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Direct pulp capping:
New paradigm in caries management

“To RCT or not to RCT”

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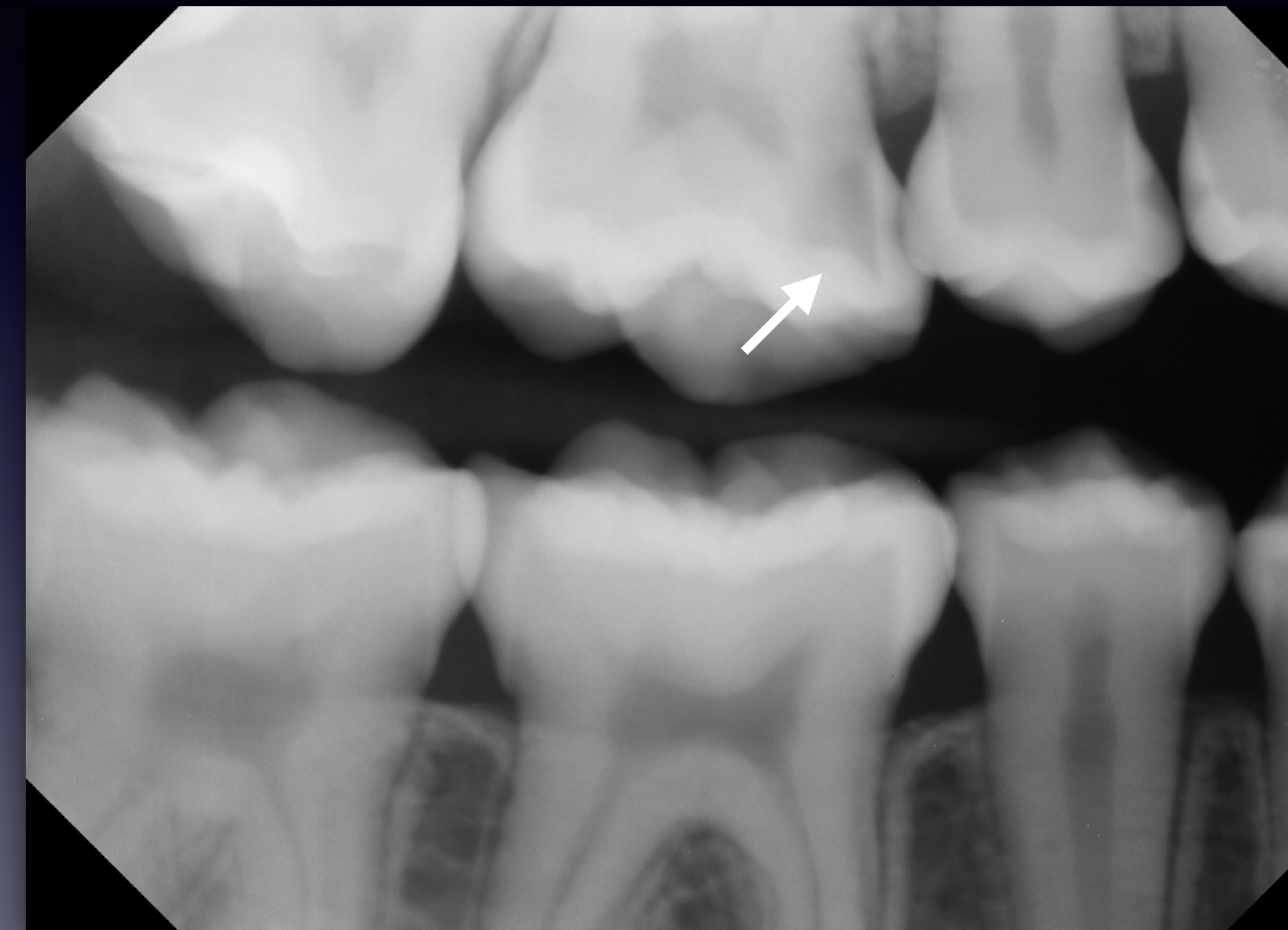
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What would you do?

