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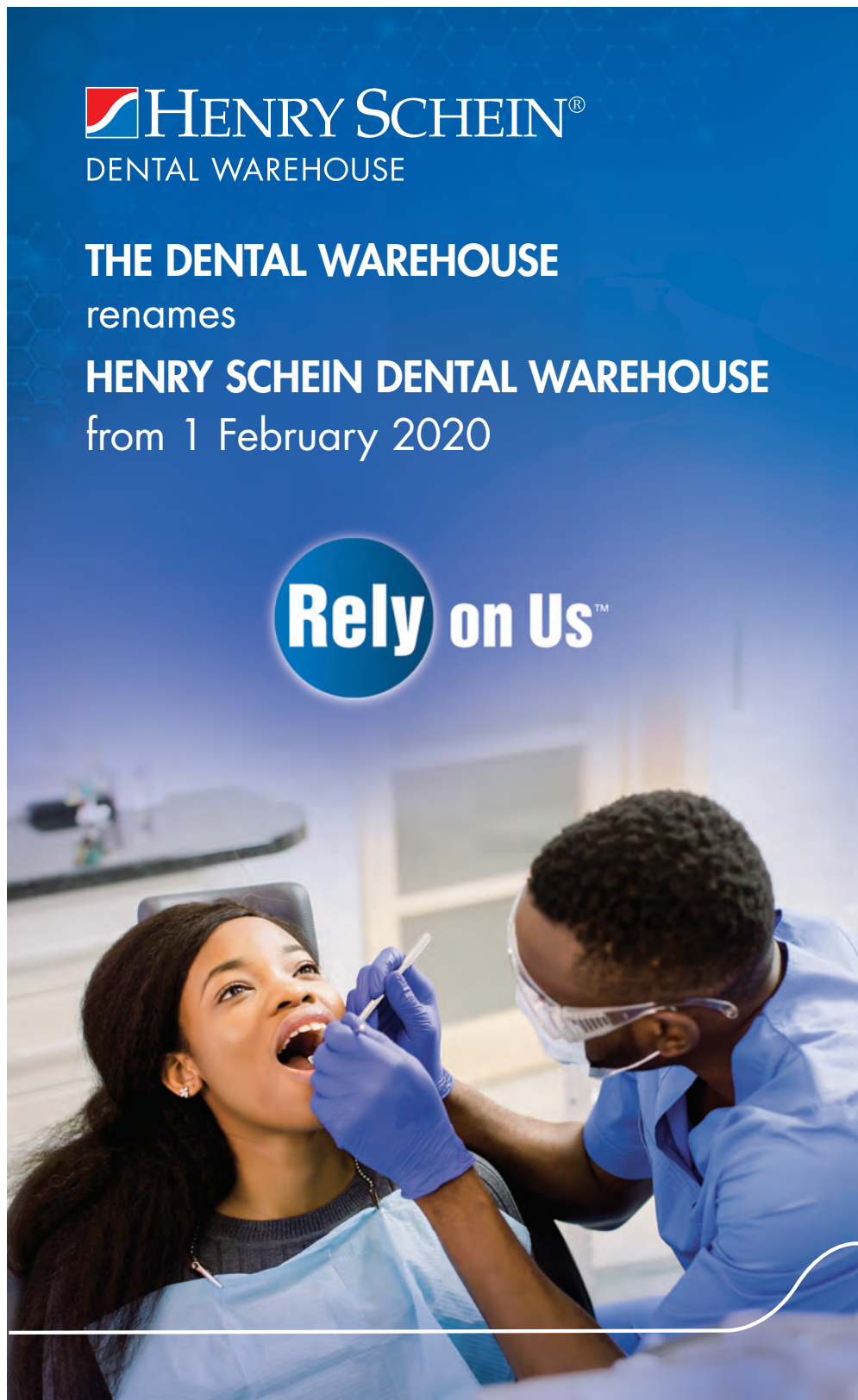
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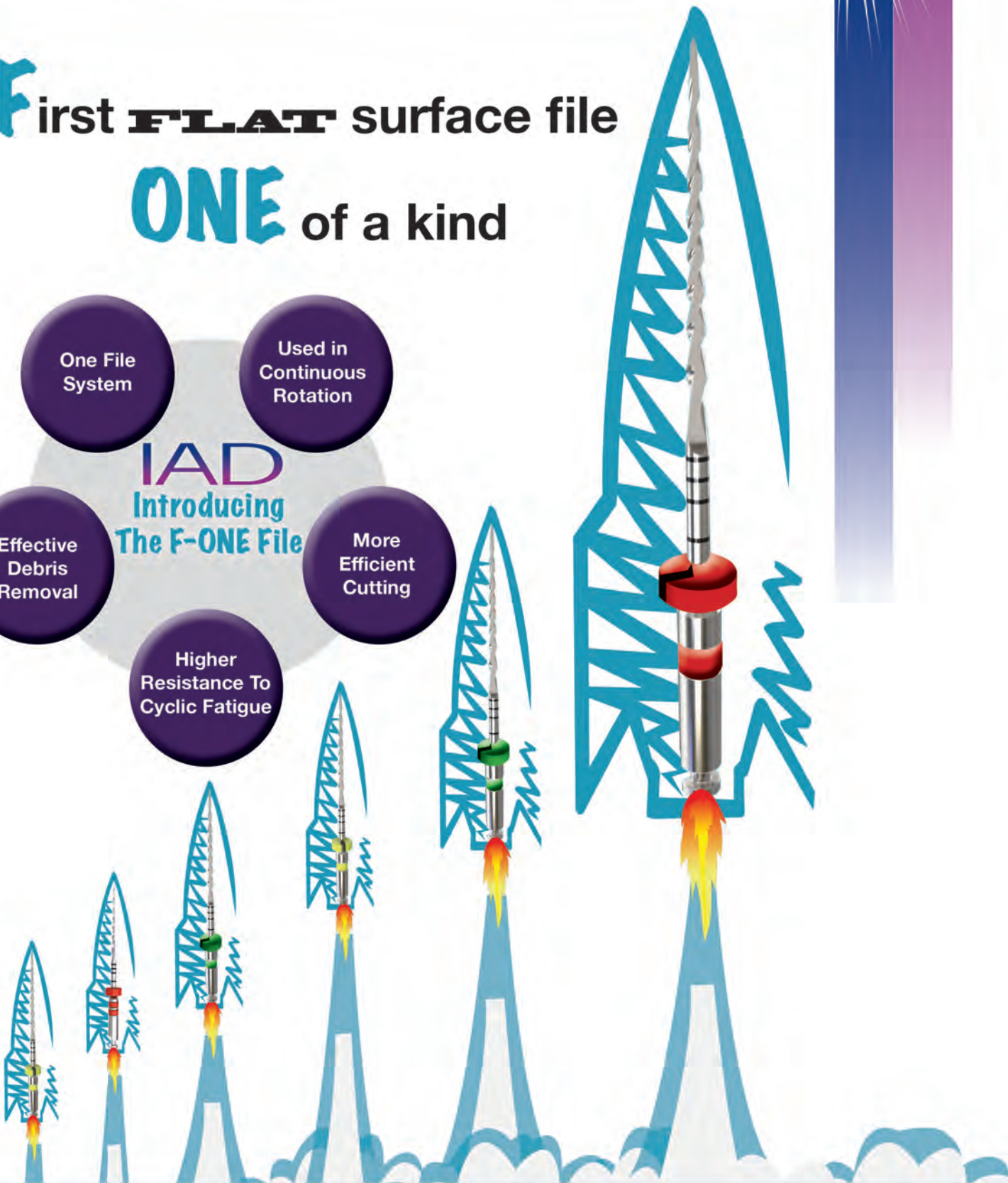
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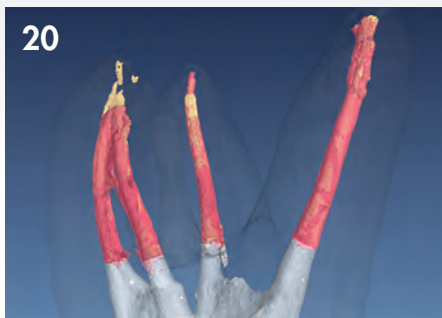
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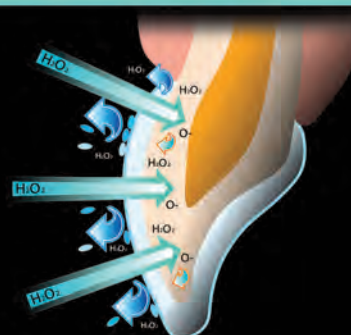
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Replacing hopeless maxillary incisors with adjacent implants via an integrative biologically oriented approach

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Abstract

Achieving successful immediate implant placement in periodontally compromised sites requires that current biologic insights be translated to the modern clinical workflow. The clinical challenge increases in the case of adjacent implants in the smile zone and when the immediately placed implants are to be immediately restored. This article describes and analyzes state-of-the-art concepts and clinical strategies used to maximize key influencing variables to attain success with this treatment modality. These factors that are described in detail include: precise virtual planning for accurate guided implant placement, a flapless surgical approach, bone augmentation and soft-tissue enhancement of the deficient thin biotype, a “one abutment, one time” prosthetic approach for screw-retained restorations utilizing a novel implant system, and model-based cervical design for optimal restorative integration with newly created peri-implant mucosa. The combined digital and analog workflow demonstrates the use of current tools that enable clinicians to predictably perform such treatment in a controlled manner for the right indications.

When replacing a natural tooth with an implant restoration in the smile zone, strict biologic, functional, and esthetic criteria must be fulfilled in order to attain an artificial restoration that looks like a natural tooth and functions within healthy supporting tissues.¹⁻³ This endeavor poses a challenge given the fact that the mucosal structure around implant restorations is different biologically and physiologically from the supporting periodontium of teeth.⁴⁻⁷

The mucosa of a single implant between natural teeth is also supported by the periodontal apparatus of the adjacent roots, which contributes to the natural look of the papillae. However, in cases of adjacent implants the inter-implant papilla stands alone (with no Sharpey fibers originating from an adjacent cementum), thus its volume and shape is naturally reduced and altered.⁸⁻¹² Different clinical strategies have been proposed to partially overcome the esthetic limitations of immediately placed adjacent implants in the smile zone with varying degrees of success.¹³⁻¹⁵ In addition to these inherent deficiencies, if the teeth to be replaced have bone loss and initial reduced periodontal support, the challenge to recreate the missing bone and soft tissues around the implant increases dramatically.¹⁶

Use of current cutting-edge technologies is essential in today's workflow to achieve predictable, successful biologic and esthetic results. These tools include 3-dimensional (3D) computerized planning, guided implant placement, minimally invasive surgical techniques, biologically oriented implant systems (comprising both the implant and the restorative components), augmentation concepts, and state-of-the-art materials and techniques. This article will describe an integrative strategy employing these tools to immediately replace and restore periodontally deficient, hopeless central incisors.

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Figure 1: The maxillary central incisors exhibited gingival recession, "black holes," flat interdental papilla, dark roots, thin periodontal biotype, and an uneven gingival line with grade 3 mobility (clinically).



Figure 2: Periapical radiograph. More than 60% bone loss was noticeable. The four incisors were splinted due to excessive mobility of the centrals.

Case Presentation

A 60-year-old healthy male patient presented to the authors' clinic complaining about his maxillary central incisors. His chief complaint was an inability to chew on these teeth, and he sought a stable, functional, and esthetic solution. According to the patient, he underwent periodontal surgeries in the posterior areas due to periodontal disease some years ago. His upper front region, however, was never treated surgically, and crowns on the central incisors were more than 20 years old. He reported that a few years earlier he received a hard knock on his front teeth and noticed that gingival recession, as well as mobility, had developed gradually in more recent years. The mobility had become unbearable in the previous 2 weeks.

Clinical examination revealed two single crowns on teeth Nos. 8 and 9, exposed dark roots, mobility grade 3 on No. 8 and grade 2 on No. 9 (with obvious occlusal trauma), a thin periodontal biotype, gingival recessions, a flat interdental papilla, gingival "black holes," and an uneven gingival line (Figure 1). Probing depths ranged from 5 mm to 9 mm. The smile line was relatively low and exhibited the distal papillae of the involved teeth, but not the central papilla. Also, the cervical aspect of the crowns was not revealed during function.

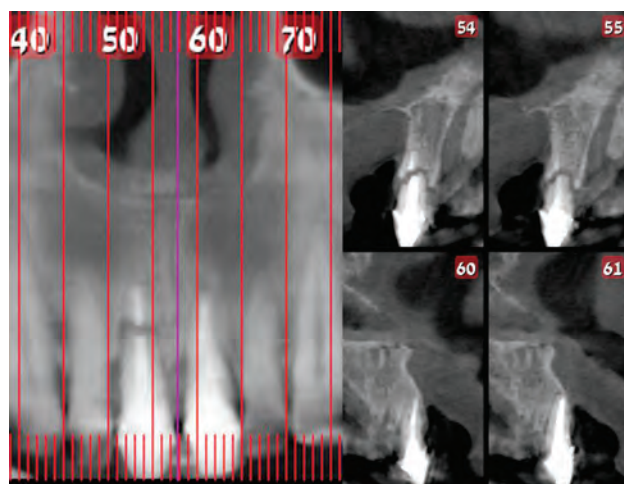


Figure 3: The CBCT depicted a horizontal root fracture at No. 8, considerable bone loss, and very thin or no labial cortical plates at both teeth.

