam isolation of the operative area was performed. An endodontic access cavity was prepared by using 1016HL and Endo Z burs (Dentsply Sirona), and four previously treated root canals were found. Removal of root canal filling was performed using a Neoniti Al size 20 file (Neolix, Châtres-la-Forêt, France). After careful analysis of the floor of the pulp chamber, two additional root canals were found in the mesial root, totalling four canals in this root. Initially, extra canals were explored with a size 10 k-file (Mani, Inc; Tochigi, Japan) under copious irrigation with 5.25% sodium hypochlorite solution (Chloraxid, Cerkamed, Poland). Next, the working length of each root canal was established 1mm up to the apical foramen, using an electronic apex locator (Root ZX, Morita, Tokyo, Japan). A radiograph was then taken to confirm the measurements (Figure 1b). The chemo-mechanical preparation was performed using the crown-down technique, with the Neoniti system (Neolix). The first four root canals found (MB1, ML, DB and DL) were prepared up to a Neoniti Al size 25 file (Neolix). The two additional root canals found in the mesial root (MB2 and ML2) were prepared up to a Neoniti Al size

20 file. Irrigation was performed with 2.5 ml of 5.25% sodium hypochlorite solution (Chloraxid) at each change of file, using a 30-gauge, open-ended needle (Navitip; Ultradent, South Jordan, UT, USA) placed slightly short of the binding point. After a final rinse with MTAD (Dentsply Tulsa, USA), the root canals were dried with sterile absorbent paper points (Dentsply Sirona, Ballaigues, Switzerland) and a radiograph was taken of the main cones to confirm if they reach the working length (Figure 1c). Afterwards, the canals were filled with gutta percha (Dentsply Sirona, Ballaigues, Switzerland) and AH Plus sealer (Dentsply Sirona, Ballaigues, Switzerland), using the lateral condensation technique. The pulp chamber was properly cleaned to remove the excess of gutta percha and sealer, and was temporarily restored with a provisional material (Figures 1d -1f).

Clinical and radiographic findings, as no painful symptomatology and regression of the periapical lesion, confirmed the success of the proposed therapy. Continued follow-up over 12 months has shown a positive outcome from endodontic perspective (Figures 1g and 1h).

Discussion

The prevention and treatment of apical periodontitis are the main objectives of endodontic therapy (Siqueira and Rôças, 2008). An adequate biomechanical preparation and filling of the root canal system, associated to the placement of a proper coronal sealing, are crucial and should be taken to achieve this goal (Gillen et al, 2011). Furthermore, all these steps performed during the treatment require a good understanding of root canal anatomy to attain a successful outcome (Reeh, 1998).

The purpose of this article was to present the case report of a mandibular first molar clearly showing the presence of four canals in the mesial root, and two canals in the distal root. The patient was referred to the dental practice, because of the persistent symptoms after the first endodontic treatment, at which time, only four root canals were located and treated (two in the mesial root and two in the distal root).

The clinician should keep in mind that the internal morphology of the teeth does not always follow the known standards (Almeida et al, 2015; Lea et al, 2014). In this clinical case, the incomplete debridement of the six root canals probably was the cause for the occurrence and perpetuation of the periradicular disease (Reeh, 1998). Once all the root canals were located and could be properly negotiated, shaped and cleaned, the symptoms disappeared, and a 12-month follow-up X-ray showed the

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consistent healing of the periapical alveolar bone. To locate additional root canals can be a challenging procedure for professionals. For this reason, the findings reported in this clinical case highlight how important it is to have a good understanding of the canal anatomic complexities to achieve effective disinfection of the root canal system (Siqueira and Rôças, 2008).

The clinician should always suspect the presence of additional root canals, and investigate further when examining radiographs and/or locating and exploring the canals (Johal, 2001). Although there are inherent limitations, radiographic examination provides a clue to the type of canal configuration present (Hildebolt et al, 1990).

Previous reports have continuously used imaging technologies, such as spiral computed tomography (SCT) (Gopikrishna et al, 2006; Aggarwal et al, 2009) and conebeam computed tomography (CBCT) (Almeida et al, 2015; Lea et al, 2014), as an adjunctive tool for detection and management of variable root canal morphology. These imaging technologies may be helpful in detecting variations of root canals in doubtful circumstances related to unusual root canal anatomy (Gopikrishna et al, 2006; Aggarwal et al, 2009; Almeida et al, 2015; Lea et al, 2014). Although these imaging modalities offer an insight into the anatomical variations of the root or root canal configuration, they also potentially increase the effective dose of radiation exposure for the patient, often limiting their use (Patel et al, 2009).

The ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable) principle states that every effort should be made by professionals to keep the patient's exposure to ionising radiation as low as practically possible (Farman, 2005). As reported in the present clinical case, the use of radiographic examination associated to an adequate clinical inspection of the floor of the pulp chamber were enough to depict the variable anatomy clearly. For this reason, advanced imaging techniques (SCT and CBCT) did not have to be used to solve this clinical case.

It is also valid to emphasise that several other types of equipment, such as operative microscopes, may be used to facilitate the location and negotiation of additional root canals, significantly improving the quality of the endodontic the successful endodontic treatment of a maxillary first premolar with three root canals, with the aid of an optical microscope. The authors stated that the use of such technology was fundamental to detect the location of the third root canal, due to the complex internal anatomy of the tooth (Relvas et al, 2013).

This article provides useful clinical information for performing endodontic therapy in a very complex case, thus contributing to the awareness of another anatomic variant of mandibular molars.

Conclusions

Reports of cases with unusual morphology have an important didactic value. Their documentation may facilitate the recognition and successful management of similar cases, which may require endodontic therapy. This case report reiterates the complexity of mandibular first molar variation and is intended to reinforce the clinicians' need to be aware of the variable morphology of root canals in this tooth.

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Rehabilitation of an atrophic maxilla

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The rehabilitation of a patient with atrophic jaws can be challenging for the dental team. Costs, healing periods, morbidity and complications can also be elevated for the patient. However, cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) and 3D implant planning software allow us to treat these patients in a less invasive and a more predictable way.

Traditionally, treatment of patients with atrophic jaws requiring implant therapy involved complex grafting procedures and extended healing periods. Many patients rejected these treatment modalities due to their high complication and morbidity rates and costs.

Since computer guided implant surgery was first introduced in 2002, digital technology has evolved into a very accurate tool. Inaccuracies in implant placement are considerably reduced, benefitting to a great extent those patients with atrophic jaws, in whom a very precise use of that limited bone for implant therapy is paramount.

This article will discuss this approach and present a case report of a 56-year-old woman with an edentulous maxilla who wanted a fixed restoration. The lack of teeth and use of a complete denture for 25 years had resulted in a considerable bone resorption.

She was treated using 3D planning and a surgical guide to place five implants that allowed us to transform her complete denture into an immediate fixed temporary restoration, and three months later she was restored with a permanent metal-ceramic fixed restoration.

Introduction

The treatment of edentulous patients with dental implants has proved to be highly successful, and a paradigm shift in the management of patients with complete dentures (Dudley 2015).

The loss of natural dentition along with the use of complete mucosa-borne dentures is related to different degrees of maxillary atrophy, on occasion making it very difficult to deliver fixed rehabilitation with implants. In the presence of an atrophic maxilla, different surgical techniques have been described for the surgical correction of such deficiencies to enable implant therapy (Sorní et al, 2005).