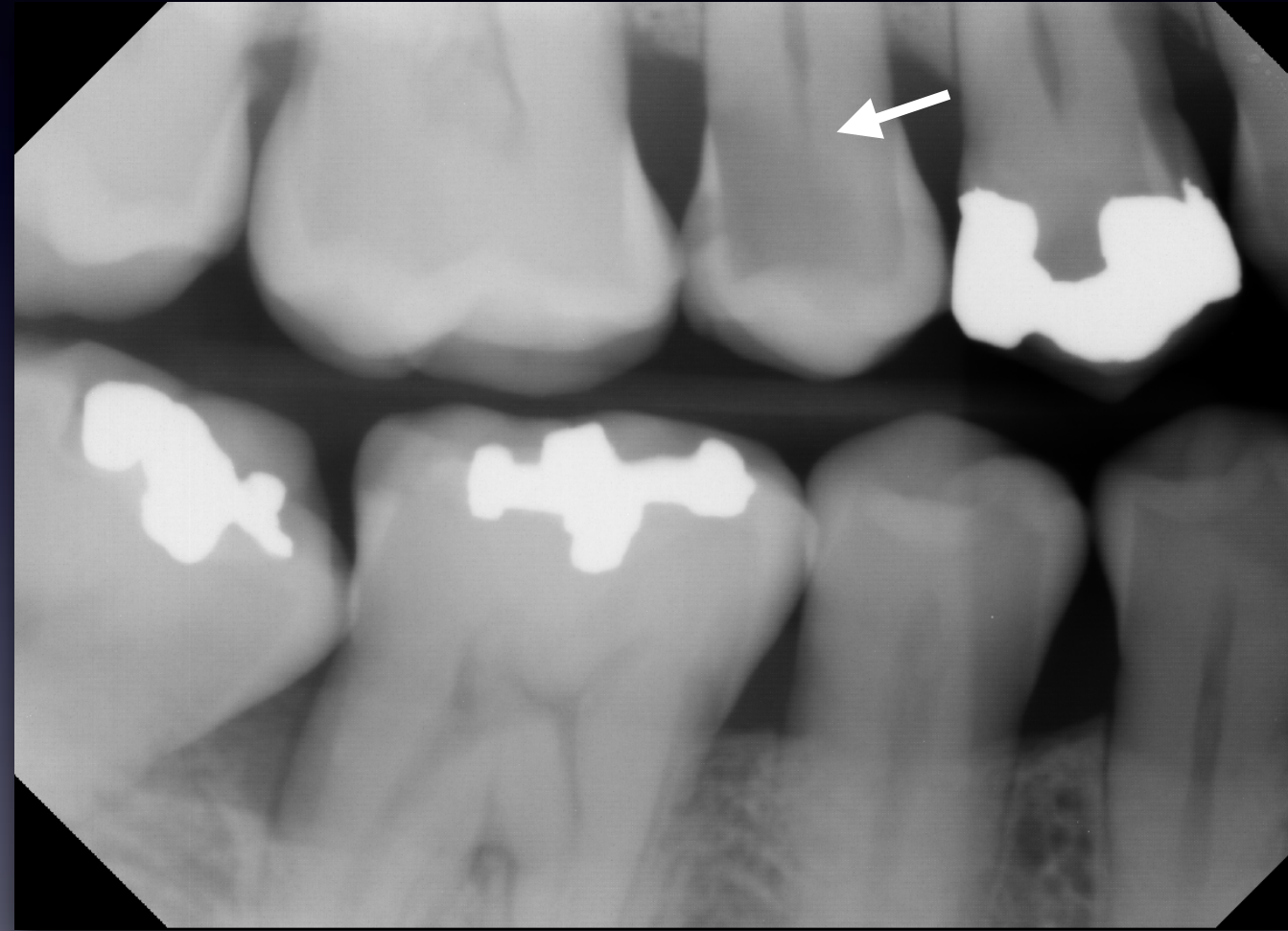


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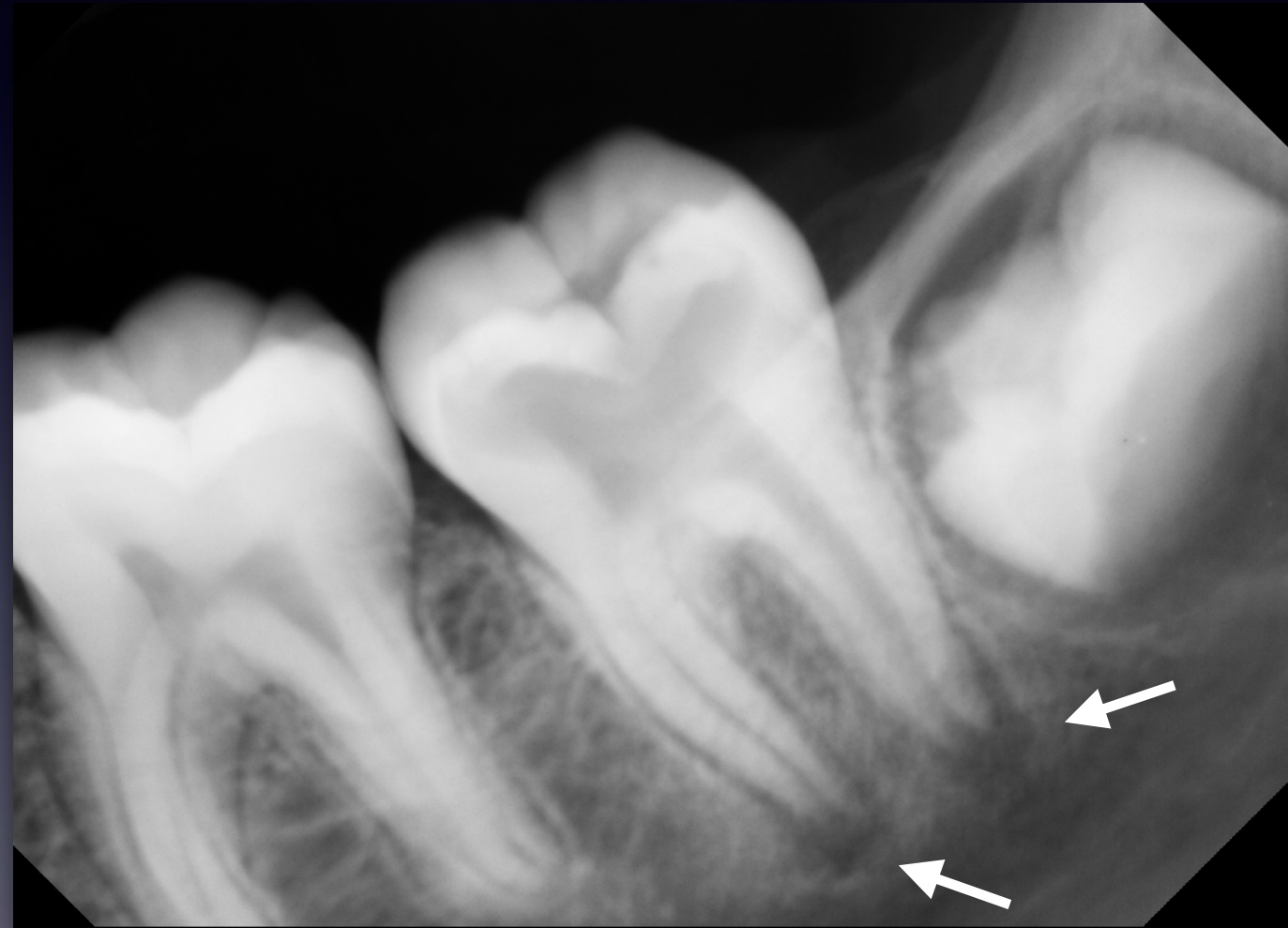
Very close to the pulp

What would you do?