Radiographic and cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) images demonstrated more than 60% bone loss, horizontal root fracture of No. 8, and very thin or no labial bone plates (Figure 2 and Figure 3). Oral hygiene was good.

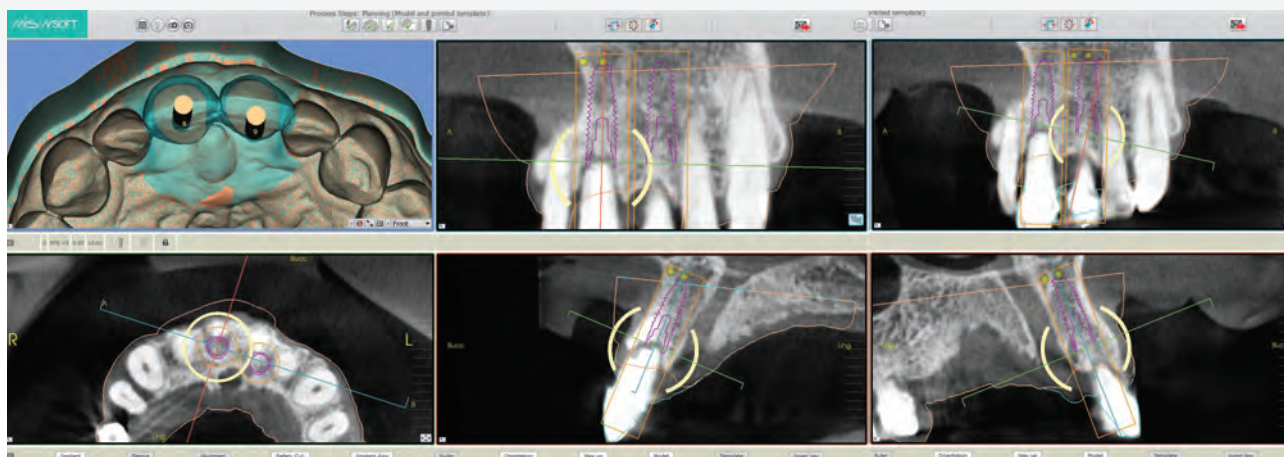


Figure 4: Virtual implant planning software. Implants positions were designed to engage maximum bone and allow for screw-retained restorations.



Figure 5: The surgical template was produced.



Figure 6: Teeth Nos. 8 and 9 were extracted in an atraumatic flapless manner.



Due to root fracture of No. 8, the severe bone loss of both teeth, their deep gingival pockets, and high mobility, the two teeth were diagnosed at the time with localized advanced periodontitis with occlusal traumatism with a hopeless prognosis. Clinical photographs were taken, both dental arches were scanned with an intraoral scanner (Trios® 3, 3Shape A/S, 3shape.com), and the four maxillary front teeth were splinted with composite resin until the surgical session.

Treatment Planning

After consultation with the patient regarding various restorative options for the treatment of missing central incisors, the chosen treatment plan was to replace the maxillary central incisors with fixed implant-supported crowns. The patient expressed a strong desire to minimize the number of treatment visits, and it was, therefore, agreed upon to remove the roots, place two implants, and augment the missing bone and soft tissue at the same operational visit. If the immediate stability of the implants allowed, immediate

provisional crowns would be connected to the implants; if this was not plausible, a provisional resin-bonded fixed partial denture (FPD) would serve as an interim restoration. Definitive restorations would be produced 4 to 6 months after surgery.

The implant system used (V3, MIS Implants, mis-implants.com) was selected due to its excellent immediate stability features; triangular neck design, which allows for greater bone volume around the implant neck^{17,18}; and its vast prosthetic arsenal. Also, the implant's 12-degree conical connection and component fit is conducive to enabling a strong mechanical connection and flawless seal.

The standard tessellation language (STL) file of the previously scanned arches was merged with the CBCT digital imaging and communications in medicine (DICOM) file in a virtual implant planning software (MISOFT, MIS Implants). Two implants were planned and virtually positioned (Figure 4) so as to maximally engage existing bone. At the time of treatment, this software was not operable with 16 mm implants, which were chosen for the case; therefore, two

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Figure 7: Connect extension abutment. This 4mm diameter solid transmucosal abutment, in various heights, allows for rotation-free or anti-rotation suprastructure connection.

13 mm implants were virtually positioned 3 mm apically to the planned coronal plane to simulate precisely the actual 16 mm implants to be placed. The implant angulations were planned in a 3D position, which allows for the connection of screw-retained restorations. Whenever possible, the authors prefer non-cemented screw-retained restorations due to the well-established biologic and retrievability advantages.¹⁹

Because the gingival line at site No. 9 was initially at a more apical level than No. 8, the position of implant No. 9 was planned slightly more palatal than that of No. 8. This would allow more room for placement of augmentation materials, both hard and soft, buccally.

A surgical guide template (MGUIDE, MIS Implants) was manufactured accordingly (Figure 5). Both the resin-bonded FPD and splinted acrylic crown shells were prepared; one of these options would eventually be used based on the implants' primary stability at the surgery.

Surgical Treatment and Immediate Restorations

(To view a short video showing the main highlights of this clinical session, scan the QR code next to Figure 6.)



Figure 8: The 3mm height abutments connected to the freshly placed implants. The prosthetic platform was located 3mm to 4mm subgingivally and 3mm away from the implant heads. No. 9 was located more palatally to allow for more augmentation materials buccally.



Figure 9: Provisional restoration. Acrylic shells were connected chairside to titanium sleeves for screw-retained immediate provisionalization.

The patient was administered 1 gram of amoxicillin 1 hour before treatment. After local anesthesia infiltration, gentle intrasulcular incisions were made with a periosteal elevator. The roots were carefully extracted in an atraumatic flapless manner,²⁰⁻²² and the sockets were debrided (Figure 6). The surgical guide template was seated and fixed on the maxillary dentition, and the osteotomy sequence was performed through the titanium guide sleeves according to the recommended V3 drilling protocol.

For insertion of the implants, either they could be inserted through the sleeves or, as was done in this case (because at the time the guiding system was not suitable for 16 mm implants), the guide removed and the implants (3.9 mm x



Figure 10: The cervical area of the provisionals was trimmed as narrow as possible.



Figure 11: De-epithelialized free gingival graft, harvested from the palate, was prepared.



Figure 12: Micro-knives were used to mobilize the soft tissues, creating a pouch for the graft.



Figure 13: Provisional crowns connected. A cross-suture at No. 9 pulled the tissue coronally.

16 mm) inserted freehand into the osteotomies. A primary stability of around 50 Ncm was achieved.

The implant drivers of this system have 3 mm and 6 mm markings to monitor the depth of the implant head in relation to the free gingival margin when placed flaplessly. As planned, the implant heads were positioned 6 mm apical to the existing free gingival margin, and a flat surface of the triangular neck of each implant was oriented buccally to allow for maximum space for the required augmentation.^{23,24}

Immediately after implant placement, a solid transmucosal extension abutment 3 mm in height (Connect, MIS Implants) was connected to each implant and torqued down to 33 Ncm (Figure 7). This transmucosal abutment offers several benefits. First, because it is a solid one-piece unit there is no screw chimney that might allow for oral contaminants passing through to the abutment-implant junction.^{25,26} When

torqued down to 33 Ncm, this conical connection provides a perfectly hermetic seal with practically no micromovement between the abutment and implant and no microgap. The bone-level implant is actually transformed into a tissue-level implant where the prosthetic platform is away from the bone. Different available heights of this abutment allow for selection of the optimal prosthetic level in relation to the soft tissue regardless of the depth of the implant head. Furthermore, the narrow contour of the abutment allows for the connective tissue to heal and mature around it, providing an ultimate mucosal seal, and because the abutment is not removed after placement, repeated disruption of the soft-tissue seal during the prosthetic workflow is avoided. Finally, after the abutment is connected, the prosthetic workflow is kind to the tissue, painless to the patient, and easily controlled by the dentist.



Figure 14: At 4 months the peri-implant mucosa exhibited a healthy appearance and adequate volume.

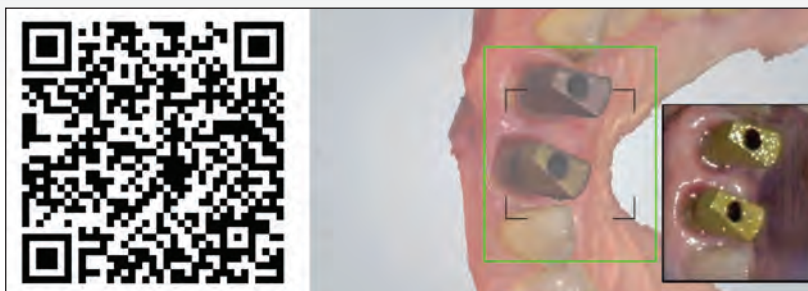


Figure 15: Digital scanning of the restorative site.



Figure 16: Impression transfer copings connected to the abutments for traditional open-tray impression.



Figure 17: Ideal wax-up on the working model allowed for marking of cervical contours on the plaster.

The Connect prosthetic platform was now located 3 mm to 4 mm apical to the free gingival margin (Figure 8).

Because the initial stability of the implants allowed for immediate prosthetic connection, two titanium sleeves were screwed to the Connect abutments, and the acrylic crown shells were placed over them, loaded with fresh acrylic resin, allowed to set, and then removed. The provisional restorations were then finished, trimmed, and polished chairside in a traditional manner (Figure 9 and Figure 10). The cervical profile of the provisionals was trimmed as narrow as possible to avoid unnecessary pressure on the soon-to-be grafted surgical site.

De-epithelialized free gingival graft, harvested from the palate, was prepared (Figure 11). Mobilization of the soft tissue buccal to the implants, including the papillae, was gently performed with micro knives in a tunnel approach (Figure 12).

A combination of autogenous bone from the osteotomies and particulate bone mixture (70% allograft and 30%

xenograft) was then gently packed around the implant necks; meanwhile, the Connect abutments were temporarily sealed with healing caps.²⁷⁻²⁹ The connective tissue graft then was slid into the created pouch, between the abutments and the inner part of the gingiva. The graft was positioned so as to also support the bases of the papillae. A thicker graft was placed on top of implant No. 9. The soft-tissue grafts were secured in place with 6.0 polyglycolic sutures (Serafit®, Serag-Wiessner, serag-wiessner.de). Thickening the soft tissue, especially in thin biotype, allows for future stability of the healed and matured peri-implant tissues.^{30,31}

The Connect healing caps were removed and the two splinted provisional crowns were screwed with a torque of 22 Ncm, and the screw openings were sealed. Then, an additional cross-suture was used to pull the tissue on top of No. 9 coronally and was anchored to the provisional crown with a composite resin (Figure 13).

The mandibular posterior teeth were temporarily built-up on their buccal cusps with composite resin stops to allow



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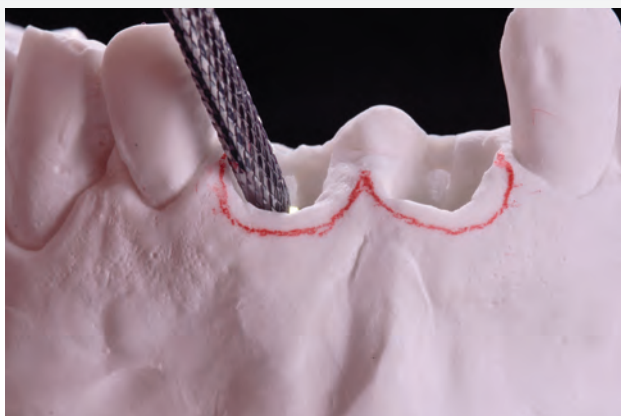


Figure 18: The tissue between the marking and the prosthetic platform was gently removed to allow smooth continuity of the cervical prosthetic site.



Figure 19: The peri-implant envelope was optimally designed.

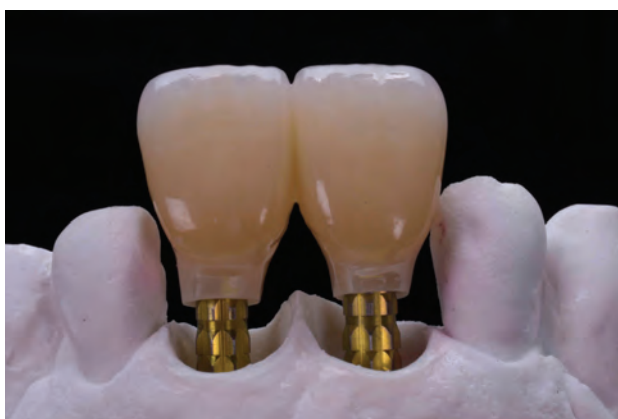


Figure 20 and Figure 21: Definitive restoration. Splinted zirconia-based layered crowns were created (Fig 20) and connected to Ti-base sleeves (Fig 21) (Technician: Giuseppe Romeo, MDT).

temporary increase of the vertical dimension of occlusion to completely exclude any contact between the immediate implant crowns and their opposing teeth in all jaw positions and movements.