Sinus lifts, autogenous block grafts and guided bone regeneration procedures have been well described in the literature with good results. Nevertheless, it is a well-established fact that these complex procedures entail a high risk of surgical and postoperative complications such as infection, wound dehiscence, bone graft resorption or damage to adjacent anatomical structures (Boffano and Forouzanfar, 2014; Faverani et al, 2014).

Cost, the need for general anaesthesia, a second surgical site for bone harvesting, number of surgeries, extended healing periods and long treatment time – as well as the previously-mentioned complications – are factors that negatively impact on patient acceptance for these treatment modalities.

Since computer-guided implant surgery was introduced in 2002, the advances in 3D diagnosis and surgical and prosthetic planning allow the dental team to treat many edentulous patients in a simpler and safer way (Ganz, 2015). With this technology,

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clinicians can accurately transfer the pre-planned position of the implants from the 3D software into the patient's mouth, having the advantage of predictably performing minimally invasive (flapless) surgery with immediate load in many cases.

With 3D implant planning software, it is possible to integrate the patient's surgical and prosthetic treatment into one single platform. Having the restorative plan on the computer screen before placing the implants is a key point in the diagnosis and execution of a prosthetically-driven implant treatment (Mora et al, 2014).

The transfer of CBCT images to 3D implant software considerably improves treatment planning, ensuring controlled implant insertion by the means of guided surgery. Doing this allows a surgical template to be created that will guide the implants into the right position, depth, angulation and orientation. Better use of the patient's existing bone can be made, thus considerably reducing the amount of patients that require complex reconstructive surgeries before implant therapy.

Case report

A 56-year-old woman, medically fit and with no allergies, wanted to replace her complete upper denture with a fixed implant restoration. On initial examination, photographs and an OPG were taken. This radiograph revealed extensive sinus pneumatization, with very little available bone for implants in the posterior regions (Figures 1 and 2).

The current complete denture met with the aesthetic criteria (incisal edge, mid line, smile line, lip support), so it was used as a reference to prosthetically guide the implant planning. To transfer her denture – and with it, the position of the teeth – into the 3D planning software (Nemoscan, Nemotec) a

'dual scan' protocol was utilised.

This involved inserting eight gutta percha markers into her denture; four in the buccal flange and four in the palate. A CBCT was taken with the patient wearing the denture, and a second CBCT was taken of the denture alone.

This allowed the 3D planning software to superimpose the denture onto the maxillary CBCT, thus showing the bony architecture, the desired position of the future teeth, and the shape of the soft tissue (this being the gap between the denture and the bone) in one single screen. A key step is to ensure the perfect adaptation and stability of the scanning appliance (in this case, the patient's denture) before taking the CBCT (Figures 3-7).

After careful examination of this CBCT, a surgical plan was made to place five implants where bone was sufficient, but still obtaining proper prosthetic support, combining two anterior implants with three posterior ones, two of which were tilted to avoid the sinus. This option, as well as alternative grafting techniques, was explained to the patient, and the decision was made to continue with this original plan.

A mucosa-borne surgical guide was prepared from this 3D planning, and used to place the implants using flapless surgery (Figures 8 and 9).

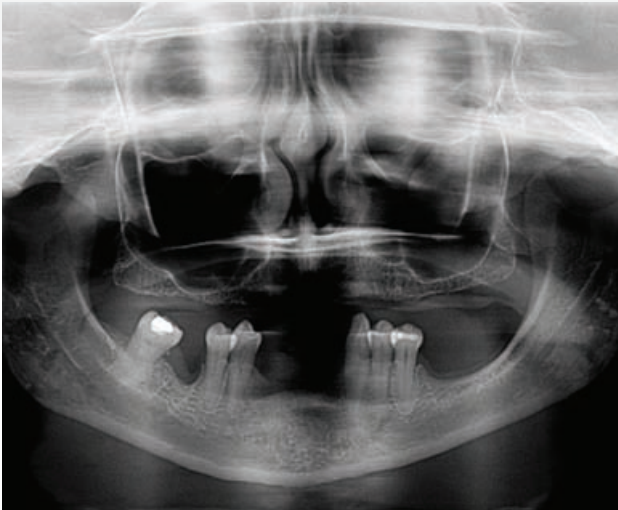
The patient took amoxicillin 2000mg two hours before the surgery, and articaine was used for anaesthesia.

The surgical guide was fitted onto the maxilla, checking its perfect adaptation by direct visualisation and tissue blanching. It was fixed to the maxilla with three titanium pins, and once in place, osteotomies as well as implant insertion were completed through the guide.

All implants achieved an insertion torque in excess of 40Ncm, and over 66 ISQ. After removing the surgical

Table 1. Implant deviation from planning to final position

Implant	Deviation at platform level (in mm)	Deviation at apex (in mm)
UR4	0.8	0.9
UR1	0.6	0.4
UL2	0.1	0.6
UL4	1	1.9
UL6	0.8	1.55



Figures 1 and 2: Preoperative OPG and intraoral view.

guide, another CBCT was taken to ensure all implants were correctly placed between the bony housing, allowing also to make a comparison between the final implant position and the 3D planning (Figures 10 and 11; Table 1).

Multiunit abutments were connected to all implants (Figure 12), using 30° angulated abutments on the tilted implants to correct the emergence and keep it in the prosthetic corridor.

The patient's conventional denture was converted into a screw-retained temporary fixed restoration (Figures 13 and 14) using titanium abutments and a pick-up technique. The patient was given a postoperative prescription of ibuprofen (400mg) for analgesia and a chlorhexidine 0.20% mouthwash, and instructed to keep a soft diet for three months.

Healing was unevenful and three months after implant placement the temporary prosthesis was unscrewed to find all five implants well integrated. The final prosthetic phase was to fabricate a screw retained metal-ceramic fixed restoration, which met with the patient's aesthetic and functional needs (Figures 15-17).

Discussion

In a society where time is important, more and more patients are looking for immediate results, reluctant to go through longer and more uncomfortable treatments.

The possibility of performing the surgical and prosthetic techniques of implant dentistry in the same clinical visit represents a very effective approach that significantly reduces the treatment time and dramatically improves the patient's quality of life (Cannizzaro et al, 2008; Tarnow et al, 1997).

Fewer hours spent chairside makes the experience more pleasant for the patient and less tiring for the clinician. Flapless surgery is also a very effective way of treating patients with a fear of surgery.

With no need to raise a flap or carry out suturing, postoperative pain and swelling are greatly reduced, as are recovery times (Van Steenberghe et al 2005). Intraoperative complications and bleeding are also minimised. Peri-implant tissues also benefit from flapless surgeries, as a quicker seal around the implants is possible from day one (Malo et al, 2007).

Current scientific evidence in implant dentistry has dramatically changed Brånemark's original guide for osseointegration. Immediate loading is a well-documented approach, with success rates similar to those of conventionally loading techniques (Salama et al, 1995).

For successful immediate load protocols, a number of factors must be considered. Firstly, a careful examination of the radiologic images for implant planning is key. New computer-assisted three-dimensional image technologies have revolutionised this field, allowing the implant surgeon to study the different possibilities for implant number and position for each patient in a virtual model. This way the most favourable surgical protocol can be established for each case (Marchack, 2007). Bone density can also be accurately measured in order to ensure that immediate load will be predictable (Shahlaie et al, 2003).