Normal pulpal response
No PARL

What would you do?



Incomplete root formation

“To do RCT or not to do RCT?”

Saving private pulp, Why?



- Enable complete root formation
- Prevents the tooth from becoming brittle
- Prevents discoloration of the tooth
- Financially better option
- Prevent from traumatic fracture/damages from mechanical or thermal stresses (feedback mechanisms)
- Because they are still alive!

Outlines

- 1. Introduction: Saving private pulp, what would you do?
- 2. Historical perspectives
- 3. Managing deep caries/indirect pulp capping
- 4. Managing extreme deep caries/direct pulp capping
- 5. New paradigm

II. Historical perspective

A previous paradigm of caries control and pulpal management in restorative dentistry



Enamel { Sealants, PRR

Dentin { Shallow – simple fillings (Composite, amalgam)
Deep – indirect pulp-capping (GI)

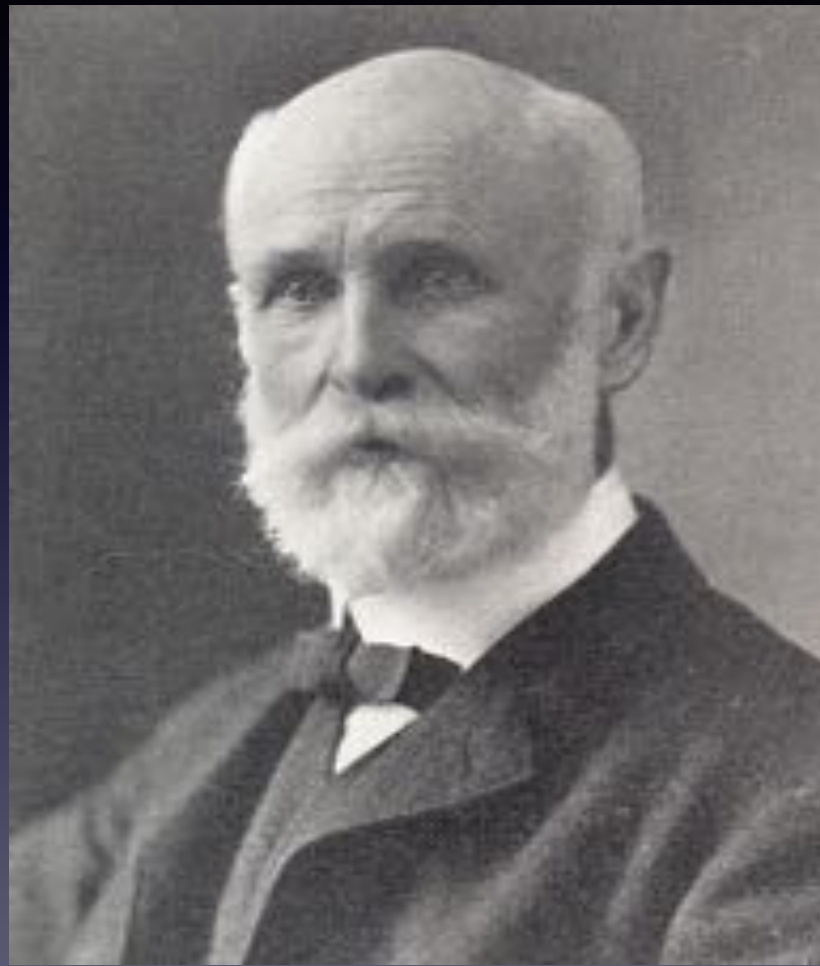
Pulp { Small exposure (< 1mm) – direct pulp-capping (CH, MTA)

Large exposure, iatrogenic } RCT
Large exposure, infected }

1900

2000

Now



Greene Vardiman Black (1836-1915)

Extension for Prevention

- “In no case should any decayed and softened material be left. It is better to expose the pulp of the tooth than leave it covered only with softened dentine”

=> Non-selective (complete) caries removal

1900

2000

Now

Prevention of Extension

- “Minimally invasive dentistry (MID)” as a new conservative philosophy in early 2000.

=> Selective (partial) caries removal



- (Peters & McLean, JAD, 2001; Murdoch-Kinch & McLean, JADA, 2003)

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Adhesive Dentistry

Composites



Dentin adhesives



Glass ionomers



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Complete vs. Partial removal

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Treatment of deep carious lesions by complete excavation or partial removal

A critical review

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The treatment of deep carious lesions approaching a healthy pulp presents a significant challenge to the practitioner. The traditional management of carious lesions of any kind dictates the removal of all infected and affected dentin to prevent further cariogenic activity and provide a well-mineralized base of dentin for restoration. When the procedure risks exposing or even breaching the pulp, however, the course of treatment becomes less predictable and may require such measures as indirect pulp capping (typically using a protective material such as a calcium hydroxide-based preparation), pulpotomy or, in the most extreme cases, pulpectomy. Choosing among these options can be daunting for the dentist—as well as for the patient, who is advised of the risks and asked to share in the decision. To preclude or at least minimize the potential complications of com-

ABSTRACT

Background. The classical approach to treatment of deep carious lesions approaching the pulp mandates removing all infected and affected dentin. Several studies call this approach into question.

Types of Studies Reviewed. A search of five electronic databases using selected key words to identify studies relating to partial versus complete removal of carious lesions yielded 1,000 reports, of which the authors judged 23 to be relevant. Three articles reported the results of randomized controlled trials.

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Key Words. Deep caries; deep carious lesions; partial caries removal; indirect pulp capping; pulpal exposure; stepwise excavation; alternative restorative treatment.