The patient received standard postsurgical instructions and one dose of 12 mg dexamethasone. He was instructed to follow an antibiotic regimen for 2 more days and to rinse his mouth three times daily with a chlorhexidine solution (Corsodyl 0.2% mouthwash, GSK, corsodyl.co.uk) followed by 0.025% hyaluronic acid solution (Gengigel® Hydrogel, Ricerfarma, ricerfarma.com) for 3 weeks. He was also instructed to avoid biting on his front teeth and consume a soft diet for 8 weeks.

Definitive Restorations

Four months after surgery the provisional restorations were removed revealing a healthy mucosa (Figure 14). Because

the prosthetic platform is that of the Connect abutments (ie, 3 mm away from the implant head), all of the prosthetic steps can be executed without harming the biologic width that was created and organized during the healing period. As stated earlier, using such transmucosal extensions provides the flexibility of a two-piece implant system (eg, precise positioning according to the bone anatomy, implant submergence if needed, etc) with the advantages of a tissue-level implant, which include no abutment-implant microgap next to the bone (and, therefore, no bacterial colonization of the abutment-implant junction at the bone level), no micromovement close to the bone, no tissue disruption throughout the prosthetic workflow, and the ability to clearly view and access the implant in any region.³²⁻³⁴

The height of the extension abutment is chosen according to the clinical situation, and this can be replaced if significant tissue alterations occur. In this case, because the extension



Figure 22: Definitive restoration. Note that No. 8 had a non-engaged (free rotation) connection whereas No. 9 had an engaged (anti-rotational) connection.



Figure 23: Definitive restoration. The cervical profiles of the two crowns differed due to the different spatial positions of the prosthetic platforms.

abutments were never removed, the abutment also adheres to the desirable demand of "one abutment, one time."³⁵⁻³⁷

Impression of the Connect prosthetic platform and adjacent teeth and tissue can be made either by digital scanning (Figure 15) utilizing designated scan bodies or by traditional impression transfer coping (Figure 16) for open or close tray. The technician partner of the team in this case preferred the traditional analog method. (To view a brief video of the digital scanning of the restorative site, scan the QR code next to Figure 15.)

Cervical Contouring Concept: A Model-Based Cervical Design

To create the ideal cervical contour of the definitive crowns, the cervical contouring concept was applied.³⁸⁻⁴⁰ An ideal wax-up was duplicated on the working model, and the cervical crown contours were marked on the plaster (Figure 17). Then, the wax crowns were removed and the plaster between the marked line and the inner prosthetic platform was gently carved away (Figure 18). Thus, a smooth continuity of the cervical region, from the narrow prosthetic platform (4 mm diameter) to the wider diameter of the crowns as they emerge from the tissue, was achieved. Also, the inter-implant papilla was thinned and sharpened (Figure 19).

In this restorative concept, when referencing the traditional cervical part of an implant crown with its deep and superficial contours (also termed "critical" and "subcritical" contours, respectively⁴¹) the deep contour is composed of the pre-manufactured narrow Connect abutment, whereas

the superficial contour is custom-made as per the cervical contouring concept. The modified cervical region in the model directs the design of the cervical contours of the crowns. When the crowns are connected intraorally the peri-implant mucosa will adapt to these optimal contours.

The definitive restorations in this case were chosen to be splinted zirconia-layered crowns (Figure 20) bonded to titanium sleeves (Figure 21). The sleeves of this prosthetic system can be either engaged or non-engaged. When multiple connected crowns are to be screw-retained, only one connection can be engaged, while the rest should be non-engaged in order to have maximal passive fit (although all of them could be non-engaged).

In this case, a non-engaged Ti-base combined together with an engaged one were chosen (Figure 22). The two cervical crown profiles differed due to the varying spatial positioning of the implants and the corresponding Connect abutments (Figure 23). The crowns were screw-retained at 25 Ncm, and the screw openings were sealed with an expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE) plug (KWO, kwoptfe.de) and composite resin (Figure 24). A CBCT at this stage revealed acceptable bone and mucosal volumes around the implants and their abutments (Figure 25).

At 13 months recall, further maturation of the augmented tissue was obvious (Figure 26) and stable bone was noticeable in a periapical radiograph (Figure 27).

Conclusion

Immediate implant placement followed by immediate restoration is a demanding treatment modality⁴² that requires



Figure 24: At 2 weeks the definitive crowns integrated well with the surrounding mucosa and teeth.



Figure 25: CBCT slices of the treated site. Adequate bone and mucosa surrounded the implants and abutments. No. 9 was positioned more palatally, allowing for more augmentation materials and thicker mucosa where the gingiva initially was deficient.



Figure 26: At 13-month recall, the mucosa was continuing to mature and grow, covering more of the crowns' cervical region.

Figure 27: Periapical radiograph at 13 months depicted stable bone next to the implants. Note the relationship of the implant heads, bone, and Connect abutments as well as the whole implants-restorative contours.



vast knowledge and experience and excellent clinical skills. A thorough analysis of the case, precise planning, and meticulous execution are fundamental for success, especially at the smile zone. Understanding the biologic and physiologic events following tooth extraction and implant placement is crucial to be able to choose the most suitable treatment strategy, techniques, materials (augmentation and restorative), and implant system (surgical, implant, and

prosthetic components). Implementing this knowledge in an intelligent and rational clinical workflow increases the predictability for achieving healthy, esthetic, and stable results and a satisfied patient.

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Evidence-based treatment planning for the restoration of endodontically treated single teeth: importance of coronal seal, post vs no post, and indirect vs direct restoration

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Abstract

Every orthograde endodontic procedure requires restoration of the coronal (access) cavity. The specific type of treatment used in individual cases greatly depends on the amount and configuration of the residual coronal tooth structure. In practice there are Class I access cavities as well as coronally severely damaged, even decapitated, teeth and all conceivable manifestations in between. The latest attempts to review results from clinical trials to answer the question of whether post placement or crowning can be recommended for the restoration of endodontically treated teeth or not are inconclusive. For dental practitioners, this is not a satisfactory result. This appraisal evaluates available evidence and trends for coronal restoration of single endodontically treated teeth with a focus on clinical investigations, where available. It provides specific recommendations for their coronal restoration to assist clinicians in their decision making and treatment planning. (Quintessence Int 2019;50: 772–781; doi: 10.3290/j.qi.a43235)

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The importance of coronal restoration for endodontic treatment outcome

Leaking coronal restorations dramatically reduce the chance of endodontic treatment success. Numerous studies by renowned authors provide appropriate evidence, concluding that the coronal restoration is at least as important for apical periodontal health as the quality of the endodontic treatment itself.¹⁻⁴

An early study on the influence of the marginal integrity of coronal restorations on endodontic treatment outcome assessed more than 1,000 teeth radiologically that had undergone endodontic treatment.¹ It was apparent that the absence of apical periodontitis was significantly dependent on the marginal integrity of the coronal

restoration; 90% of endodontically sufficiently treated teeth were free of apical foci, assuming these were also restored coronally and a marginal seal achieved. The success rate dropped to 44% for coronal restorations that appeared to have marginal leakage (Fig 1).

The importance of coronal restoration is also verified by a large epidemiologic study of survival data on close to 1.5 million ETT, provided by a US dental health insurer.² From approximately 42,000 teeth extracted during the observation period, 85% had no proper coronal coverage and were removed at a rate six times greater than teeth that had coronal coverage. Further retrospective research is in line with this finding.³

A comprehensive meta-analysis of data available on the subject concluded that when either the quality of the coronal restoration or the quality of the root canal filling is completed inadequately, it is equally contributive to an unsuccessful outcome.⁴ Placement of a sufficient restoration over a poorly obturated root canal, or vice versa, does not render the high degree of success associated with performing both procedures adequately.

Hence, for the best possible, meaning long-term successful, endodontic treatment, both adequate endodontic and restorative treatments are indispensable. The question remains how state-of-the-art coronal restoration can be accomplished in an endodontic context.

To post or not to post, that is the question

ETT are more susceptible to fracture than vital teeth.⁵ It appears that particularly the loss of marginal ridges reduces fracture-resistance.^{6,7} In the case of a three-surface Class II mesio-occluso-distal (MOD) access cavity configuration, that is involving loss of both marginal ridges, coronal stiffness reduction is on average 63%.⁷ To compensate for this loss of stability, it is still customary to crown ETT. A central procedure in this context is frequently placement of a post.

A root post is traditionally used primarily for improving retention of the build-up material to the residual tooth structure. Whether posts improve the time in situ of the coronal restoration or tooth, however, is a controversially discussed subject. Current reviews assess the data available on the issue.^{8,9} As the authors of these reviews criticize the lack of methodic quality of the investigations under review, they are unable to provide a general recommendation for or against the use of posts. However, it is noted that there appears to be an emerging trend toward the superiority of fiber-reinforced posts.⁹

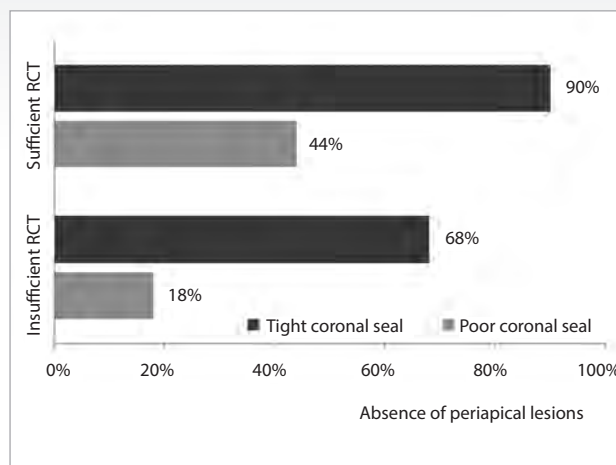


Figure 1: Endodontic success, ie the absence of periapical lesions, depending on coronal restoration seal (tight or poor) and the quality of the root canal treatment (RCT, sufficient or insufficient). Modified from Ray and Trope.¹

Post type

Within the scope of this appraisal, a selection of the clinical trials available on the subject shall therefore be made according to the following rationale: fiber posts are based on state-of-the-art technology and the accepted standard of care. Studies and reviews confirm that:

- fiber posts exhibit relatively uniform stress distribution to the root¹⁰
- fiber posts have elastic moduli similar to dentin¹⁰
- fiber posts are easy to place, cost effective, and esthetic¹⁰
- glass fiber posts are associated with low catastrophic failure rates compared to other post types¹¹
- glass fiber posts exhibit lower and thus superior stress peaks in finite element analysis.¹²

Based on this rationale, the appraisal at hand only takes clinical trials into consideration, which:

- deal with a “composite core with fiber post vs composite core without fiber post” scenario
- are included in the “Level I Evidence” category (that is, randomized controlled trial [RCT]) as set forth by the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).¹³

Premolars

According to the recent review of trials on the topic,⁸ there are three published RCTs that match the above criteria.¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Conclusions from these trials can be summarized as follows:

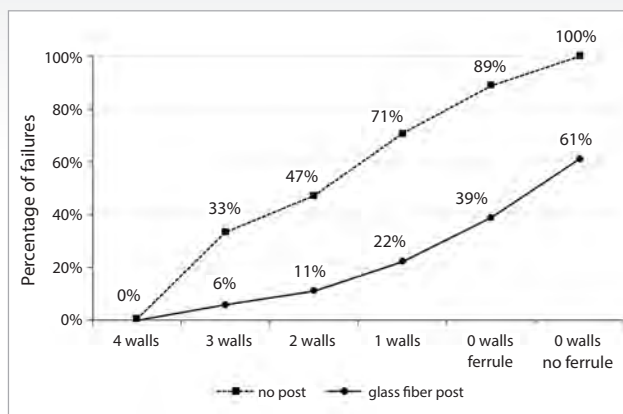


Figure 2: Overall failures of ETT as a function of residual coronal walls, with and without glass fiber post. Modified from Ferrari et al.¹⁵

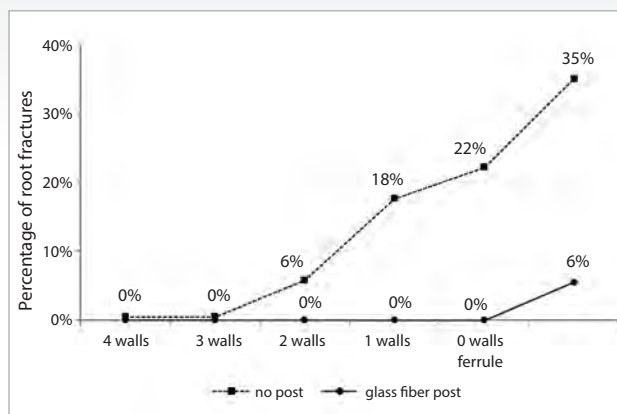


Figure 3: Root fractures of ETT as a function of residual coronal walls, with and without glass fiber post. Modified from Ferrari et al.¹⁵

- in premolars, the amount of residual coronal tooth structure generally influences survival, ie the more coronal walls, the fewer failures (Fig 2)^{14,15}
- in premolars, glass fiber posts reduce failure risk (Fig 2)^{14,15}
- in premolars, glass fiber posts protect against root fracture (Fig 3)^{14,15}
- in premolars, the previous two effects are more pronounced the more coronal cavity walls remain^{14,15}
- in decoronated teeth, quartz fiber posts significantly extend the time to restoration failure.¹⁶

Based on these findings it can be concluded that post placement is still a legitimate approach to restoration of ETT, especially for cases with extensive coronal structure loss (Fig 4). The more structure is lost, the more useful fiber post placement becomes. However, it needs to be taken into consideration that the above-mentioned clinical trials mostly focus on crowned premolars.