Another key point is implant selection. Implants with a roughened surface that will improve osseointegration, and a macro geometry that will allow high insertion torques and



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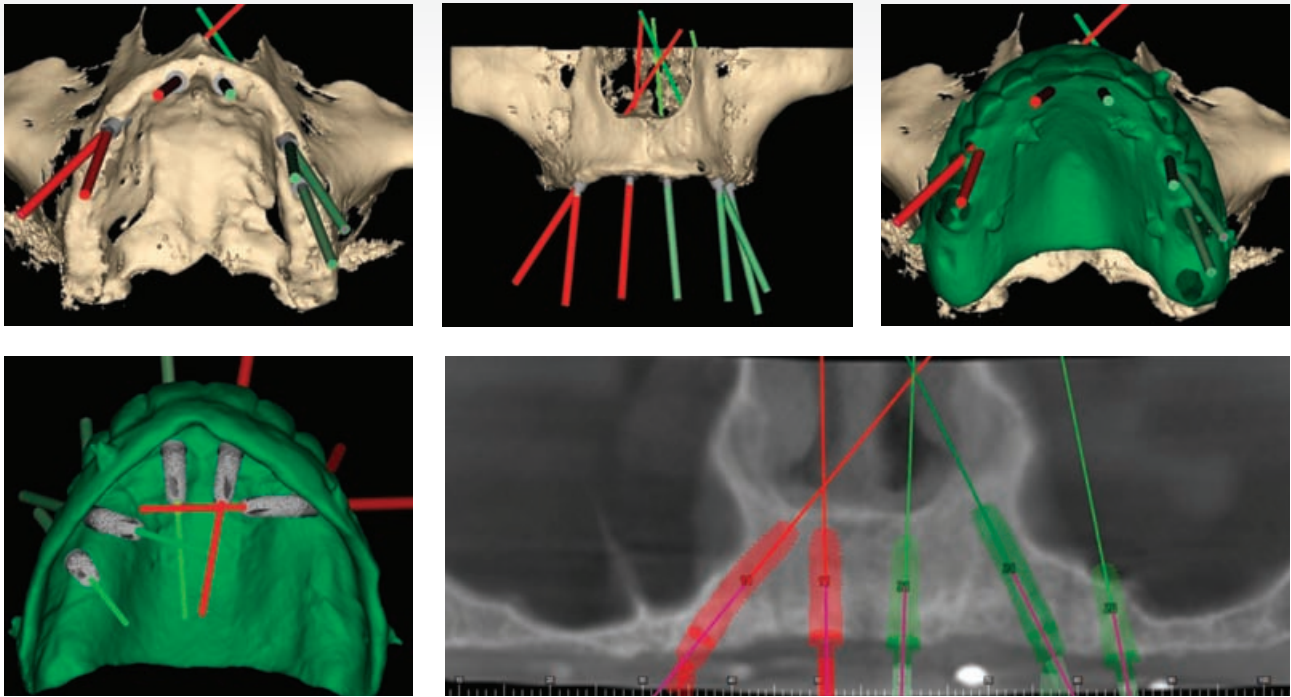
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Figures 3-7: Superimposition of scanned denture and the maxilla in order to prosthetically plan implant positioning.

good primary stability, are essential for immediate load.

These implants must always be splinted to provide favourable absorption and distribution of the load, and to reduce any micromovement during the healing phase.

Avoiding micromovement is paramount if immediately loaded implants are to osseointegrate, so the patient has to keep to a soft diet for at least six weeks, progressively introducing soft chewing after this period elapses.

It is well documented that an edentulous maxilla can be immediately loaded and restored with a fixed prosthesis using as few as four implants placed in strategic positions. The 'All-on-four' technique that was first described by Malo et al (2003) advocates the placement of two vertical implants in the anterior region and two more implants placed mesial to the sinus in a 30-45° angulation.

When implant placement in the posterior maxilla is not possible in a conventional way due to sinus pneumatization, this technique offers a very effective way of using the existing bone in the premaxilla to anchor the implants while still reducing distal cantilevers.

Scientific literature also supports that tilted implants have similar success to axially placed implants when they are

splinted (Aparicio et al, 2001). Thus, tilted implants in the premaxilla present a very safe and predictable outcome to sinus augmentations.

An essential advantage of computer-assisted techniques is the precision with which the implants are placed. This accuracy can be measured by comparing the 3D planning with the final surgical position and angulation of the implants (Widmann and Bale, 2006).

It has been demonstrated that computer-assisted implant placement is more precise than manual insertion (Brief et al 2005). However, it is also necessary to have a minimum safety margin of 1mm from important anatomical structures, since some error can be accumulated from the transfer of the radiologic images to the 3D software, and the positioning of the surgical guide. Despite this, it is the opinion of this author that computer-assisted surgery should be considered the safest way of placing implants, since it is the technique least influenced by human error.

One study showed that an experienced surgeon can have an average of 6.1mm deviation when drilling an osteotomy manually, compared to an average of 0.5mm when using computer guided surgery (Schermeier et al, 2001).



Figure 8: Surgical guide in place, fixed to the maxilla with three pins.



Figure 9: Implants placed without raising a flap.

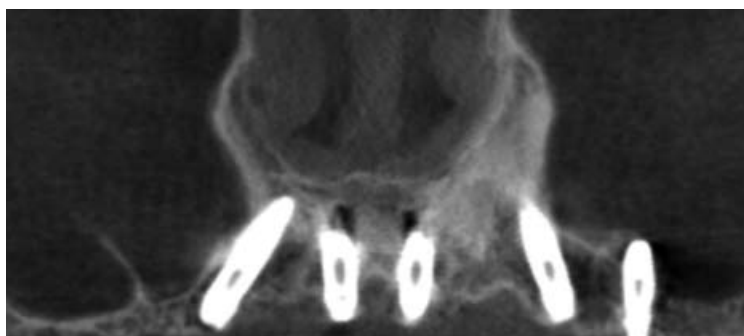


Figure 10: Postoperative CBCT showing final implant position.

Another study compared implant selection and planning between conventional radiographs and 3D software, and the length of the implants was increased in 77.7% of the cases when using the 3D software (Siebegger et al, 2001).

Longer, wider implants increase the contact surface between the implant and the bone, which is a very important factor in immediate load protocols, where functional load of these implants happens before actual osseointegration occurs (Sanna et al, 2007).

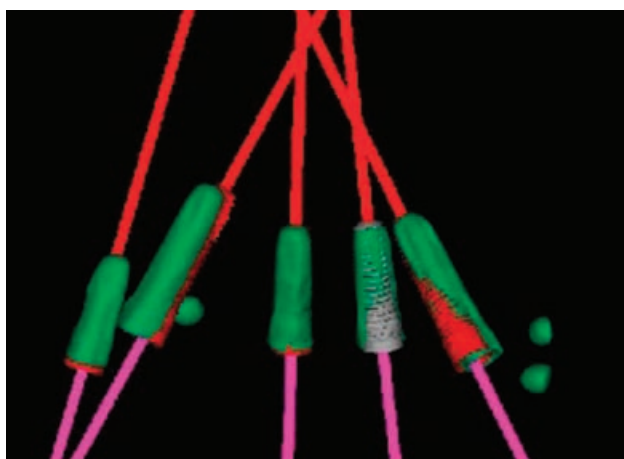


Figure 11: Comparison between final implant position (green) and 3D planning (red and grey).