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European Society of Endodontology position statement: Management of deep caries and the exposed pulp



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This position statement on the management of deep caries and the exposed pulp represents the consensus of an expert committee, convened by the European Society of Endodontology (ESE). Preserving the pulp in a healthy state with sustained vitality, preventing apical periodontitis and developing minimally invasive biologically based therapies are key themes within contemporary clinical endodontics. The aim of this statement was to summarize current best evidence on the diagnosis and classification of deep caries and caries-induced pulpal

disease, as well as indicating appropriate clinical management strategies for avoiding and treating pulp exposure in permanent teeth with deep or extensively deep caries. In presenting these findings, areas of controversy, low-quality evidence and uncertainty are highlighted, prior to recommendations for each area of interest. A recently published review article provides more detailed information and was the basis for this position statement (Bjerndal et al. 2019, *International Endodontic Journal*, doi:10.1111/iej.13228). The intention of this position statement is to provide the practitioner with relevant clinical guidance in this rapidly developing area. An update will be provided within 5 years as further evidence emerges.

Keywords: caries, dental pulp, pulp capping, pulpitis, pulpotomy, stepwise excavation, tertiary dentinogenesis, vital pulp treatment.

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Management of deep caries and exposed pulp

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Managing Caries vs. Carious lesion



- **Caries management**

- The actions taken at the patient level for prevention
- CAMBRA
- Personality, habit, medical issues, etc.

- **Carious lesion management**

- The actions taken at the tooth level for intervention
 - Non-invasive (Silver diamine fluoride, SDF)
 - Invasive



Definitions

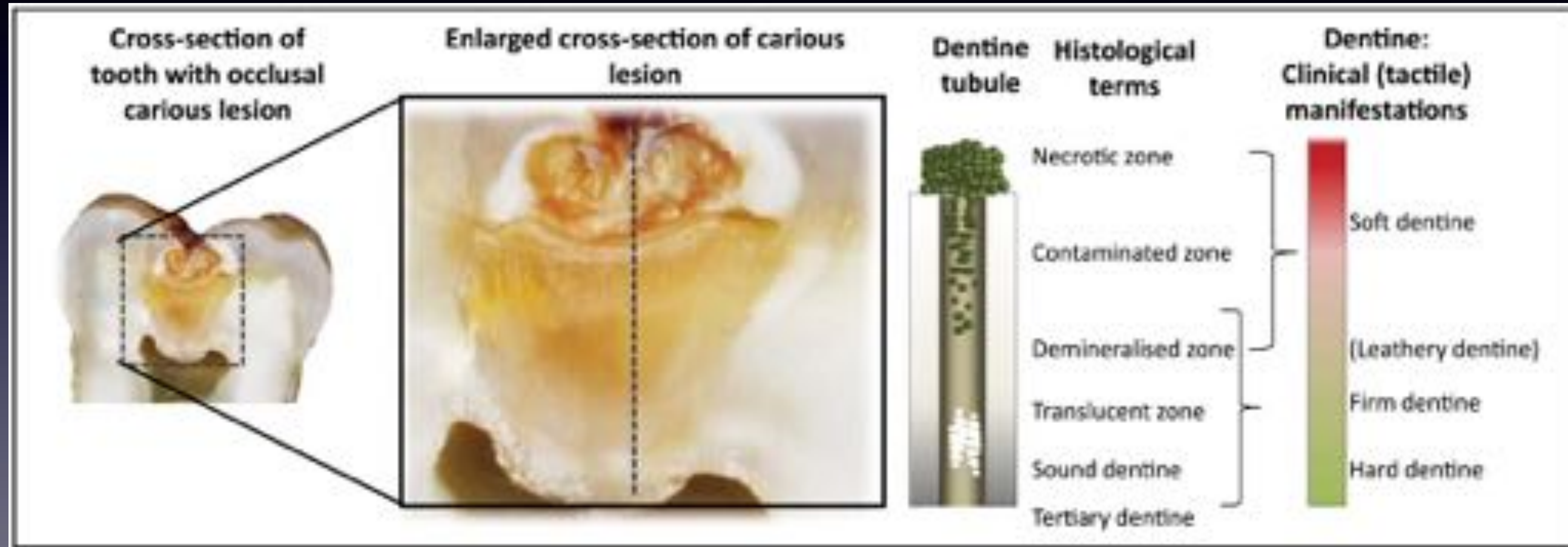


- **Deep caries:**
- Caries reaching the inner quarter of dentine, but with a zone of hard or firm dentine between the caries and the pulp, which is radiographically detectable when located on an interproximal or occlusal surface. There is a risk of pulp exposure during operative treatment.



- **Extremely deep caries:**
- Caries penetrating the entire thickness of the dentine, radiographically detectable when located on an interproximal or occlusal surface. Pulp exposure is unavoidable during operative treatment.