Molars and incisors

There is only one RCT that matches the criteria and which also considers molars and incisors.¹⁶ The trial followed a non-inferiority design with an assumed margin of equivalence of 15%. Its objective was to show that placement of quartz fiber posts makes no difference to clinical failure for any reason. Based on the results and in line with its non-inferiority design, the authors conclude that placement of a post provides no added clinical value except for the "no-wall" scenario, that is decoronated teeth. In this group, post retention exhibited a 7% failure rate compared to 31% for teeth without post retention. The authors conclude that



Figure 4: For severely destroyed teeth, adhesive placement of a glass fiber post with subsequent core buildup and conventional crowning is recommended. Reprinted from Naumann⁵³ with permission.

quartz fiber post placement is efficacious in reducing failures of post-endodontic restoration of teeth exhibiting no coronal wall. The same study recommends that post insertion for teeth with minor structure loss should be critically reconsidered to avoid overuse. One circumstance limiting the validity of the trial is the lack of totally standardized conditions, as the authors themselves admit. Beyond pooling of various types of teeth, crowns of the teeth observed were, depending on the extent of the defect, restored using either metal, porcelain-fused-to-metal, or all-ceramic full crowns, metal or all-ceramic partial crowns, or composite restorations. Also, it should be taken into consideration that the cores were built up using a combination of conventional self-curing adhesive and

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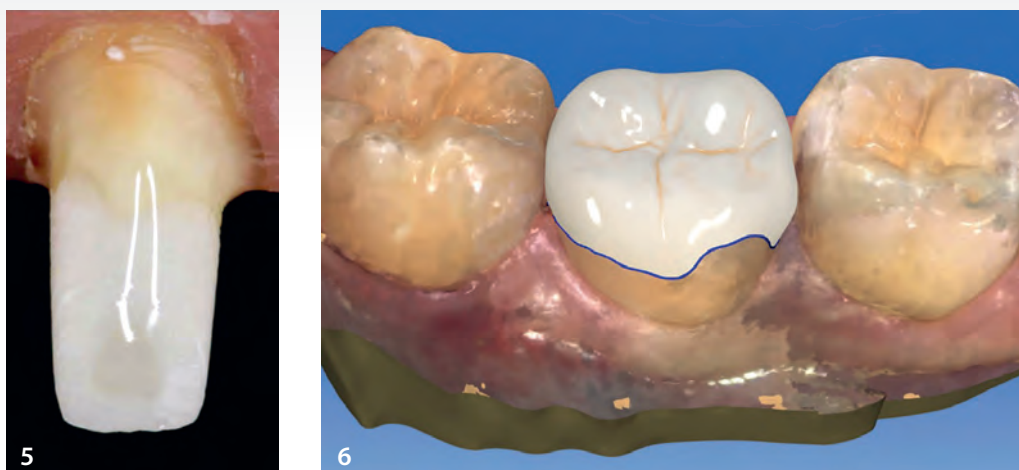


Figure 5: In cases where placement of a conventional crown is planned, preparation of a ferrule is advised. Reprinted from Naumann⁵³ with permission.

Figure 6: CAD/CAM construction of an all-ceramic overlay. For posterior teeth presenting with few or undermined walls, cuspal coverage with a partial crown or an adhesively placed onlay is advised. (Courtesy of Dr Andreas Bindl, Switzerland.)

core build-up composite – material classes characterized by moderate bond strengths and considerable shrinkage stress development.

In similar form, a comprehensive literature review recommends restoration of root filled molars (and premolars) exhibiting limited tissue loss, that is, with 50% or more of the coronal structure preserved, without post placement, especially when cusp protection is planned.¹⁷ One of the rare in vitro investigations on the effects of post placement in molars also found fiber posts ineffective in increasing the fracture-resistance of teeth with cuspal coverage.¹⁸

In addition, data for anterior teeth are scant. Biomechanical considerations suggest that, due to different load directions, anterior teeth behave differently from premolars and molars. Which effect these load patterns ultimately have on restorative success and survival of ETT is the subject of scientific discussion. Some consider the maxillary anterior region a particularly high-risk area for mechanical failure after endodontic treatment owing to the oblique loading pattern,⁸ while others argue that lateral, horizontal, or oblique forces generated at angles less than 90 degrees, as they occur in posterior teeth, are more destructive than vertical loads and can lead to greater failure of restorations.¹⁹ Deep overbites, a horizontal envelope of function, and extreme parafunctional forces also may increase the possibility of fracture and loss of anterior teeth. It seems that in maxillary central incisors, tooth stability decreases starting with preparation of the endodontic access cavity, with further

significant destabilization occurring after post space preparation.¹⁹ In the mandible, the anatomy of incisors is generally daintier compared to other teeth. Some authors recommend coronal reconstruction of root-filled incisors with limited tissue loss using composite only.¹⁷ Notwithstanding, a trend to achieve additional retention through post placement to compensate load patterns or anatomical limitations in anterior teeth, such as small pulp chambers and thin residual walls, is recognized.²⁰ Because it appears, however, that preservation of natural tooth structure is a decisive factor for successful restoration of ETT, post space preparation should be kept to a minimum in all cases.²¹

Coronal restoration of ETT Crowning and cuspal coverage

Crowns are proven to function well as a long-term restorative measure for ETT. With an average annual failure rate of 1.9%, their longevity corresponds to those of various indirect restorations in vital teeth, which range between 1.4% and 1.9%.^{22,23} The preparation of a ferrule (Fig 5) is deemed a decisive success factor in that context.²⁴

With classic crowning, however, a significant amount of residual tooth structure is sacrificed in the preparation. Moreover, crowning often involves creating a subgingival preparation margin and therefore a significantly less hygienic margin region. For those reasons and in the light of recent research results, the almost habitual, reflex-like decision in favor of crowning single teeth regardless of the coronal



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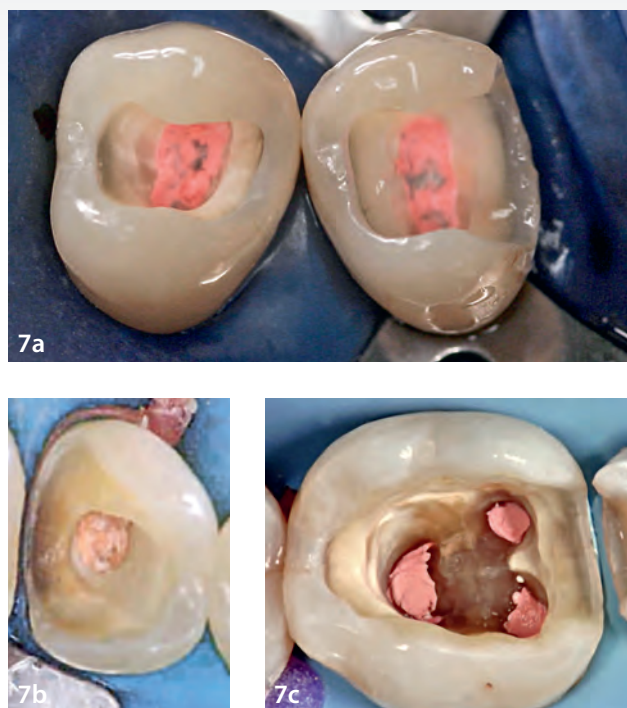
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Figs 7a to 7c: Endodontically treated posterior teeth with four and three coronal walls, respectively. In such Class I and two-surface, Class II type (access) cavities with barely undermined residual tooth structure, the decision to treatment plan direct adhesive composite restorations is possible if risk factors discussed in the article and listed in Table 1 are favorable. (Courtesy of Dr Marcus Holzmeier, Germany, and Prof Simone Grandini, Italy.)

cavity configuration must be considered questionable.

The epidemiologic investigation referred to earlier in this appraisal advises cuspal coverage for ETT lacking three or more coronal surfaces.² However, the call for cuspal coverage does not make crowning compulsory if coronal stabilization can be achieved by other means.

A recent retrospective clinical evaluation comparing 3-year survival of post-retained porcelain-fused-to-metal crowns and cast ceramic onlays without posts in mildly and severely destroyed premolars found no statistically significant differences in outcome across the various scenarios.²⁵ The authors concluded that onlays are a reliable method of restoring endodontically treated premolars.

On an ex vivo level, it has been demonstrated that in endodontically treated premolars with Class II MOD configuration, cuspal coverage can enhance fracture-resistance by a factor of 2.3 versus composite Class II MOD



Figure 8: Micro-computed tomography view of a flowable, bulk-fill composite (SDR, Dentsply Sirona, light blue portion) applied to an endodontic access cavity. Note the high degree of adaptation to the pulp cavity despite its complex geometry. (Courtesy of Dr Frank Paqué, Switzerland.)

restorations without cuspal replacement. In fact, for the former, fracture-resistance was increased to a level close to the value determined for the sound teeth in the control group.²⁶

Cuspal replacement is typically carried out in indirect procedures (Fig 6). However, this approach appears to be noncompulsory as direct resin-based cuspal replacement was shown to be equally effective.²⁷

Direct restoration

With a two-surface Class II configuration, the increase in fracture-resistance through cuspal replacement, though statistically significant, seems to be much less pronounced.²⁸ Here again the stabilizing effect of the remaining ridge becomes apparent. Access cavities with four intact walls are even more stable.²⁹

A Cochrane review on the matter concluded that insufficient data are available for deciding whether preference should



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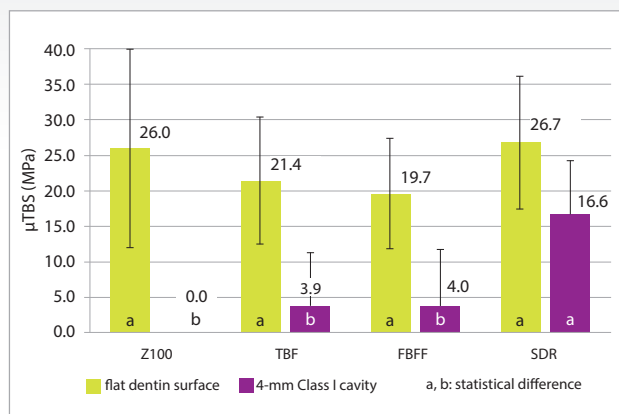


Figure 9: Microtensile bond strength (μ TBS [MPa]) of various (bulk-fill) composites achieved on flat dentin surfaces and in Class I, that is, the highest C-factor cavities. All composites were applied in 4-mm increments. It appears that commercially available materials are not equally performant. Z100, 3M; TBF, Tetric EvoCeram Bulk Fill, Ivoclar Vivadent; FBFF Filtek Bulk Fill Flowable, 3M; SDR, Dentsply Sirona. Modified from Van Ende et al.^{42,43}

be given to direct restorations or crowns for restoring ETT.³⁰ The review identified one single acceptable study, in which survival of porcelain-fused-to-metal crowns and fiber-post-retained composite restorations in Class II cavities with preserved cusps were compared.³¹ The reviewed investigation itself, however, established that clinical success rates of both restorative approaches are equivalent. Another recent RCT in largely destroyed ETT found a statistically significant and yet only slightly more frequent need for intervention for the composite group versus crowns. There was, however, no statistically significant difference between crowns and composites in terms of survival. The authors concluded that both composite restorations and porcelain-fused-to-metal crowns are acceptable approaches for achieving good survival and success rates.³² In another retrospective clinical investigation, the authors concluded that ETT with coronal defects lacking up to three surfaces can be restored with adhesive composite fillings.³³ A similar view is supported by a systematic review which suggested that in teeth with limited coronal hard structure loss, composite resin restorations and crowns do not present significantly different longevity.³⁴ A recent retrospective study demonstrated that long-term (6 to 13 years) durability of Class II posterior composites with 2.5- to 3-mm cusp thickness in ETT was clinically comparable to that of vital teeth.³⁵ Placement of composite fillings in ETT should therefore be considered, depending on the amount and configuration of residual

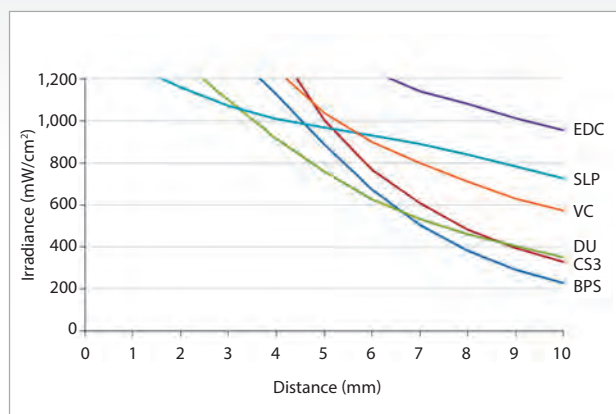


Figure 10: Irradiance of LED curing units decreases over clinically relevant distances. BPS, Bluephase Style 20i, Ivoclar Vivadent; CS3, Coltene SPEC 3, Coltene; DU, Demi Ultra, Kerr; EDC, Elipar DeepCure, 3M; SLP, SmartLite Pro, Dentsply Sirona; VC, Valo Cordless, Ultradent. Data provided by Bluelight Analytics, Halifax, Canada.

coronal tooth structure following endodontic treatment (Fig 7).