Figure 12: Multiunit abutments connected.



Figure 13: Transforming the complete denture into a screw retained provisional fixed prosthesis, using direct pick up technique.



Figure 14: Immediate postoperative – showing provisional restoration.

In order to achieve an accurate transfer of implant position from the virtual platform to the oral cavity – and therefore achieve successful guided surgery – a strict protocol must be adhered to. The clinician should ensure that all steps, from the scanning of the patient to the surgical placement of the implants, are carried out meticulously. The scan appliance must be perfectly adapted and thoroughly assessed – relining it intraorally if necessary – before taking the CBCT.

From here, the accuracy of the procedure is determined by the surgeon's ability and proficiency with the technology, the precision the surgical guide is made with, the compatibility and tolerance of the surgical drills and transfers and the correct fitting and fixing of the surgical drill.

It must be stressed that the stability and position of the surgical guide has to be checked during all steps of the implant surgery.

Conclusions

By reducing the number of surgeries to one, implementing immediate load protocols, and decreasing patient morbidity and complications with a minimally invasiveness philosophy, both the clinician and patient can benefit from more predictable and safer implant dentistry.

Three dimensional images help the implant surgeon plan the number, location, diameter and length of the implants. The surgical stent guides the surgery, enabling the correct and precise placement of the implants to be able to load them with a fixed restoration at the same surgical session

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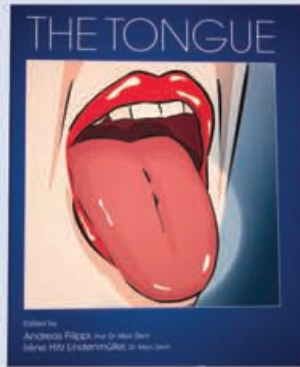


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As the largest organ in the oral cavity, the tongue not only plays a primary role in masticatory and speech function—it is also a significant indicator of health, demonstrating signs of both oral pathologies and diseases that can affect the entire body. Because no health care provider gets the opportunity to examine a patient's tongue as often as the dentist, it is essential for dentists to recognize when there may be a problem with the tongue and what the problem is. In addition to an overview of tongue anatomy and general diagnosis and treatment recommendations, this book contains an atlas of more than 50 specific diseases and health concerns that may present signs and symptoms in the tongue. Each is outlined in a quick-reference table describing etiology, prognosis, and more and is accompanied by photographs of different ways the condition can present. A true diagnostic aid, this guide will allow clinicians to identify and address any abnormality a patient's tongue may exhibit.

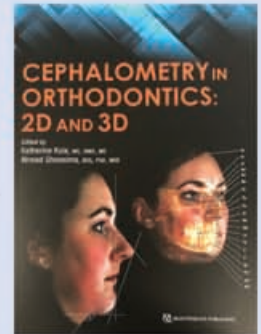


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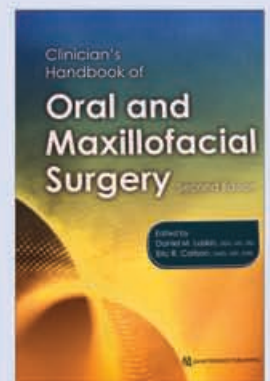
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Treating white discolouration on upper front teeth: a case report

Richard Field¹

Initial Consultation

A 27-year-old female presented requesting an improvement to her smile with reference to the white discolouration to her upper front teeth (Figures 1-2). She had an unremarkable medical history.

On extraoral examination there was:

- No apparent decay
- Temporomandibular joint non-clicking
- No pain on loading or palpitation.

Oral examination showed:

- Good general dental health
- Moderate fluorosis affecting the upper incisors
- The fluorosis was markedly worse on the upper centrals, where there was a marked white opacity
- Molar-incisal hypoplasia was ruled out due to absence of lesions on the first permanent molars (Denis, 2013).

Treatment options discussed

Enamel is the most highly mineralised tissue in the body, 96% hydroxyapatite and 4% organic fluids. In white lesions part of the mineral phase is replaced by organic fluids, however, the surface layer is constantly being re-mineralised by the saliva. This means that, histologically, white spots are characterised by hypo-mineralised subsurface enamel with a relatively intact surface layer.

As the structure of the white lesions is less mineralised and less organised than healthy enamel this causes a change in the lesions' optical properties (refractive index). Light entering the lesions is reflected back to the eye much brighter than light entering healthy enamel, giving the lesions a bright white appearance. Historically, treating white lesions in a minimally invasive way has been particularly difficult, with some practitioners advocating the extended use of minimal intervention paste, with varying success rates.

Often, if the lesions were to be covered completely, patients underwent aggressive restorative treatment plans. Recent advancements in dental technology now allows the masking of the white spots by modifying the optical properties of the white lesions through resin infiltration. Resin infiltration is a technique where the overlying mineralised layer is removed with hydrochloric acid, allowing a low viscosity resin with a similar refractive index to natural enamel to be infiltrated into the more porous and hypomineralised white lesions (Paris and Meyer-Lueckel, 2009). As the resin has a refractive index close to that of healthy enamel, once infiltrated it allows the lesions to

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Figures 1: Initial presentation.



Figures 2: Close-up view of central incisors.

mimic the translucent properties of healthy enamel more effectively, restoring natural translucence.

It was discussed with the patient that it would be best to first approach her teeth with a minimally invasive treatment plan using a combination of home tooth whitening and, if necessary, resin infiltration. If she was not satisfied with the results then other treatment could be explored; such as resin or ceramic veneers.

The patient was advised that, before resin of superficial enamel removed infiltration, she should carry out a course of home tooth whitening. This would reduce the contrast between the white lesions and her natural tooth colour. In some cases, this is enough to achieve the aesthetic demands of the patient without resorting to further treatment with resin infiltration, as the reduction in contrast between the white lesions and natural tooth colour can make the white lesions less noticeable.

The patient was satisfied with her current tooth colour, so it was decided to go ahead with the resin infiltration treatment without home tooth whitening.

It was explained to the patient that resin infiltration would still be possible, however, the results with resin infiltration alone would not be as predictable due to the relatively dark shade of her natural teeth. It was discussed that if she wished for the best possible resolution it may be necessary to remove a thin layer of superficial enamel with a bur, in order for the resin to be able to reach the full depth of the white lesions. This would result in shallow labial defects following infiltration, which would need to be restored with thin layers of composite resin. The patient was happy with this proposed approach.

Protocol

As Icon treatment requires working with a strong acid it is important to isolate the soft tissue from the area you will be working on. Isolation was achieved from upper first molar to upper first molar with a heavy gauge non latex dental dam (Unodent) with wedgits distal to the canines as this negates the need for local anaesthetic (Figure 3).

The areas to be treated were coated with Icon Etch, which is a 15% hydrochloric acid gel, for two minutes before being washed off to leave the typical post acid etch frosted appearance (Figures 4-5).

Following rinsing and drying, the lesions were then 'previewed' using the Icon-Dry ethanol solution provided (Figure 6).