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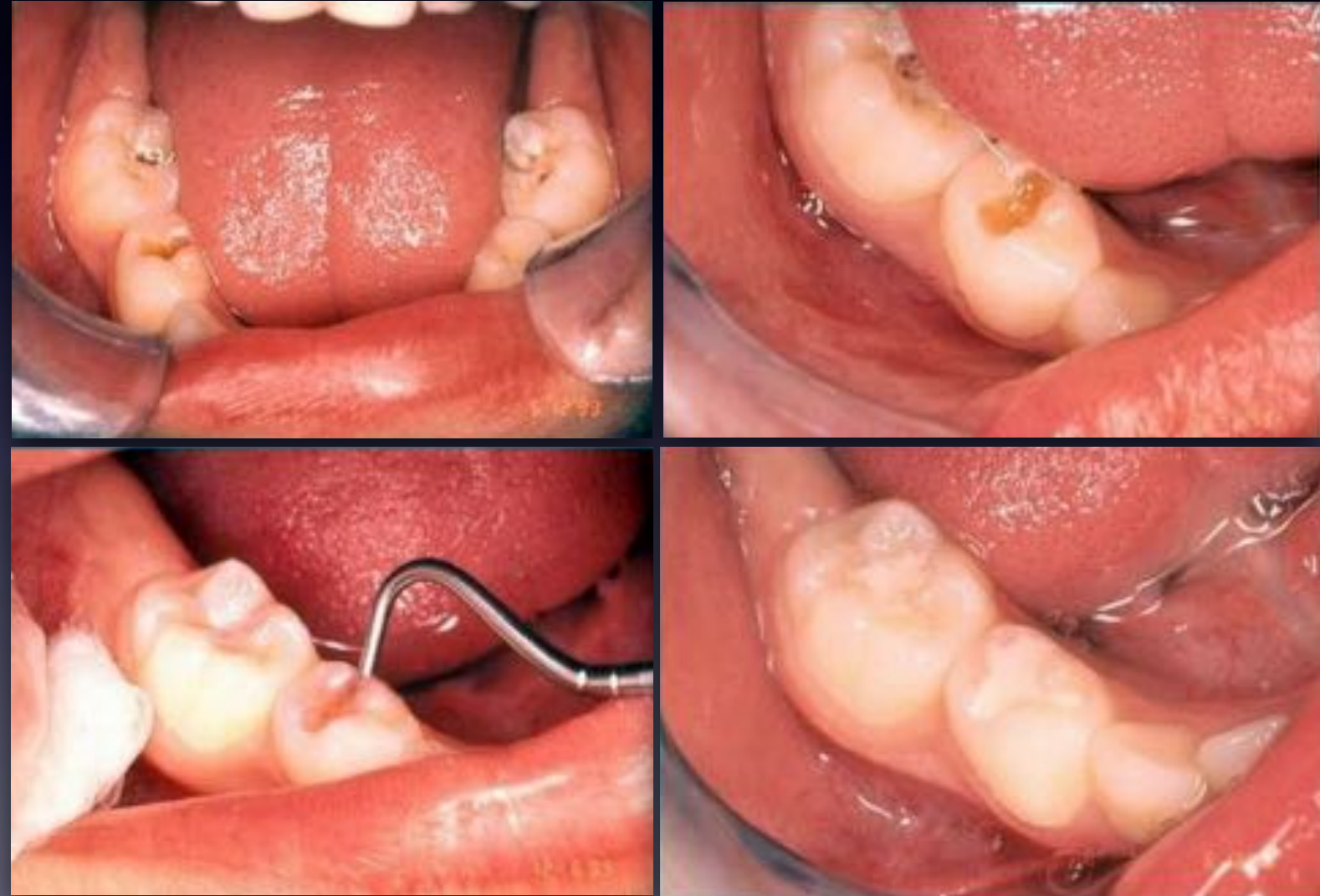


- **Soft dentin (infected)**: Can be excavated with minimum resistance using hand instruments.
- **Firm dentin (affected)**: Resistant to excavation using hand instruments.
- **Hard dentin**: Sound and resistant to probe penetration and scratching.

Types of carious tissue removal

- Atraumatic restorative treatment (ART)
- Selective removal
- Stepwise removal
- Nonselective removal

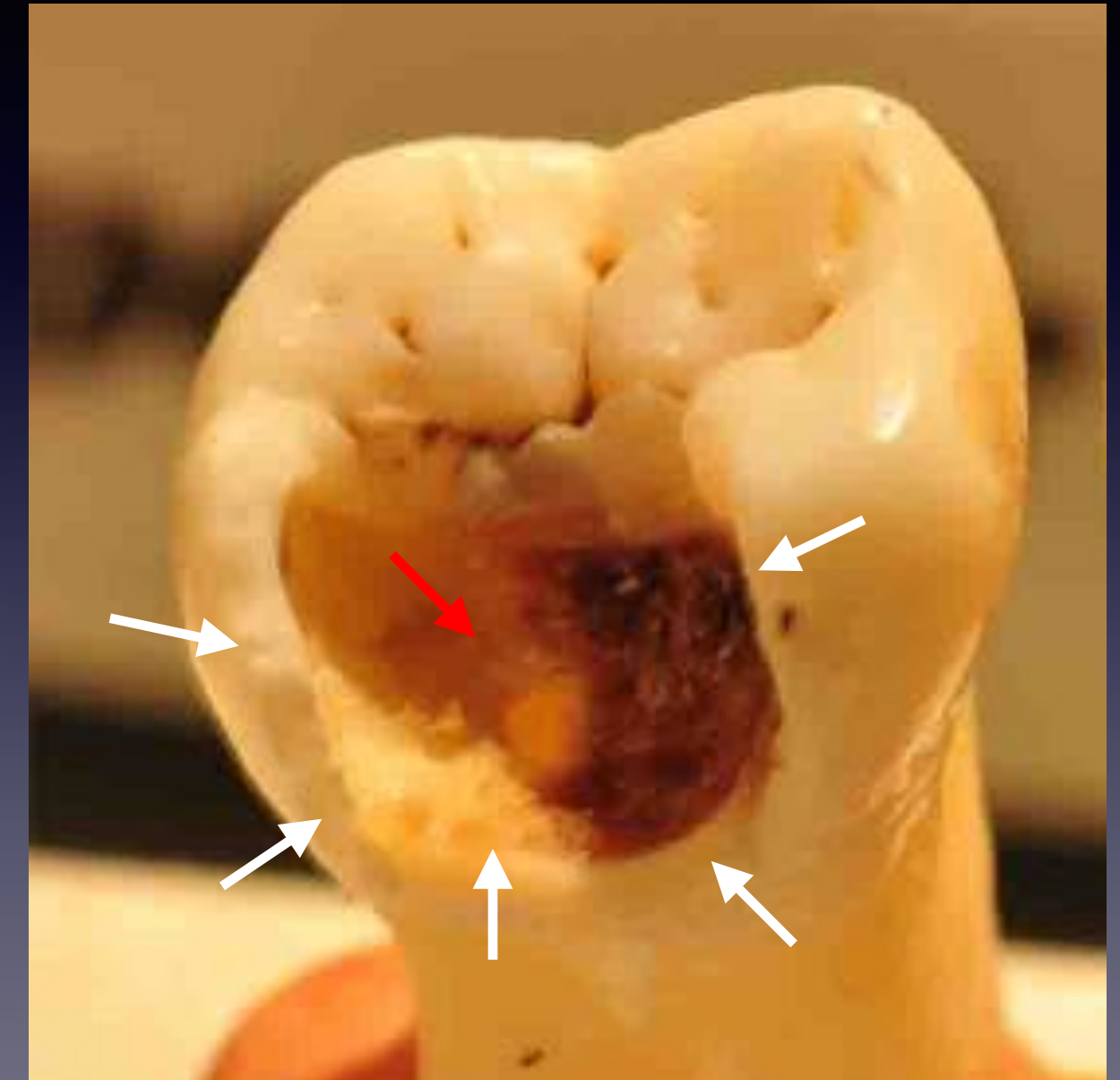
Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART)