The use of a low-stress, flowable bulk-fill composite is a natural choice when restoring ETT directly. Such materials are deemed effective from both an in vitro³³⁻³⁹ and clinical^{40,41} point of view, and equally, or even more, reliable than conventional composites. Even in high C-factor cavities, such as in ETT with little coronal structure loss, flowable bulk-fill composites are proven to achieve high adhesion.^{42,43} Likely reasons are their low shrinkage stresses as well as self-adaptational properties (Fig 8). However, at least in this particular indication, commercially available materials do not appear to be equally performant (Fig 9). Hence, careful consideration should be given to the choice of material. The choice of light-curing unit also influences the quality of clinical treatment. One important factor is the amount of light that arrives at the resin subject to curing.⁴⁴⁻⁴⁶ This value is referred to as irradiance. Endodontic access cavities can easily exhibit depths of 10 mm or more, and the irradiance decreases according to the distance (Fig 10). The use of a curing device that delivers sufficient irradiance also across clinically relevant distances is advised.

Risk factors

An important prerequisite for direct restoration is that the individual tooth does not present with undermined and thus weakened residual coronal walls.⁴⁷ In posterior teeth, large

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Table 1. Minimally invasive treatment recommendation for incisors, premolars, and molars

Teeth	Treatment	Cavity configuration					Risk factors
		Access cavity	One ridge lost	Both ridges lost	One wall remaining	No walls remaining	
Premolars and incisors	Glass fiber post	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Parafunctional patterns, dietary habits, periodontal status, tooth location, number of adjacent teeth, gender, or patient age may necessitate crowning
	Coronal restoration: incisors	Composite filling	Composite filling	Ferrule and crown	Ferrule and crown	Ferrule and crown	
	Coronal restoration: premolars	Composite filling	Composite filling	Cusp coverage	Cusp coverage	Ferrule and crown	
Molars	Glass fiber post	No	No	No	No	Yes	
	Coronal restoration	Composite filling	Composite filling	Cusp coverage	Cusp coverage	Ferrule and crown	

Cuspal coverage is typically carried out indirectly (adhesive composite or all-ceramic onlay, partial crown). In context with a crown preparation, creation of a ferrule is deemed beneficial. Use of the smallest post size available is advised.

cuspal heights and group function may generate greater lateral forces compared to canine-protected occlusions.⁴⁸ With respect to molars, factors such as occlusal patterns and parafunctional habits play a pivotal role. In the treatment planning sequence, periodontal status,⁴⁹⁻⁵¹ tooth location, number of adjacent teeth, requirement as a survey crown for a removable partial denture, parafunctional habits, gender, and the age of the patient are important diagnostic criteria for evaluating the requirement for a full coverage crown. Another important risk assessment during the treatment planning process is the patient's dietary habits. Harder type foods such as nuts and hard candies place enormous stress on teeth, especially those with restorations. Consumption of large quantities of these specific foods will cause a tooth with a large filling to flex, thus increasing the likelihood of fracture. Chewing gum and ice weaken the adhesive interface significantly and may cause the tooth to break even when eating something softer in consistency. Parafunctional habits such as nocturnal bruxism will significantly lower the lifespan of fillings and crowns.^{35,52}

Summary and clinical recommendations

Importance of coronal seal

There is a strong link between endodontic treatment of the root and restoration of the crown. The quality of the coronal restoration is at least equal to or even more important for the endodontic treatment outcome than the quality of the actual root canal treatment. Hence, endodontic treatment cannot be considered completed unless the crown is adequately restored.

Post versus no post

Post placement remains a viable approach to restoration of ETT with extensive coronal structure loss. Owing to their mechanical and clinical properties, adhesively luted glass fiber posts can be considered the gold standard of care. For endodontically treated premolars with substantial coronal defects there is sound scientific evidence from prospective randomized controlled clinical trials that glass fiber post placement enhances clinical outcome. In the same trials, the use of fiber posts is shown to protect against root fractures. This correlation becomes clearer the more coronal tooth structure has been lost. Based on those trials, it is recommended to place a fiber post in premolars if three or more coronal surfaces, including the occlusal surface, have been lost.

There is a lack of clinical data regarding adequate treatment of root filled incisors and molars. For anterior teeth with limited tissue loss, reconstruction with composite without a post is recommended. There seems to be a trend, however, towards providing additional retention through fiber post placement due to the anatomical limitations and biomechanical load patterns. Therefore, the same approach to fiber post placement is advised for incisors and premolars. Molars may be unaffected by the use of a post if they present with significant residual amounts of coronal hard tissue or if cuspal coverage is planned. Results from a RCT in which molars were also considered suggest that fiber post placement significantly prolongs the time to clinical failure of the restoration only in cases where no coronal walls remain at all. On those grounds, fiber post placement in molars is

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It should be noted that placement of fiber posts according to the present studies does not seem beneficial under certain circumstances, but is also not detrimental. If the preference is for placement of a fiber post, a conservative approach for preparing the post space is recommended to ensure long-term success of the residual tooth structure. In other words, preference should be given to posts with a small diameter as opposed to posts with a large diameter.

Posts are traditionally used to increase retention of the core. Self-adapting, low shrinkage stress, bulk-fill composite technology used in conjunction with modern light-curing adhesive agents for core buildup may become a viable alternative for post placement, even in largely destroyed posterior teeth. More research in this area would be desirable.

It is not clearly established to what extent fiber posts are beneficial in scenarios where no crown is placed. Some of the investigations dealing with such scenarios look into post retained restorations while others do not. Prospective investigations comparing onlays as well as direct composite restorations in Class II cavities, both with and without a post, do not exist at the moment.

Indirect versus direct restoration

As to the question of whether the crown should be restored in direct or indirect fashion, the same approach is recommended for all types of teeth. In ETT with three or four coronal walls left, that is, at least one marginal ridge remaining, and no undermined cavity walls, direct adhesive restoration may be considered as an alternative to cuspal coverage. For posterior teeth with few or undermined coronal walls, cuspal coverage with an adhesively placed onlay, a partial crown, or a conventional crown is advised. Risk factors such as parafunctional patterns, dietary habits, periodontal status, tooth location, and more should be included in the evaluation as to whether a specific ETT can be restored with a direct composite filling, or requires full cuspal coverage or even a crown. In cases where crowning is intended, preparation of a ferrule is required.

An overview of the clinical treatment recommendation given above is provided in Table 1.

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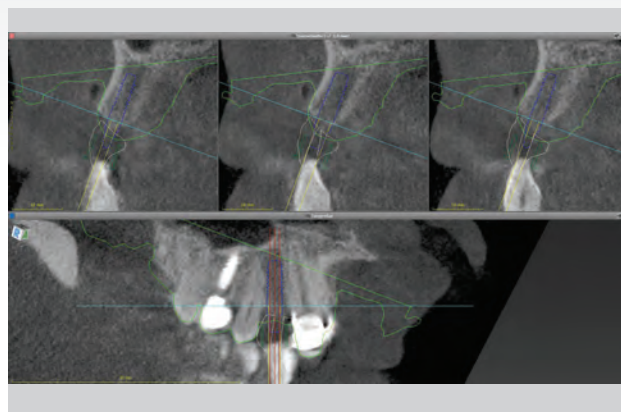


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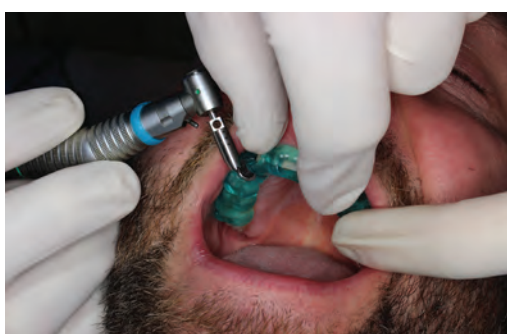


Figure 5a



Figure 5b



Figure 6a

22, and a total number of eight aligners had to be worn for about 23 hours a day. The patient's compliance was very good, and space was easily created. After 10 months of healing time for guided surgery, an impression was taken, and the plaster model scanned. Both the exported CBCT data and the STL files for the scanned plaster model were imported into the planning software (coDiagnostiX™, Dental Wings, Montreal, Canada), and a surgical guide was

developed and printed. Figure 4 shows the preoperative intraoral situation.

Surgery

Under local anesthesia, a soft tissue punch was performed using the drill guide (Fig. 5). Next, the implant bed was prepared using guided drills and bone condensing instruments (Fig. 6). The Straumann® PURE Ceramic Implant

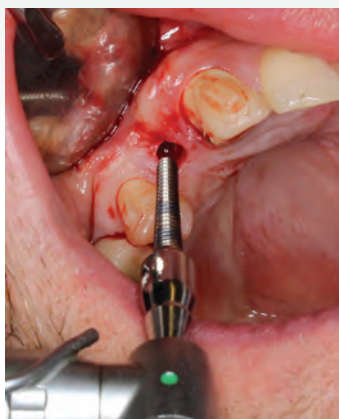


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Figure 7a



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Figure 9

Monotype (Straumann, Basel, Switzerland), with a diameter of 3.3 mm, a length of 10 mm and an abutment height of 4 mm, was then placed with a maximum torque of 35 Ncm (Fig. 7). The occlusal plane with the patient's deep bite, but with sufficient distance between the implant abutment

and antagonist, was clinically checked postoperatively (Fig. 8). A postoperative x-ray was performed to check that the adjacent teeth were not injured. The implant was initially restored with a temporary denture, which was designed to maintain the group alignment of the posterior teeth. During

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the retention phase of the aligner treatment, the temporary crown was blocked out in the retainer (Fig. 9).

Prosthetic restoration

After 6 months of healing time the temporary crown was removed and the Straumann® PURE Ceramic Implant Monotype showed all the signs of osseointegration. The x-ray did not show any pathological findings (Fig. 10). A precision impression of the upper jaw and a regular impression of the opposite jaw with additional bite registration was taken to instigate the production of the implant crown. After two weeks the implant crown was successfully placed with

FujiCEM 2.

Final result

Both the dentist and the patient were satisfied with the functional and esthetic outcome of the restoration (Fig. 11). As shown in this case report, the use of a ceramic implant in the anterior region of the upper jaw offers an esthetic solution for replacing the missing incisor. Prior treatment using the aligner technique to improve the implant bed site may be mandatory.

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Forward reciprocation of conventional rotary instruments – Literature review and clinical case reports

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Introduction

Advances in metallurgy have produced more super-elastic NiTi files that manufacturers claim are strong enough to resist the forces of torsion while maintaining enough flexibility to follow complicated canal anatomy.¹ In addition to improvements in metallurgy, endodontic motors have undergone enhancement with regard to torque control and kinematics that are adjustable in several directions, which offer more effective and safer shaping of root canals.² Recently, the Root Pro CL (Medidenta, Las Vegas, USA) (Figure 1) and E-Connects (Eighteenth Medical, Changzou, China) (Figure 2) endodontic motors were launched; they allow clinicians to use conventional rotary instruments in a reciprocating motion.

Reciprocating motion is an evolution of the balanced force technique, offering a good alternative method to prevent procedural errors during root canal shaping.³ Based on several studies, root canal shaping with reciprocating motion has been postulated to offer superior fracture resistance of the instruments.^{2,4-6}

Reciprocating files currently on the market are designed for use in a reverse motion. This motion employs a greater engaging counter-clockwise (CCW) angle (left-cutting) with a non-cutting disengaging clockwise (CW) angle. However, some authors suggest that reciprocating motion (RM) with a CW rotation greater than the CCW motion (forward reciprocation or right-cutting) could expand the use of conventional rotary files typically designed for continuous CW rotation.^{7,8}

Apart from reciprocating instruments, all the rotary systems are designed to cut in a CW direction. It is possible that the rotary instrument may neither cut nor infiltrate the canal walls if one tries to use CW cutting instruments in reciprocation motion. Since the reciprocating file systems have been designed to cut in a CCW direction, the CCW angle of motion is greater than the CW angle.⁹

Reciprocating motion with CW rotation greater than the CCW motion could allow the use of a larger number of conventional rotary glide path and file systems, as the flutes of the majority of systems are designed for continuous CW rotation (right-cutting).¹⁰

The alternating changes in the direction of rotation would, in theory, reduce the number of cycles of the instrument and therefore the cyclic fatigue on the instrument compared with that imposed when instruments are used in a consistent rotating

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Figure 1: Root Pro CL (Medidenta) Endodontic Motor



Figure 2: E-Connects (Eighteenth Medical) Endodontic Motor

motion.^{5,11} Also, when an instrument is used in reciprocating motion with unequal forward and reverse angles and with limited in-and-out movements, it is less prone to bind to the canal walls.¹²

Yared¹³ was the first to propose a canal preparation technique with a F2 ProTaper Universal (PTU) (Dentsply Sirona) NiTi rotary instrument used in forward reciprocation. The file was rotated within the canal in a CW and CCW movement by means of a 16:1 reduction ratio contra-angle handpiece and ATR Vision motor (ATR, Pistoia, Italy).