Icon-Dry has a refractive index significantly nearer to that of healthy enamel than air. Because of this, after it has been applied and allowed to penetrate the lesions for 30-40 seconds and whilst it is still wet, it enables you to preview the effect of resin infiltration on the white spot lesions. This preview allows the operator to see if the lesions have been sufficiently penetrated to thoroughly mask the white lesions. If the lesions are still visible during the application of the Icon-Dry further etch cycles are needed, if the lesions disappear it is safe to proceed to infiltration.

Initially, the process of etch, rinse and application of Icon-Dry was carried out three times with no resolution of the white lesions on the centrals (Figure 6). This was discussed with the patient and permission was granted to remove a thin layer of superficial enamel in order to access the white lesions to depth. A red band rugby ball bur was used to remove approx. 0.2-0.3mm of superficial enamel (Figure 7).



Figure 3: Teeth isolated with dental dam.

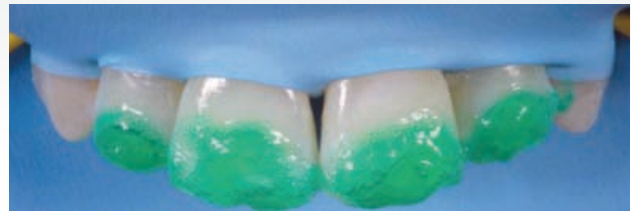


Figure 4: Icon Etch applied for two minutes.

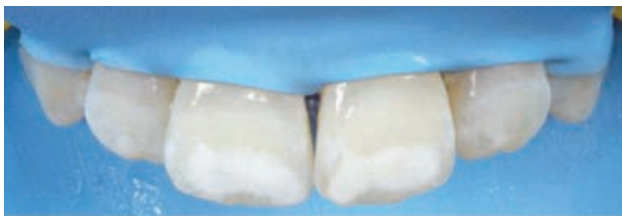


Figure 5: Post acid etch frosted appearance.

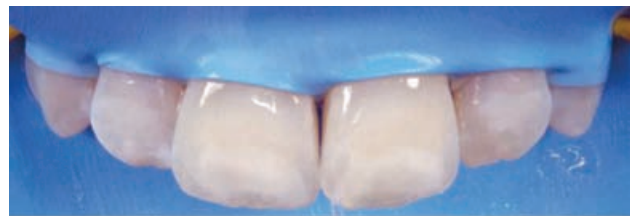


Figure 6: 'Preview' using Icon-Dry ethanol solution.

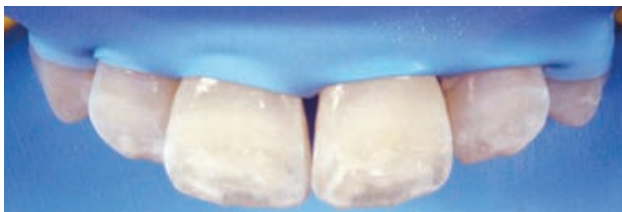


Figure 7: Approx. 0.2-0.3mm of superficial enamel removed.

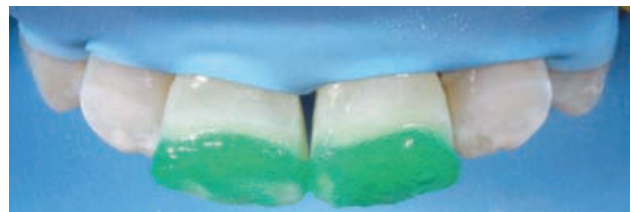


Figure 8: Further application of Icon Etch.

The process of etch, rinse and application of Icon-Dry was repeated two more times (Figure 8), until the majority of the white lesions were no longer visible following preview with the Icon-Dry ethanol solution (Figure 9).

Once satisfied with the preview stage, the teeth were dried to a frosty post-etch appearance with a further application of the Icon-Dry ethanol solution being allowed to evaporate over 60 seconds (Figure 10). The operating light was then switched off to prevent premature curing of the Icon resin and the hydrophobic Icon resin was then applied to the teeth. The resin was then left to infiltrate for three minutes and excess resin was then removed from the labial surface using a cotton wool roll. Pre cure, contacts were then flossed to prevent the teeth being bonded together. Each lesion was then light-cured for 40 seconds. This resin application process was then repeated one more time.

Immediately post cure, the Icon treatment leaves the teeth slightly rough due to excess resin being present on the surface of the teeth (Figure 11). The defect caused by the

removal of superficial enamel is also still present.

According to the literature it is possible to bond to freshly cured Icon resin without further conditioning, as it exhibits its own oxygen inhibition layer (Wiegand et al, 2011). In the author's experience there is sometimes a problem with delamination around the margins of any composite resin added, which causes a problem during polishing and finishing. The literature suggests that the bond can be further strengthened though the addition of a bonding resin prior to composite addition.

A thin layer of FL bottle 2 (Kerr) was painted over the defects and cured before the addition of a thin layer of achromatic composite (3M Espe, Filtek Supreme XTE White enamel), which was cured for 40 seconds before being cured again for a further 40 seconds under a glycerine barrier. This final cure under the glycerine barrier serves to remove the sticky oxygen inhibition layer that can clog finishing and polishing instruments making them less effective (Park and Lee, 2011) (Figures 12-13).

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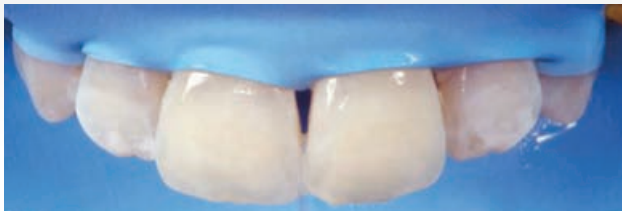


Figure 9: Final Icon-Dry 'preview'.



Figure 10: Teeth are allowed to dry.

The teeth were polished with the Astropol system (Ivoclar Vivadent) until the surface of the composite resin was smooth and any excess Icon resin had been removed. This excess resin requires removal to prevent staining.

Results

The patient was reviewed one month later and final review photos were taken (Figures 14-15). The patient was thrilled with the huge improvement that the treatment had made to her smile. This was particularly significant as she had previously been told that nothing could be done and had reluctantly accepted that she may need veneers at some stage. She was so happy that she was able to get the result she wanted in such a conservative and biologically respectful way.

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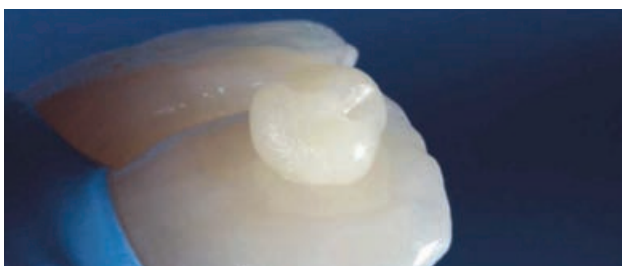


Figure 12: Addition of a layer of composite.



Figure 13: Applying the glycerine barrier.



Figure 14: Review at one month.



Figure 15: Review at one month, full-mouth view.

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Medium Opacity (MO) frameworks are generally used to compensate for dark substrates. However, this opaque compact must be covered with veneering ceramics and cannot be fully contoured.

The following case study describes the procedure for an all ceramic restoration with GC Initial LiSi Press (a lithium disilicate glass ceramic) on a strongly discoloured prep.