- Caries removal using hand instrument only
- Remove soft, completely demineralized enamel and dentine until firm resistance is felt
- Usually filled with GI cement

Selective (partial or incomplete) removal

- Also known as partial or incomplete caries removal
- **Peripheral dentine (peripheral walls)** - should be hard and free of infected dentin (no soft and firm dentin)
 - A scratching noise when scraping the surface with a sharp hand excavator or dental probe
 - It allows to have complete sealing with bonding
- **Inner dentin (pulpal or axial walls)** - Remove soft dentin but may leave firm dentin



Step-wise removal

- Two-steps to remove caries completely

- **Stage I:** Selective removal to soft dentin

- Remove soft dentin and leave firm dentin behind
- The periphery of the cavity should be hard
- A provisional restoration is placed

- **Stage II:** Selective removal to firm dentin

- 6 to 12 mo later
- Remove firm dentin
- Place the definitive restoration

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ABSTRACT

This randomized, multicenter clinical trial evaluated the effectiveness of 2 treatments for deep caries lesions — partial caries removal (PCR) and stepwise excavation (SW) — with respect to the primary outcome of pulp vitality for a 3-year follow-up period. Inclusion criteria were as follows: patients with permanent molars presenting deep caries lesions (lesion affecting $\geq 1/2$ of the dentin on radiographic examination), positive response to a cold test, absence of spontaneous pain, negative sensitivity to percussion, and absence of periapical lesions (radiographic examination). Teeth randomly assigned to PCR (test) received incomplete caries removal and filling in a single session. Outcome success was evaluated by assessment of pulp vitality, determined by pulp sensitivity to a cold test and the absence of periapical lesions. Data were analyzed by a Weibull regression model with shared frailty term (survival analysis). At baseline, 299 treatments were executed: PCR, 152 and SW, 147. By the end of the 3-year follow-up period, 213 teeth had been evaluated. Adjusted survival rates were 91% for PCR and 69% for SW ($p = 0.004$). These results suggest that there is no need to re-open a cavity and perform a second excavation for pulp vitality to be preserved (Clinical trials registration NCT00887952).

KEY WORDS: dental caries, clinical trial, permanent dentition, survival analysis, permanent dental restoration, dental pulp.

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Randomized Trial of Partial vs. Stepwise Caries Removal: 3-year Follow-up

INTRODUCTION

The treatment of asymptomatic teeth presenting deep caries lesions is usually based on traditional techniques that involve the complete removal of the soft, demineralized dentin. In these cases, it is common to have the pulp exposed during the operative procedure (Magnusson and Sundell, 1977; Leksell *et al.*, 1996; Ricketts *et al.*, 2006). Previous investigations have shown that conservative treatments of the exposed pulp resulted in a poor prognosis in follow-up trials (Barthel *et al.*, 2000; Bjørndal *et al.*, 2010).

Stepwise excavation (SW) is an option for the treatment of deep lesions. It involves initial excavation, in which the necrotic and disorganized tissue is removed, leaving soft tissue over the pulp wall. The cavity is then temporarily sealed, allowing the pulp to react and produce tertiary dentin (Bjørndal, 2008). The cavity is subsequently re-opened, and the remaining demineralized dentin is removed. This technique involves less pulp exposure compared with complete caries removal during a single session (Magnusson and Sundell, 1977; Leksell *et al.*, 1996). One-year evaluation of SW revealed a survival rate of 74 to 91% (Bjørndal and Thylstrup, 1998; Bjørndal *et al.*, 2010). However, SW requires 2 sessions for treatment completion, resulting in additional costs and discomfort to the patient; further, there is a probability of pulp exposure during the second procedure (Bjørndal and Thylstrup, 1998; Bjørndal *et al.*, 2010).

Because of these problems and the evidence pertaining to lesion arrest after sealing of the cavity (Bjørndal and Larsen, 2000; Maltz *et al.*, 2002; Alves *et al.*, 2010), there is discussion in the literature concerning the necessity for cavity re-opening (Ricketts *et al.*, 2006). Three clinical trials have studied partial caries removal (PCR) on permanent teeth: Two of these trials included lesions reaching the outer half of dentin (Mertz-Fairhurst *et al.*, 1998; Bakshandeh *et al.*, 2011), and the third involved lesions reaching the inner half of dentin (Maltz *et al.*, 2011). All of these studies reported no detrimental effects when demineralized tissue was left in the cavity. Despite these, there are no long-term randomized, controlled trials that support a 1-step partial excavation followed by the immediate placement of a filling on permanent teeth.

The aim of this randomized, multicenter trial was to compare PCR and SW with respect to the primary outcome of pulp vitality for a 3-year follow-up period.