According to Yared, the advantages of this technique are a reduced number of instruments, lower cost, reduced instrument fatigue and the elimination of possible prion cross-contamination associated with the single use of endodontic instruments.² A study by Paqué, Zehnder and De Deus showed that in terms of root canal curvature, a single F2 PTU file used in RM is as efficient as the conventional PTU full-sequence technique in CR in root canals of extracted human mandibular molars.¹⁴

Moreover, reciprocation canal preparation time with only one F2 PTU file (Dentsply Sirona) was shown to be less than the same file system used in full rotation.⁵ Similar studies noted that only one file was needed to reach full working length in half the preparation time in comparison to the continuous rotation sequence. Faster canal preparation has

the added benefit of reducing operator fatigue.^{13,15,16}

Paqué¹⁵ produced comparable results showing that F2 PTU in reciprocating motion is as efficient as the conventional PTU full sequence (Dentsply Sirona) technique in continuous motion. A recent study by Espir¹⁰ showed that the unconventional CW reciprocation motion with Mtwo (VDW) resulted in effective canal preparation. Another advantage of forward reciprocating motion over continuous rotation is that it may reduce root canal aberrations.⁸

Forward reciprocation of conventional rotary instruments – Literature review and clinical case reports

With the introduction of the new motors and ProTaper Gold system, the authors tried to use only the F2 ProTaper Gold file in forward reciprocation, but it was found that the cutting efficiency was very low. However, it was found that the X2 ProTaper Next file performs very well clinically in forward reciprocation.

ProTaper Next (PTN) (Dentsply Sirona) is a rotary root canal-shaping system constructed of M-Wire NiTi, making it almost 400% more resistant to cyclic fatigue than conventional NiTi.¹⁷ PTN features a bilateral symmetrical rectangular cross-section, with an offset from the central axis of rotation (except in the last 3 mm of the instrument (DO–

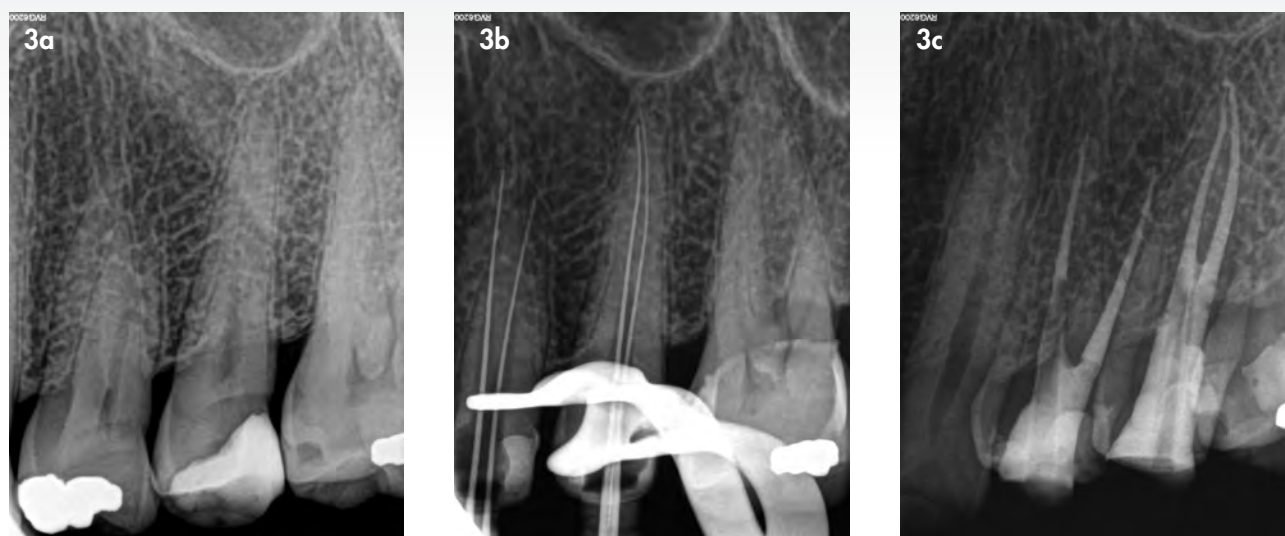


Figure 3(a) Pre-operative periapical radiograph of non-vital maxillary right first and second premolars; (b) Length determination periapical radiograph; (c) Postoperative periapical radiograph showing the result after obturation and core build-up with fibre posts (X.Posts, Dentsply Sirona) and Core.x Flow (Dentsply Sirona)

D3], allowing it to experience a rotational phenomenon known as precession or swagger.

In a recent study by the authors, the canal-shaping abilities of WaveOne Gold Glider in combination with the Primary WaveOne Gold file, a reverse reciprocating Gold-Wire file system, and ProGlider in combination with only the X2 PTN file, a conventional rotary NiTi M-Wire file used in a forward reciprocation, were analysed using micro-CT imaging. ProGlider in combination with only the X2 PTN file in forward reciprocation yielded significantly better results for both transportation and centring ability at the apical level of the root canal systems. The results of this study suggest that the ProGlider/X2 PTN file combination may be used in a forward reciprocating motion.

The following clinical case reports illustrate the clinical results obtained by using a ProGlider and only the X2 PTN instrument in forward reciprocation in either the Root Pro CL (Medidenta) or E-Connects (Eighteenth Medical) endodontic motors.

Case Report 1

The patient, a 58-year-old man, presented with bite sensitivity on his non-vital maxillary right first and second premolars (Figure 3a). Access cavities were prepared and two root canal systems were located in each premolar. Length determination was determined using an electronic apex locator and confirmed radiographically (Figure 3b).

After canal negotiation and creation of a reproducible micro-glide path, the glide path was expanded by using a ProGlider (Dentsply Sirona) in reciprocation motion in the Root Pro CL endodontic motor (Medidenta, Las Vegas, USA). Root canal preparation was done using only a X2 PTN instrument, also operating in reciprocation using the endodontic motor. After irrigation, the root canal systems were obturated using PTN X2 Gutta Percha Points (Dentsply Sirona) and Pulp Canal Sealer (Kerr). Figure 3c shows the final result after obturation and core build up with fibre posts (X.Posts, Dentsply Sirona) and Core.x Flow (Dentsply Sirona).

Case Report 2

A 47-year-old man presented with irreversible pulpitis on his maxillary right first molar (Figure 4a). Three root canal systems were detected under magnification after access cavity preparation. The canals were negotiated, working length determined and a reproducible micro-glide path was prepared using a size 10 K-File. The glide path was expanded using a ProGlider (Dentsply Sirona) and root canal preparation done with a X2 PTN instrument, both in reciprocation motion in the E-Connects (Eighteenth Medical) endodontic motor. After irrigation, the root canal systems were obturated using PTN X2 Gutta Percha Points (Dentsply Sirona) and Pulp Canal Sealer (Kerr). Figure 4b depicts the final result after obturation. Note the sharp apical curvature



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Figure 4(a) Pre-operative periapical radiograph of maxillary right first molar that presented with irreversible pulpitis; (b) Postoperative periapical radiograph showing the result after obturation depicts the final result after obturation. Note the sharp apical curvature in the distal root canal system that was maintained.

in the distal root canal system that was maintained using the X2 PTN file in reciprocation motion.

Case Report 3

The patient, a 58-year-old woman, presented with a non-vital mandibular left first molar (Figure 5a). An access cavity was prepared and two root canal systems were located in each premolar. Length was determined using an electronic

apex locator and confirmed radiographically (Figure 5b). After canal negotiation and creation of a reproducible micro-glide path, the glide path was expanded by using a ProGlider (Dentsply Sirona) in reciprocation motion in the Root Pro CL endodontic motor (Medidenta, Las Vegas, USA). Root canal preparation was done using only an X2 PTN instrument, also operating in reciprocation using the endodontic motor. The canals were irrigated with heated 3.5% sodium hypochlorite using the EndoVac system (Sybron Endo) and the canals dried with paper points. The root canal systems were obturated using PTN X2 Gutta Percha Points (Dentsply Sirona) and Pulp Canal Sealer (Kerr). Figure 5c shows the final result after obturation.

Conclusion

In this series of cases, the authors illustrate the use of a ProGlider in combination with only the X2 PTN instrument, used in forward reciprocation instead of rotation. Clinically successful outcomes, with the added benefits of forward reciprocation and favourable research results when evaluating centring ability and transportation, could validate this combination as a preferred treatment modality in the future.

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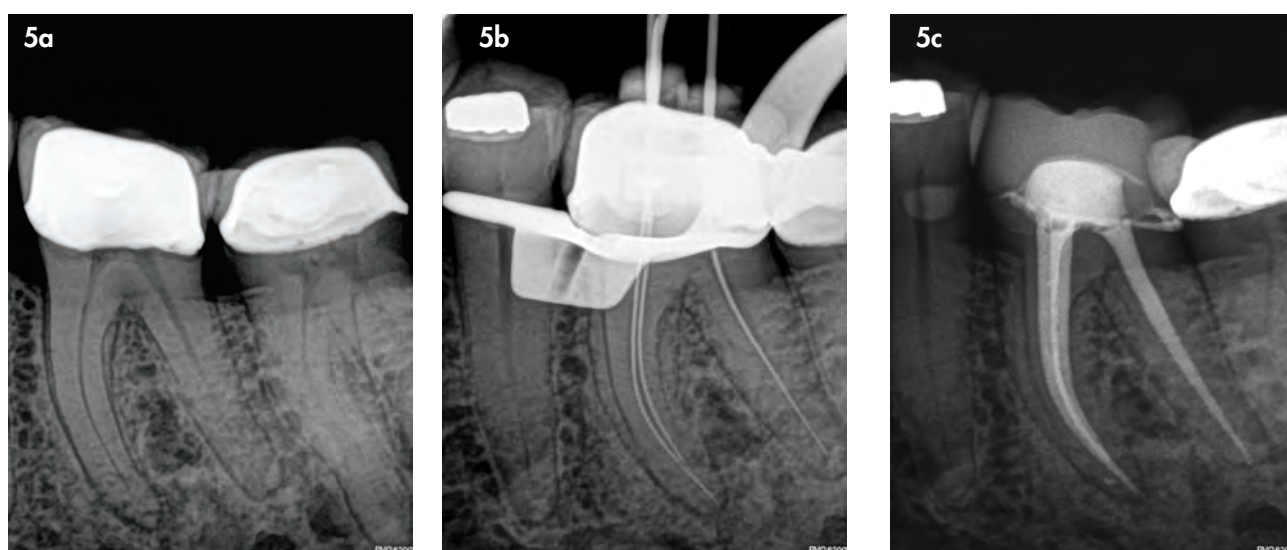


Figure 5(a) Pre-operative periapical radiograph of non-vital mandibular left first molar; (b) Length determination periapical radiograph; (c) Postoperative periapical radiograph showing the result after obturation

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A simple and cost-effective makeover using the Dahl technique and composite edge bonding

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The Dahl principle is a method for treating localised anterior tooth wear, before posterior wear begins (Poyser et al, 2005).

It opens the vertical dimension of occlusion (VDO), without having to treat the back teeth. The technique can be thought of as a non-invasive, preventive treatment and, for the right case, can stop a patient from developing full-mouth wear or needing oral rehabilitation. I also use it as a way of protecting anterior guidance and function.

Dahl is often viewed as an unconventional way of treating wear, but many of the traditional restorative options have expensive final outcomes, which can be a barrier for the patient. I use the Dahl technique nearly every day in my practice and have been doing so for more than 25 years.

Arguing for one type of approach over another is difficult. Few dentists have tried all the techniques extensively. However, I found that, in cases where the combined anterior wear in both arches is 6mm or less, and there is still some enamel coverage on posterior teeth, it is my preferred mode of treatment. Teeth and guidance can be restored, and within a few months, posterior contacts regained.

I usually employ traditional techniques in more severe cases. There are important caveats for using Dahl; for example, patients should have a reasonably well-aligned posterior arch, and care should be taken not to generate off-axial forces.

The Dahl principle

Modified Lucia jigs have been used as anterior deprogrammers to help the mandible find centric relation (CR). Direct composites can also be used as an anterior deprogrammer. Because of their resilience and ease of manipulation, even in small thicknesses, resin composites represent an ideal material to restore the palatal surface (Cardoso et al, 2000) and the worn lower anterior incisal and canine edges.