The initial situation

The young patient complained about the aesthetically unpleasant appearance of her Zr crown 21. The previous restoration did not match the shape and colour, and the cervical area in particular seems too opaque. A common phenomenon with zirconia is the unnatural emission of the material into the marginal gingiva.

In this case, the degree to which the gingiva in the cervical areas of the natural teeth exhibited a reddish radiation was particularly visible. Little consideration was given to this effect with the previous restoration.

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Figure 1: The previous Zr crown on 21.



Figure 2: The dark prep became visible after the crown was removed.

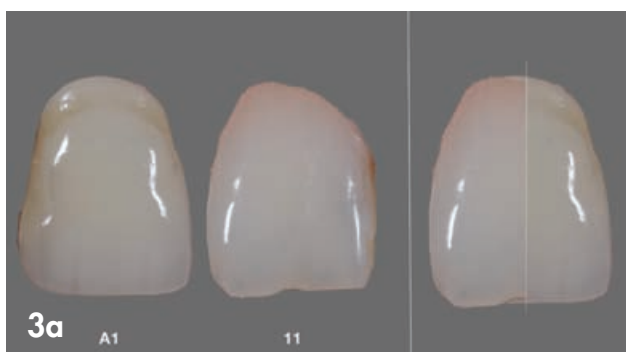


Figure 3a: Red colouration in the cervical area of natural tooth 11 (compare with colour pattern A1).



Fabrication of the framework

The crown was removed, prepared once again and moulded. After the model was created, the wax cap was fabricated using CAD/CAM.

The object was pinned according to procedure. Additional air channels were installed to prevent air compression in the

marginal area and, therefore, potential inaccuracies in the subsequent pressing result. The surface was sprayed with SR Liquid and then invested with LiSi PressVest (fig 5). After a setting time of approximately 20 minutes, the muffle was placed in the preheating oven. The higher the temperature to which the phosphate-bonded investment is heated, the

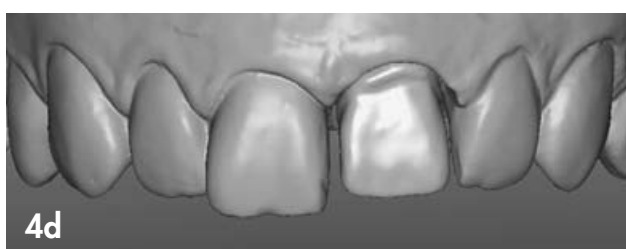
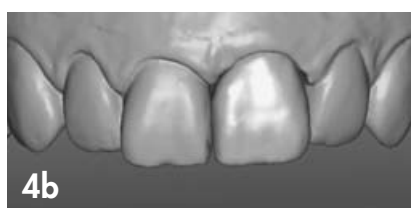


Figure 4: Production of the wax cap with CAD/CAM.



Figure 5: The prepared wax object for investing with LiSi PressVest (according to the method of Toshio Morimoto, Osaka).



Figure 6: GC Initial LiSi Press, with a flexural strength of > 500 MPa.

higher the compressive strength it develops. Therefore, the initial oven temperature was 900°C and was lowered to 850°C after the muffle was inserted.

It is important to install the investment using the fast heating process, as this leads to a relatively constant expansion. This is because, among other things, conventional slow heating leads first to expansion (cristobalite transformation at approx. 250°C) and then to contraction (due to the decomposition of ammonium phosphate at approx. 350°C). The repeated expansion and contraction of the material thus promotes the formation of small cracks.

The shade selected for the pressing material was ingot MOO; this selection was based on the contrast between the black discolouration of the stump and the light target colour. This is perfect for the layering technique with high fluorescence and a high brightness value. It has an excellent covering capacity due to its relatively high opacity.

After pressing and cooling, the object was blasted with glass beads. GC Initial LiSi Press has almost no reaction layer; therefore, the need for acidification is eliminated. The

result is a very homogeneous surface with an excellent fit (fig. 7& 9).

The ability of this material to reproduce a natural fluorescence is unique and adding extra fluorescence is not a prerequisite as it is the case with other frame materials. This yields restorations that are true to the natural model, wherein the fluorescence comes from deep inside the restoration (fig 8).

Wash firing

GC Initial Lustre Pastes NF were applied to the bare, white cap to adjust its base colour (fig 12). For this purpose, we used L-N, a light lustre coating with L-A; in the incisal area, we used a mixture of L-5 and L-7. The redness in the cervical area was increased with LP-M2 to mimic the previously described radiation into the surrounding gingiva. It was important to allow only a slight hint of the actual colour, and not with too much intensity (fig 13). After firing in the oven, Glaze Liquid was applied once again and sprinkled with an FD-91 make-up brush. The excesses were blown off by mouth



Figure 7: The pressing gives a homogeneous result, and barely any reaction layer is formed.

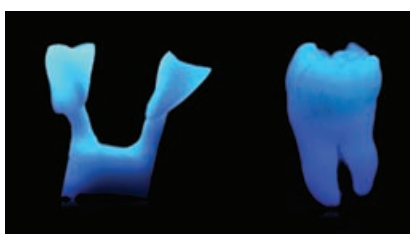


Figure 8: The MOO ingot exhibits very good fluorescence.



Figure 9: Perfect edge fit of the pressed cap.



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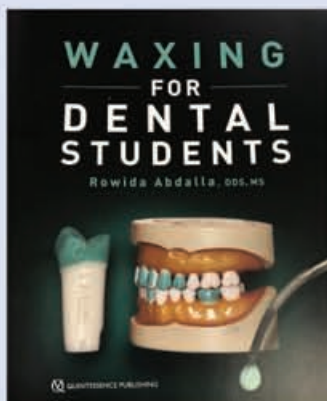
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Figure 10: We were able to cover the dark tooth prep with a cap thickness of approx. 0.9mm.



Figure 11: The natural white framework on the working model.



Figure 12: Colouring and adjusting the colour with GC Initial Lustre Pastes NF.



Figure 13: Lustre with L-A: more depth effect was created in the incisal area with "violet"; the red value in the cervical area was increased by adding the LP-M2 (gum).

and burned. The result was a very dynamically active framework with established colour and a scattering of light on the surface (fig 15).

Ceramic layering

We then proceeded to veneering using GC Initial LiSi veneering ceramic. INside Primary Dentin was used to

achieve a relative chromatic effect from deep within the restoration. In this case, an additional 20% of Bleach Dentin was mixed into the IN-44 to increase its brightness slightly. The incisal third was processed with Fluo Dentin FD-91. This was followed by dentin that was mixed with neutral Transpa towards the incisal area to increase the depth effect. A mixture of E-58 and TN was applied to the incisal plate. This



Figure 14: Thin sprinkling of ceramic powder.



Figure 15: The result after firing exhibited a dynamic surface with a nice colour.