Partial caries removal vs. step-wise caries removal

- 2012 report:
 - 3-year single center RCT
 - Survival rate of 91% PCR vs. 69% SW
- 2018 report:
 - 5 -year multicentrer RCT
 - Survival rate of 80% PCR vs. 56% SW

PCR as a single-visit technique to manage deep caries lesions in permanent teeth

Non-selective removal

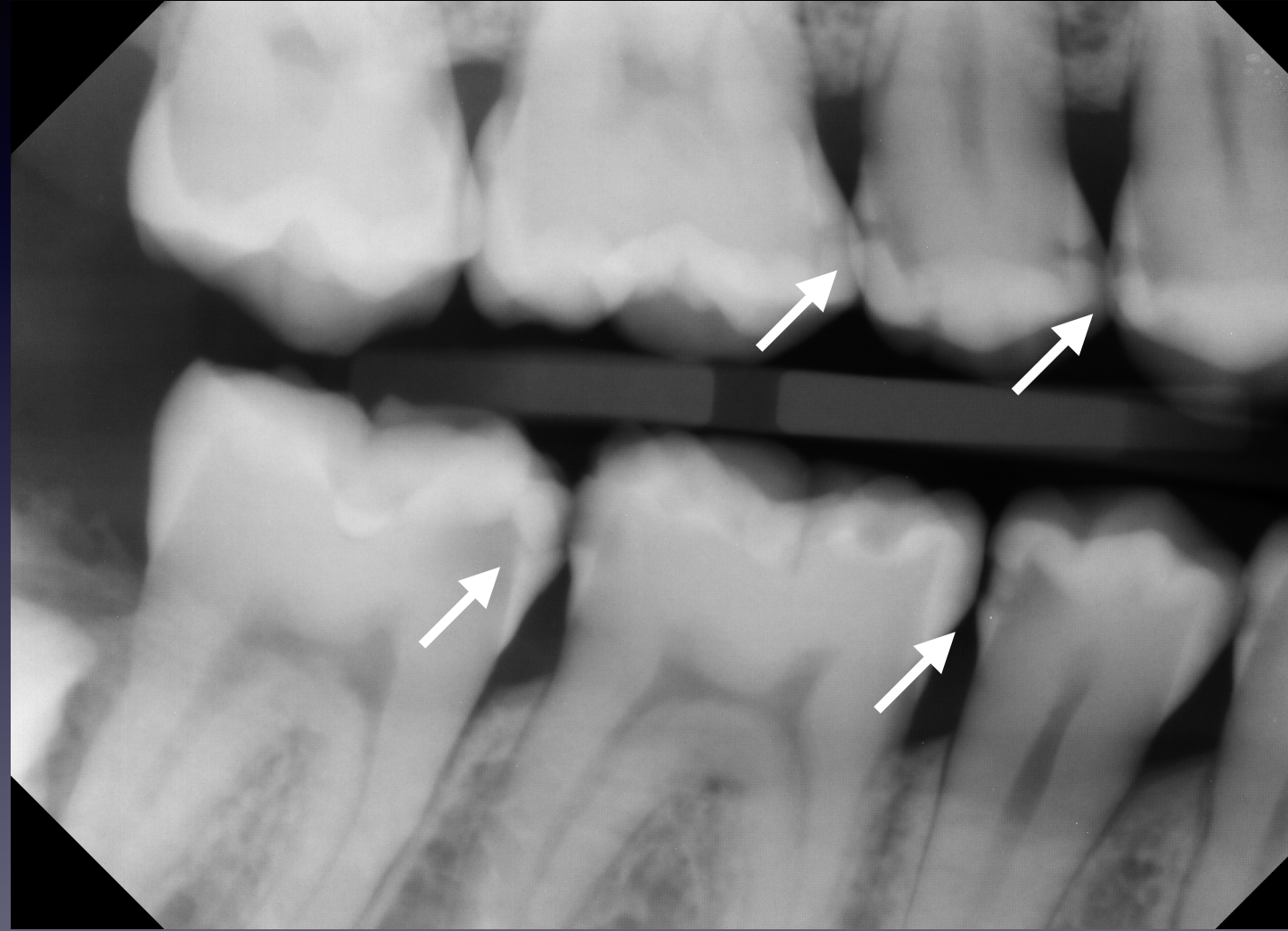
- Also known as complete excavation or complete caries removal
- Popular concept before but now considered overtreatment
- Removal of both soft and firm dentin (leaving only hard dentin behind)
- **Not recommended any longer**

Summary

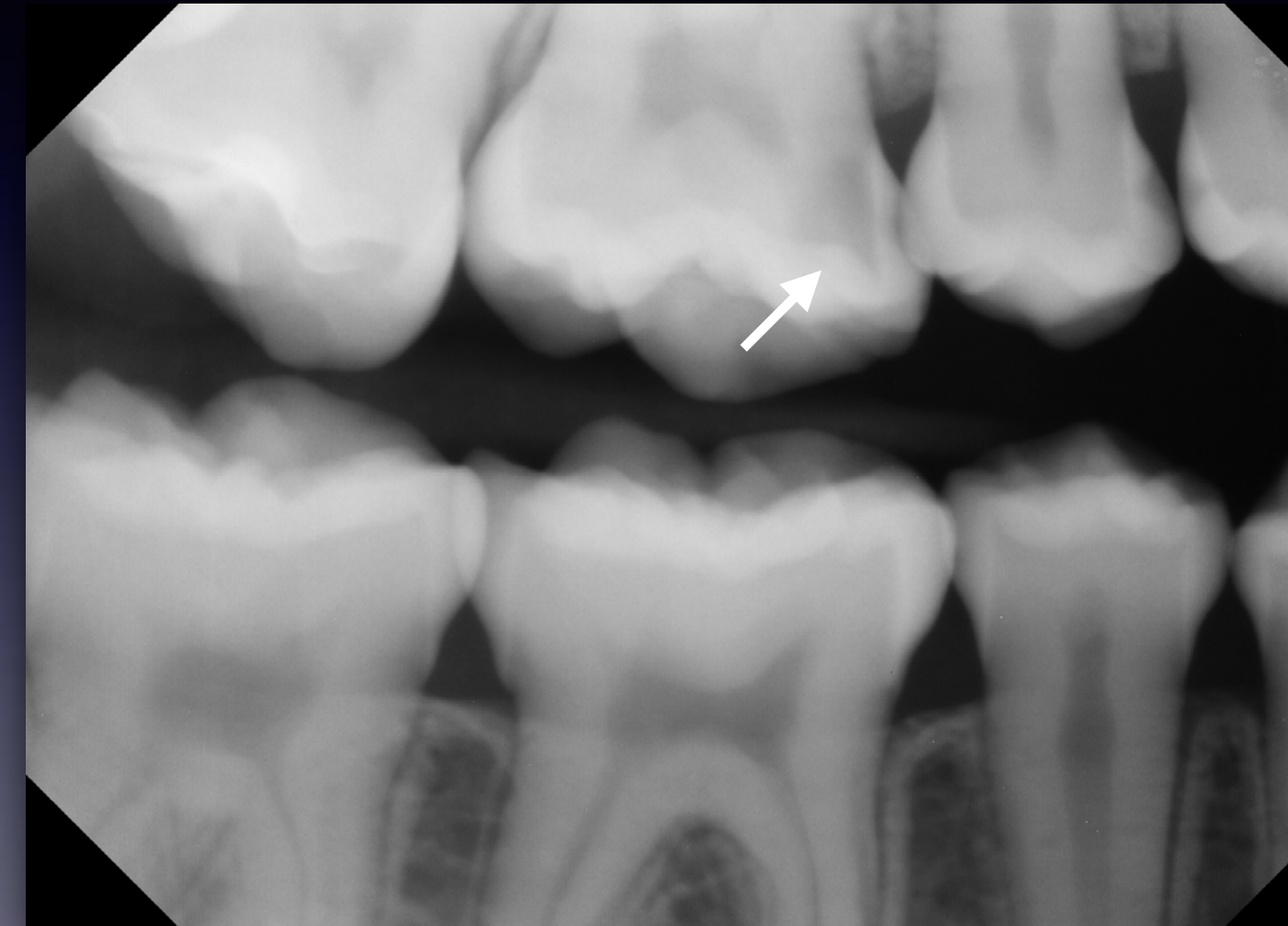
- Atraumatic restorative treatment (ART)
 - Only in limited cases (caries control, elderly individuals, pediatrics, etc.)
- **Selective removal**
 - Recommended practice
- Stepwise removal
- ~~Nonsselective removal~~