Dahl and Krogstad (1975) suggested creating space to treat localised anterior tooth wear by separating posterior teeth, using an anterior bite plane for four to six months.

A combination of passive eruption of the posterior teeth, and intrusion of the anterior teeth, allows the re-establishment of posterior occlusion, while holding the anterior space (Dahl and Krogstad, 1982). Dahl used a metal appliance to separate the posterior teeth, but the same result can be achieved with adhesive anterior direct composites.

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Figure 1: The patient wanted the aesthetics of her smile improved



Figure 2-4: The patient was reluctant to show her worn teeth and was experiencing increased sensitivity



By identifying the difference between maximum intercuspal position and CR, using pressure to gently guide the mandible, the position of the direct composite can be set slightly posterior to maximum intercuspal position (Magne et al, 2007). This will create anterior contact on the incisal edge build-ups and possibly create premature contacts on the posterior teeth. These can be improved through minor equilibration, but the residual space will eventually close through passive compensation and settling over a few months.

The following case shows how Venus Diamond composite

can be used to place balanced and axial-force generating Dahl build-ups. Lower-edge direct build-ups and an upper 'Dahled' retainer are used as an interceptive method to stop a teenager developing full-mouth wear.

The Dahl principle allows such cases to be treated early to help avoid more extensive work. Why should treatment only commence once the patient has developed further wear? Is it necessary for the whole occlusal vertical dimension (OVD) to be increased with full arch restorations, to treat anterior wear only?



Figure 5: She presented with a significant amount of anterior tooth surface loss, and dentine exposure on the lower and some upper edges



Figure 6: The patient was losing anterior guidance and starting to develop posterior interferences



Figure 7: Direct build-ups were placed on the lower 4-4 worn teeth and the upper teeth were edge bonded

Teenage tooth wear

An 18-year-old female came to see me at Dental Elegance because she wanted the aesthetics of her smile improved (Figure 1). Due to anterior wear, she was reluctant to show her worn teeth and she was experiencing increased sensitivity (Figures 2 to 4).

The patient was medically fit and healthy, with good oral hygiene. She presented after orthodontic treatment with a significant amount of anterior tooth surface loss, and dentine exposure on the lower and some upper edges (Figure 5). Parafunction was the likely cause.

There was no posterior wear, but she was losing anterior guidance and starting to develop posterior interferences (Figure 6). She had no temporomandibular disorder symptoms.

Minimally invasive treatment

Treatment choices to improve her smile included providing the patient with a splint, which would prevent tooth wear caused by nighttime grinding. However, this method would offer no protection during the day and it was important to preserve the dentine from further erosion. Ceramic veneers were possible, but irreversible and expensive. They would require tooth structure preparation and would begin an ongoing restorative cycle.

Direct composite veneers using the Dahl technique were an option. It was explained that the surfaces of the teeth would need complete coverage, making alterations difficult and increasing the maintenance costs.

Instead, the patient opted for composite edge bonding with the Dahl technique, and tooth whitening. She preferred the minimally invasive nature of the composite edge-bonding treatment and the lower cost. She also understood that the material was easy to adjust, add to and repair.

Tooth whitening was undertaken with super-sealed home trays and Philips Zoom! Daywhite. This whitening system contains 6% hydrogen peroxide, and the patient bleached for just 35 minutes a day, over a three to four week period.

Composite build-up

The teeth were prepared using water-based air abrasion and etched with 35% phosphoric acid. Kulzer Ibond Universal was applied and light cured, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Direct build-ups were placed on the lower 4-4 worn teeth using a freehand composite technique. Adding to the lowers increases the vertical dimension. When doing this with the Dahl principle, my aim is to prop the anteriors open, loading



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Figure 8-10: Three to four millimetres of composite were added to the anterior region

primarily on the canines. This was balanced and checked with articulating paper. A light contact was then generated on the incisors and checked with articulating paper.

Two weeks later, the upper teeth were edge bonded (Figure 7). The teeth were lengthened for functional and aesthetic reasons. During the same appointment, the upper anterior and canine guidance was adjusted and improved.

Three to four millimetres of composite were added to the anterior region (Figures 8 to 10). This separated the back teeth by 1.5mm to 2mm. During the first two weeks, some condylar seating was expected, as the anterior bonding would have a deprogramming effect.

Each tooth was restored using Kulzer Venus Diamond in layers of the Opaque Light (OL) and B1 shades (Figure 11). The composite was laid freehand in a reverse triangle technique, which blocks out the light transmission on the join (Figure 12).

I have used Venus composite for 10 years and it is the

perfect material for edge bonding because of its high strength in thin sections.

It has a great colour match, which adapts and blends in well to the surrounding teeth. This is particularly useful when applying the reverse triangle technique. The dentine material has a natural opacity and helps to block out and mask transitions effectively (Figure 13). The matching enamel shades also blend well and have great polishing qualities.

Polishing and finishing

The patient's teeth were given a light polish immediately after edge bonding. The patient was recalled after a month, to ensure no posterior interferences developed.

To counteract any risk of hygroscopic expansion, the teeth were polished again with the high-gloss Kulzer Venus Supra kit. This simple-to-use system does not cut or damage the composite, and the rubberised polishers are the correct shapes to create a high lustre. The final shine was achieved



Figure 11: Each tooth was restored using Kulzer Venus Diamond in layers of the opaque light and B1 shades



Figure 12: The composite was laid freehand in a reverse triangle technique which blocks out the light transmission on the join

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Figure 13: The dentine material has a natural opacity, and helps block out and mask transitions effectively



Figure 14 and 15: After one month, her posterior contacts were starting to settle and at the two-month review the contacts were completely closed



with a flexible felt and mylar disc, and polishing paste.

After one month, the posterior contacts were starting to settle and at the two-month review, the contacts were completely closed (Figures 14 and 15). This process appeared a little faster than usual, but younger patients do seem to 'Dahl' more quickly. Once the bite had settled down, an impression was taken using Kulzer Xantasil to fabricate a clear permanent Essix retainer for the patient to wear at night.

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Bonding of ceramic veneers

Olivier Étienne¹ and Bérangère Cournault²

In recent years, the use of aesthetic bonded ceramic restorations has been favoured because of the aesthetic demand of our patients as well as our profession's concern to promote minimally invasive procedures¹. Among these restorations, veneers are mostly associated to the aesthetic improvement of the smile and the techniques of tissue preservations².

The fragility and detachment of these fine pieces of ceramics remain the main sources of apprehension of practitioners despite excellent results reported in the many clinical studies published to date^{3,4}. Admittedly, a low rate of failure is still relevant, but the understanding of the phenomena and the clinical criteria influencing the result either positively or negatively enabled to systematise the entire procedure in a better way. Among the criteria reported as determinants, the respect of an exclusive enamel bonding is essential. Indeed, the enamel can be easily etched and its composition, mainly mineral, does not make adhesion difficult as hydrated dentine can do. Hence, when the bonding system is wisely selected, the ceramic-enamel bond can reach adhesion values greater than the natural dentinoenamel junction.

In order to preserve the enamel tissue of the vestibular surfaces, several authors have proposed clinical procedures based on the analysis and preliminary composed aesthetic treatment plan. The use of silicone keys to control the reduction⁵ to the transfer the treatment plan through a mock-up^{6,7} are approaches that limit the preparation to the bare minimum. Then, the respect of a strict bonding protocol ensures the durability of the final result.

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Clinical evaluation and aesthetic project

The initial consultation enables to take note of the patient's wishes and to confront them with the clinical and radiographic criteria. The aesthetic therapeutic decision may depend on desires such as shape modification, colour alteration, restoration of a large caries or correction of malpositions. The clinical case described below relates to a patient with oligodontia and microdontia, eager to improve her smile and to overcome the lack of permanent posterior teeth. The initial analysis (Figure 1) shows a "childlike" appearance of the smile, characterised by small anterior upper teeth associated with the presence of several diastemas.



Figure 1: The 45-year-old patient presented with oligodontia and microdontia, characterised by the presence of many diastemas in the smile. The distribution of the teeth on the arch has been optimised by the previous orthodontic treatment which enables to envision the realisation of ceramic facets. Front view of the smile (a), intraoral view of the smile (b) and occlusal view (c).



Fig. 2: (a) The aesthetic analysis associated with an aesthetic project (smile design) enables the efficient guidance of the dental technician towards the construction of the desired wax-up. (b) The future gingival contour was drawn on the plaster (c) Then, it was covered by the modeling wax.

The aesthetic treatment plan resulting from the preceding analysis must allow effective communication with the patient as well as the dental technician. We found the use of a virtual project from a Photoshop Smile Design (PSD) approach ideal to fulfil both the communication to the patient

and the technician (Fig. 2a). This way, the technician was able to carry out a preparatory wax-up (Fig. 2b, 2c), which was then transferred to the mouth through a mock-up of bis-acryl temporary resin. In this case, the PSD project made it possible to present the two treatment options to the patient:

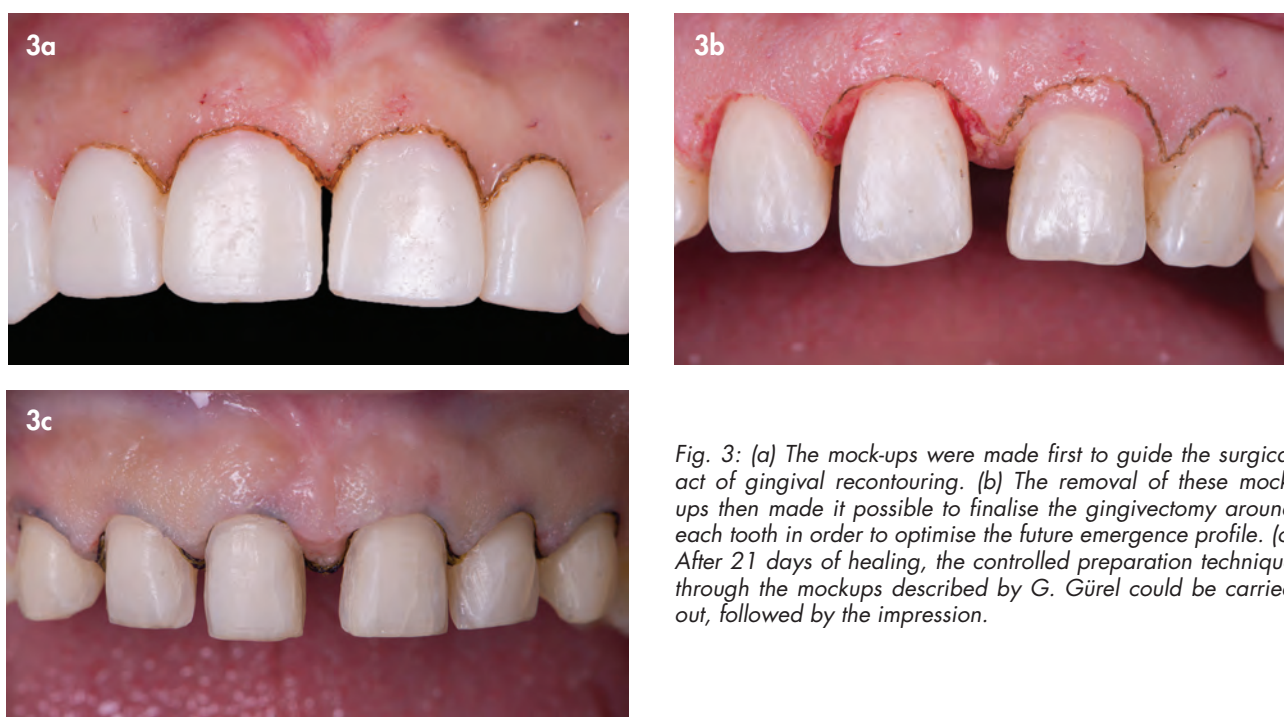


Fig. 3: (a) The mock-ups were made first to guide the surgical act of gingival recontouring. (b) The removal of these mock-ups then made it possible to finalise the gingivectomy around each tooth in order to optimise the future emergence profile. (c) After 21 days of healing, the controlled preparation technique through the mockups described by G. Gürel could be carried out, followed by the impression.



Fig. 4: (a) After removal of the provisional veneers, the dental surfaces were cleaned before trying all veneers with G-CEM Try-in Paste. When veneers are thin (<0.6mm), the colour of the bonding resin can influence the aesthetic result. (b) It is interesting to do several glycerine fitting trials to judge the final result. Here, 11 was tried with a try-in paste "A2" while 21 was tried with a try-in paste "Bleach". The brightness of 21 was preferred and therefore chosen.

partial preservation of the central diastema or complete closure of the diastema. Our common preference was to partially preserve the central diastema.

Enamel preparation

Once the mock-up was made, it served as a guide for the necessary gingivo-plasty (Fig. 3a, 3b). After gingival healing, the preparation could be started. The use of techniques to guide the preparation depth is essential. To do this, specific burs allow the practitioner to maintain enamel for the bonding, as long as a depth of 0.4 to 0.8 mm is respected. Horizontal, vertical and cervical depth marks were prepared on the buccal surface of the teeth, before starting the preparation.