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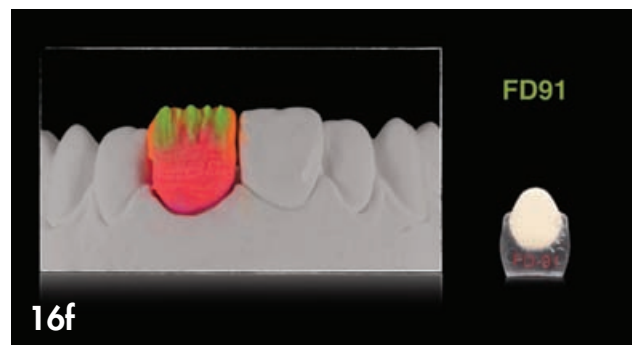
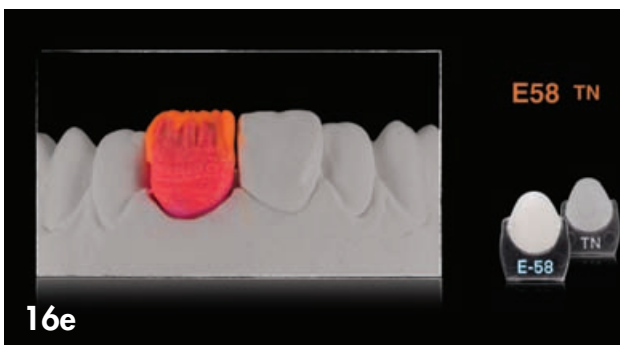
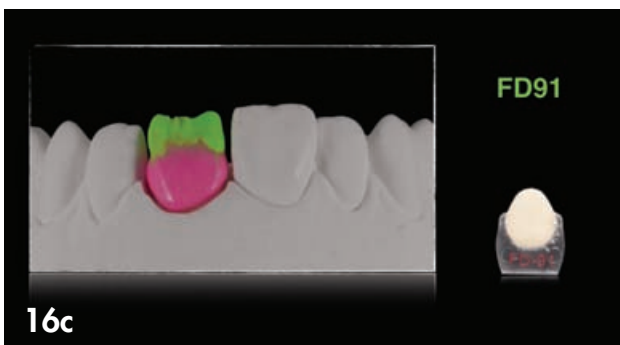
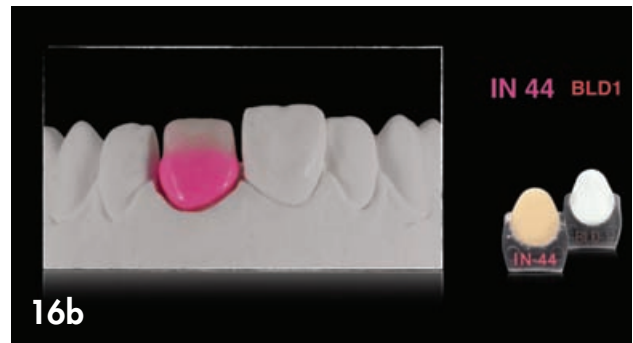
was wetted with a little staining liquid to enable the precise placement of the mamelon on it with FD-91. CLF was thinly layered on the finished internal structure in order to mimic the sclerotic dentin layer. Bluish mesial and distal bands were applied with EOP-3. A subtle horizontal band was applied with EOP-2 to create more brightness. Cervical CT-21 and CT-22. The final shape was fully covered with Enamel E-58 and 25% EOP-2. Finally, to mimic the halo effect, a little more EO-15 was applied incisally. The layering was over-contoured accordingly to compensate for the sinter

shrinkage.

Special care had to be taken with the accuracy of the subsequent firing, as the firing window for lithium disilicate is very narrow. In general, no attempt was made to perform repeated firing cycles in order to obtain the best brilliance, colour and translucency.

The final shaping was followed by a soft, short glaze firing in which the surface pores were closed.

The degree of gloss was determined directly on the patient during the try-in of the crown and produced by mechanical



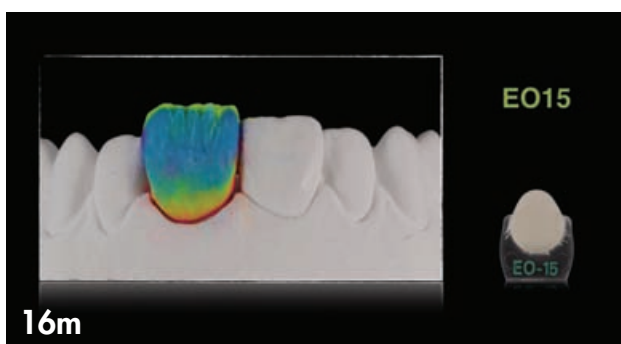
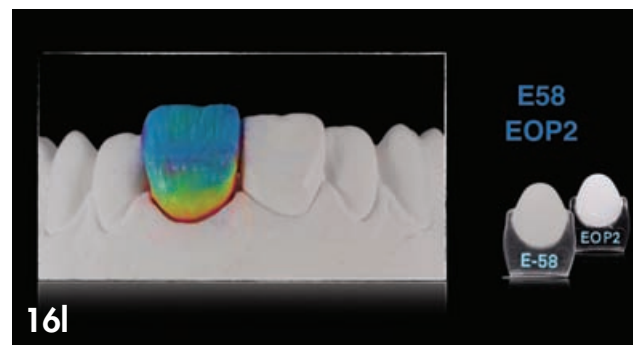
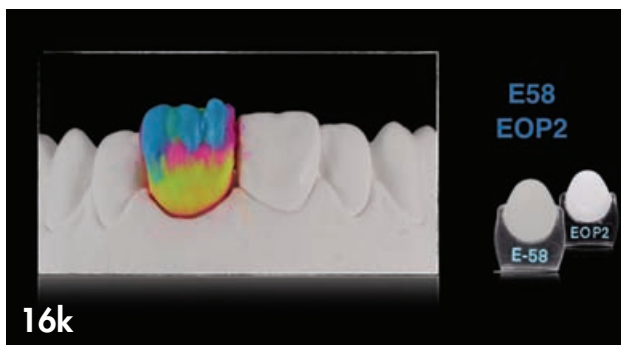
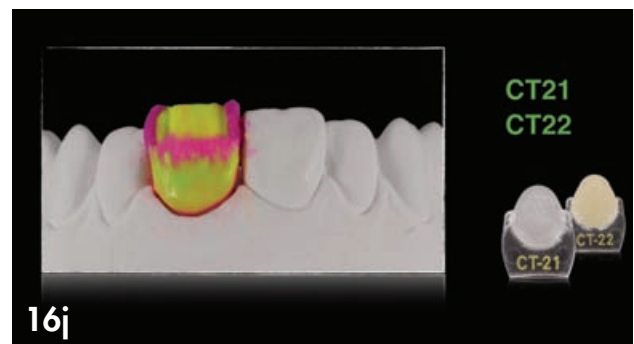
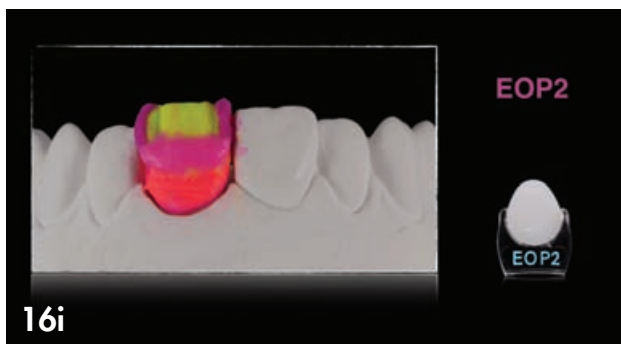
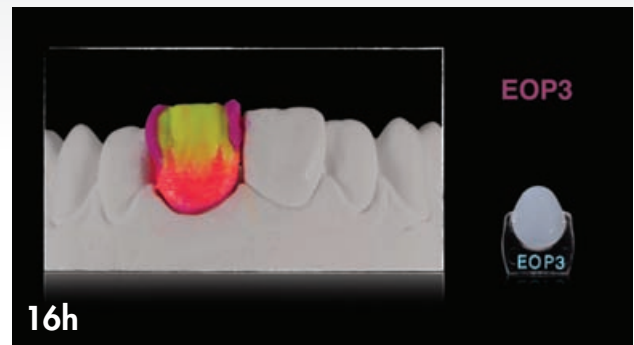
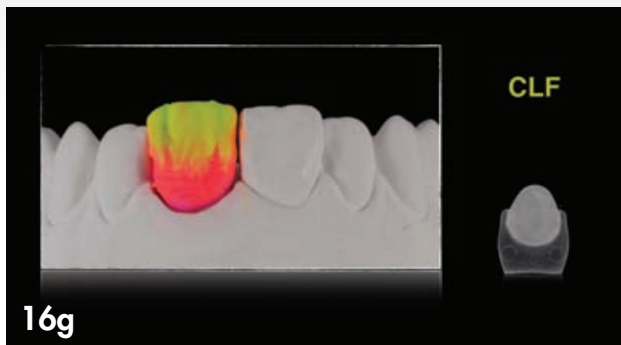


Figure 16: The steps for layering with GC Initial LiSi veneering ceramic.

Figure 17: The result after firing.



Figures 18-19: Fitting and surface finishing.



Figures 21-22: The final result in the mouth.

polishing. This additionally solidified the surface and created a natural silk matte effect (fig 18-19-20).

Results and conclusion

After an evaluation and performance check of the restoration in the patient's mouth, some fine-tuning was performed and the crown prepared according to the protocol for cementation. Cementation completed the work process, the goal of which had always been to leave no visible traces of the effort and to achieve a good integration into the natural environment.

Despite the difficult initial situation, the right choice of materials made it possible to meet the patient's high aesthetic standards. The material components were perfectly matched to each other and thus offered a high degree of safety and efficiency in production.

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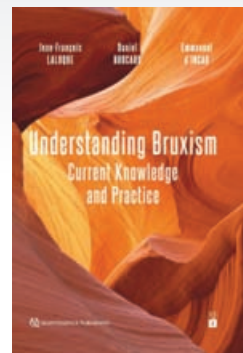
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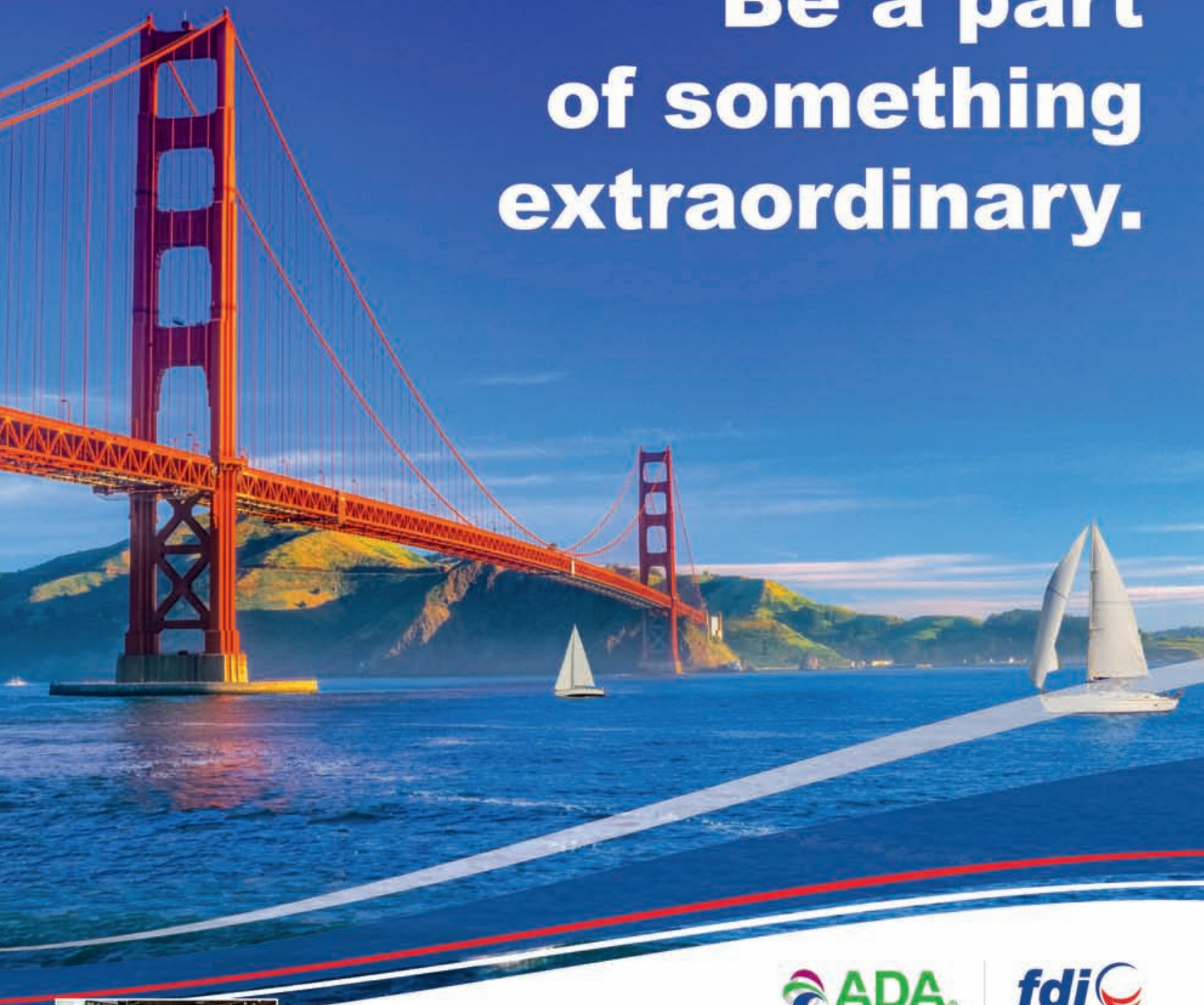
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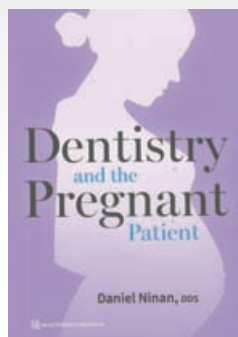
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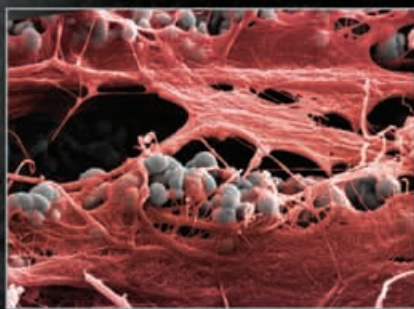
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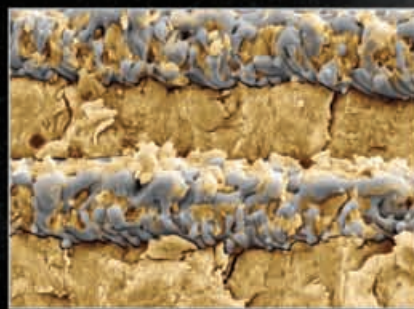
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