The cervical limit was placed juxta-gingivally to facilitate the placement of the rubber dam during the luting later on. The proximal limits connected below the contact point to position the dento-restorative joint in a non-visible area, regardless of the angle of view. The contact point was

preserved at first and then faded by an abrasive matrix tape. Finally, the free edge was reduced when it was worn, altered or dyed.

The preparation was rounded and finished with a fine-grit bur (yellow coded), or even using sonic or ultrasonic instruments, to ensure a more reliable reproduction during the impression (Fig. 3c).

Try-in and luting

The aesthetic validation was done in the chair using the dedicated try-in pastes (G-CEM Try-In Pastes), allowing the practitioner to evaluate the possible impact of the colour of the cement on the final colour of the veneer (Fig. 4a, 4b). This criterium is particularly essential when the veneer is thin and/or made of feldspar ceramic without reinforcement⁸. When all the aesthetic criteria initially desired were respected, the restorations could be luted. Firstly, the intaglio surfaces of the glass ceramic veneers (reinforced lithium disilicate) were etched with hydrofluoric acid for 20 seconds, then rinsed

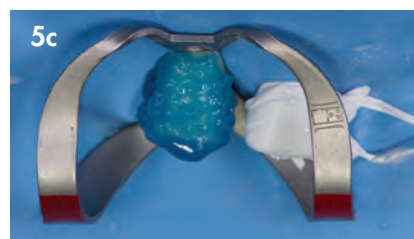


Fig. 5: (a) After rubber dam placement, the enamel of the prepared tooth was rinsed with water, to eliminate the water-soluble fitting paste. (b) Next it was sandblasted with alumina. (c) The surface was etched for 30 s with orthophosphoric acid, rinsed and dried.



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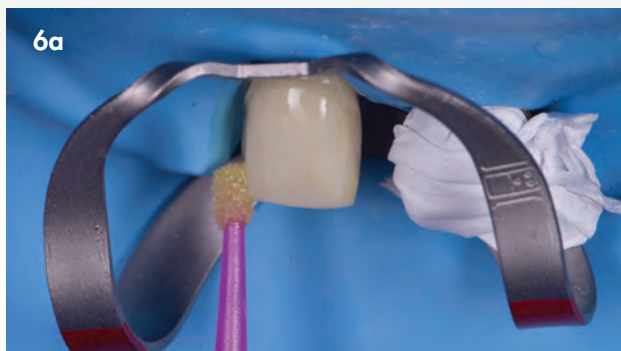


Fig. 6: (a) The universal adhesive G-Premio BOND was applied vigorously over the entire enamel surface, before being spread with oil-free air. (b) The adhesive was then immediately light-cured. Its low thickness (no more than 10 μm) does not pose any risk of difficulty to insert and seat the veneer.

and dried before being covered with a primer (G-Multi PRIMER) and left one minute minimum until evaporation.

The placement of a rubber dam guaranteed isolation from ambient humidity and sulcular fluid. The dam was supplemented by a Teflon tape which ensured the protection of neighbouring preparations on which the different products

could be deposited (Fig. 5a).

After rinsing the try-in paste away with water, an alumina micro-blasting guaranteed a cleaned surface and generated a macro-roughness, enhancing the adhesion (Fig. 5b).

The choice of the adhesive approach was based on scientific evidence concluding that the best adhesion values



Fig. 7: (a) Each veneer was pretreated with hydrofluoric acid (20 s) and rinsed and dried before applying a coat of G-Multi PRIMER. After one minute, the veneer was dried and then coated with G-CEM Veneer light-cure resin cement in the selected colour. (b) It was positioned on the preparation before (c) removing the resin excess by wiping. This option made it possible to obtain an adhesive joint without microleakage unlike the tack-cure technique. The veneer was firmly held onto the tooth during the entire light-curing procedure. (d) When the six anterior teeth are involved in the treatment, the recommended sequence is to bond first 11 and 21, then 13 and 23, ending with 12 and 22.



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Fig. 8: After a week of healing, the periodontium refound its position. The redesigned gingival contours gave the illusion of a natural emergence profile.



Fig. 9: Result after 6 months.

between enamel and ceramic are observed when the protocol includes enamel etching⁹ (Fig. 5c).

The adhesive was scrubbed vigorously onto the enamel surface (Fig. 6a) before being spread by a strong dry air blow as recommended by the manufacturer. This step also contributes to the evaporation of the solvents contained in the adhesive. Finally, immediate light-curing of the hybrid layer obtained at this stage is strongly recommended (Figure 6b).

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Direct and indirect composite

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The treatment

For any aesthetic treatment, the practitioner should encourage patients to express their motivations and desires. The dentist must devote time to listen, understand and offer support to the patient. After a thorough analysis of the existing problem, including clinical examination, X-rays and photos, a treatment plan should be proposed to the patient, who then may accept it or not. In case of refusal, it is important to understand the reasons and, if possible, to make another proposal in accordance with the patient's expectations as long as they are realistic; the patient has to understand and accept the limits of the second proposal. When agreement is reached, study models are needed and through the production of a diagnostic wax-up, the dentist and laboratory can show the expected outcome to the patient.

The case



Figure 1: A young female patient visited the practice to improve her smile. She asked for a fast treatment because she was getting married four months later. Her desire was to have white and aligned front teeth.

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Figure 2: X-rays of the deciduous teeth showed important root resorption. At this point, the patient was informed that, in order to obtain a long-lasting result, teeth URc and ULc should be extracted, space would be created between the canines and central incisors using orthodontic treatment and then implants would be used to replace UR2 and UL2 after bleaching. The patient refused this proposal and reminded us of the need for a fast solution. At this point there is the option to either stop the treatment or to find an alternative solution. It was decided to propose rebuilding the teeth with indirect composite crowns on URc and ULc and to make direct restorations to transform the canines in lateral incisors. It was explained to the patient that this treatment could accelerate the root resorption of the deciduous teeth and the patient accepted this risk.

Figure 3: First we made study models and send them to the laboratory (DT Gilles Philip laboratory). Digital design was used to guide the production of the wax-up.



Figure 4: The lab closed the spaces between canines and central incisors and transformed the deciduous teeth into permanent canines. Notice in this case that the gum level of the UR3 and UL3 is lower than the gum level of the teeth UL1 and UR1, this can be resolved in the final integration of the new smile.



Figure 5: Before any intervention, the patient has to validate the proposal made in the laboratory. To precisely transfer the sculpture into the mouth of the patient we used silicone materials (Honigum Putty and Light). With a #15 blade, the unwanted parts of the silicone stent were removed to obtain a very clean and precise mock up. At this point the patient can appreciate the final outcome and validates the treatment plan.



Figure 6: The first step of the treatment is bleaching with White Dental Beauty - 6% hydrogen peroxide for 14 days. This picture shows the initial colour of the teeth and the strong saturation of the canines.



Figure 7: After one-week of treatment (left) and final colour (right). After bleaching, a silicone impression is made and the laboratory builds composite crowns on the deciduous teeth. The patient is reminded that because of the occlusion (even if we are able to avoid occlusal contacts in static occlusion), the root resorption of the URc and ULc will certainly be accelerated. The patient is still motivated and tells us she understands the risks.



Figure 8: The composite crowns (Gilles Philip lab) were cemented with individual rubber dam. After excesses removal, rubber dam is used again from teeth UR4 to UL4 to transform UR3 and UL3 into lateral incisors using direct composites.



Figure 9: Final result after polishing procedure, before rubber dam removal



Figure 10: Direct post-op situation, immediately after rubber dam removal



Figure 11: The outcome one month later is satisfactory



Figure 12: Six months later, the patient is happy and the deciduous teeth show no mobility.

In conclusion

Before starting any treatment it is important to listen carefully to the patient's expectations. If we have to make realistic compromises, the patient has to understand and accept the

limits of the new treatment plan. In the case presented here, the patient is aware the outcome won't last for many years. Despite this, the patient is grateful and returns to the clinic every six months for the situation to be assessed.

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Article: Replacing hopeless maxillary incisors with adjacent implants via an integrative biologically oriented approach Bichacho, Feraru, page 6

- Current cutting-edge technologies essential in today's workflow to achieve predictable, successful biologic and esthetic results include:
 - Minimally invasive surgical techniques,
 - 3-dimensional (3D) computerized planning
 - Biologically oriented implant systems
 - All of the above
 - None of the above
- In the case described, the patient presented complaining about his:
 - Maxillary lateral incisors
 - Maxillary central incisors
 - Mandibular central incisors
 - Mandibular lateral incisors
- Radiographic and CBCT images demonstrated bone loss of more than:
 - 30%
 - 40%
 - 50%
 - 60%
- Which statement is correct: The implants selected for the case were
 - 16mm
 - 13mm
 - 9mm
 - 10mm
- According to the authors, they have a preference for:
 - Cemented-retained implant restorations
 - Non-cemented screw-retained implant restorations
 - Both of the above
 - Neither of the above

Article: Evidence-based treatment planning for the restoration of endodontically treated single teeth: importance of coronal seal, post vs no post, and indirect vs direct restoration. Atlas et al, page 20

- According to the authors, placement of a sufficient restoration over a poorly obturated root canal:
 - Can render the high degree of success associated with performing both procedures adequately
 - Will not render the high degree of success associated with performing both procedures adequately
- Which statement is correct:
 - Vital teeth are more susceptible to fracture than ETT
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 - Both ETT and vital teeth have the same susceptibility to fracture
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 - Glass fiber posts are associated with low catastrophic failure rates compared to other post types
 - Fiber posts exhibit relatively uniform stress distribution to the root
 - All of the above
 - None of the above
- What did the authors conclude is an acceptable approach for achieving good survival and success rates:
 - Composite restorations
 - Porcelain fused-to-metal crowns
 - Both of the above
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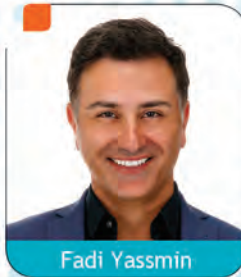
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Article: Forward reciprocation of conventional rotary instruments – Literature review and clinical case reports.
Van der Vyver et al, page 46

11. *Alternating changes in the direction of rotation has the following advantages :*
- Less binding to dentine walls during root canal preparation
 - Reduced number of cycles during root canal preparation
 - Reduced cyclic fatigue during root canal preparation
 - All of the above
 - None of the above
12. *According to a study by Giuliani et al. (2014), which of the following combinations exhibited better shaping effects during canal preparation?*
- Full-sequence ProTaper Universal used in a continuous rotation
 - WaveOne used in reciprocating motion
 - Full-sequence ProTaper Universal used in a reciprocating motion
 - None of the above
13. *True or False. Reciprocating files currently available on the market are designed for use in a reverse motion.*
- True
 - False
14. *In the case report presented: which combination of instruments did the authors use in forward reciprocation instead of rotation?*
- ProGlider and ProTaper Next X2
 - ProGlider and ProTaper Next X1
 - ProTaper Next X2 only
 - ProTaper Next X1 only
15. *Using a single-file system in forward reciprocation (according to the study by Yared in 2008) has the following advantage(s).*
- Reduced number of instruments needed
 - Reduction in treatment cost
 - Reduced instrument fatigue during canal preparation
 - None of the above
 - All of the above

Article: A simple and cost-effective makeover using the Dahl technique and composite edge bonding.
Qureshi, page 54

16. *According to the author, the Dahl concept is his preferred mode of treatment when there is still some enamel coverage on posterior teeth and the combined anterior wear in both arches is:*
- 2mm or less
 - 4mm or less
 - 5mm or less
 - 6mm or less
17. *What, according to Cardoso et al, 2000, represents the ideal material to restore the palatal surface?*
- Microhybrid composites
 - Resin composites
 - Glass-ionomer cements
18. *Which statement is correct: The patient in the case described presented after orthodontic treatment:*
- With temporomandibular disorder symptoms.
 - With a significant amount of posterior tooth surface loss
 - With a significant amount of anterior tooth surface loss
19. *After 3mm - 4mm of composite were added to the anterior region, the back teeth were separated by:*
- 0.5mm - 1mm
 - 1mm - 1.5mm
 - 1.5mm - 2mm
 - 2mm - 2.5mm
20. *At which review appointment were the posterior contacts completely closed?*
- One month
 - Two months
 - Three months
 - Four months

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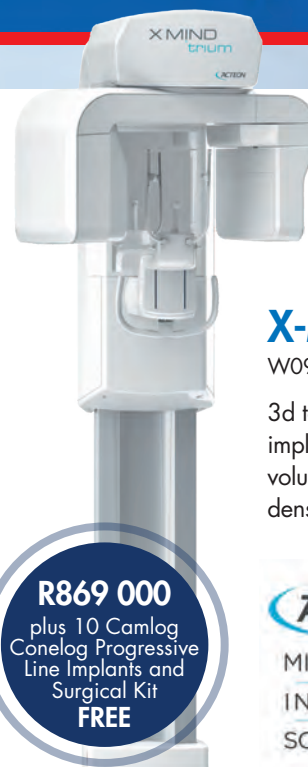
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