II. Managing deep caries: Indirect pulp capping

What would you do?: Deep caries

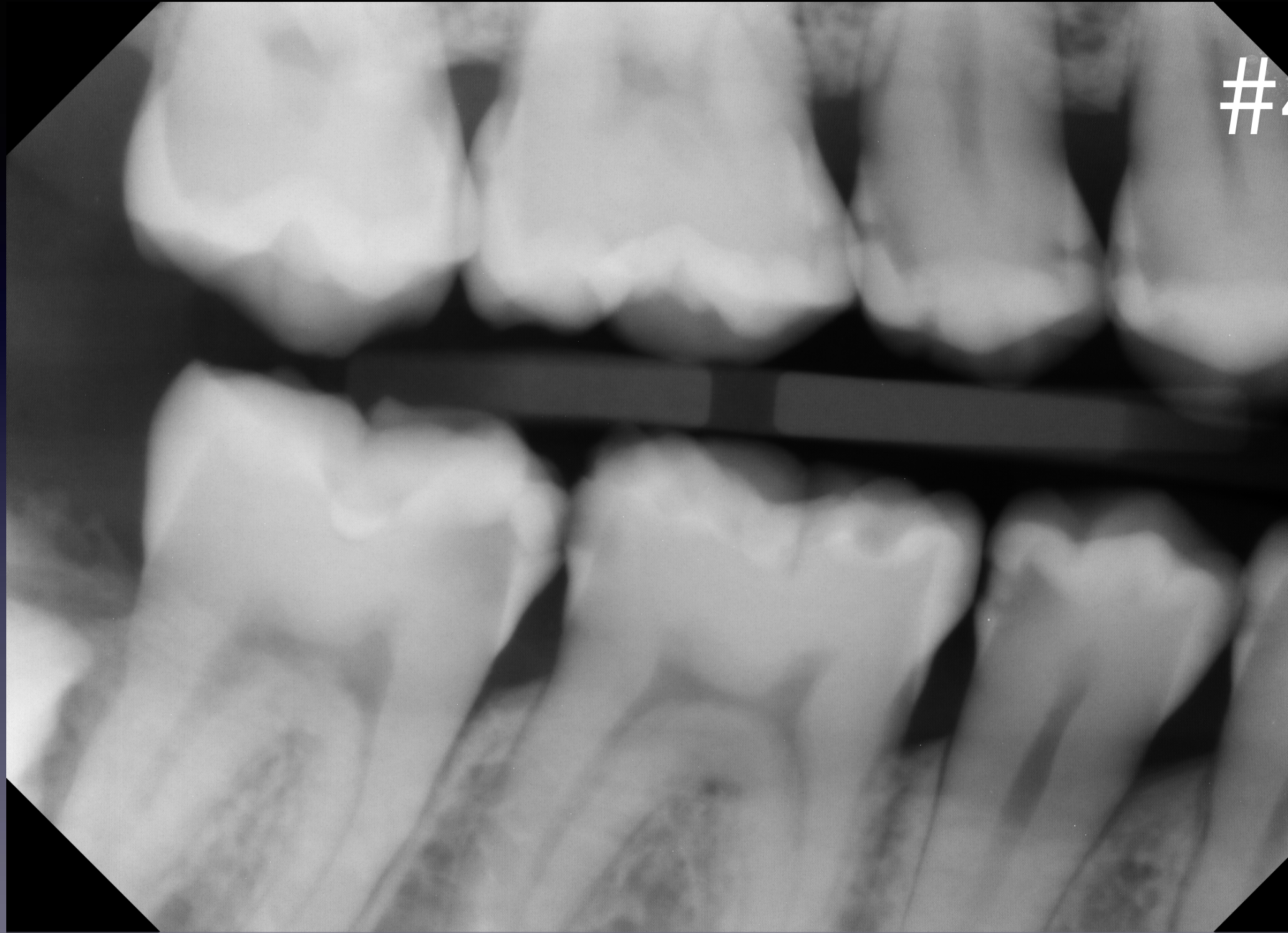


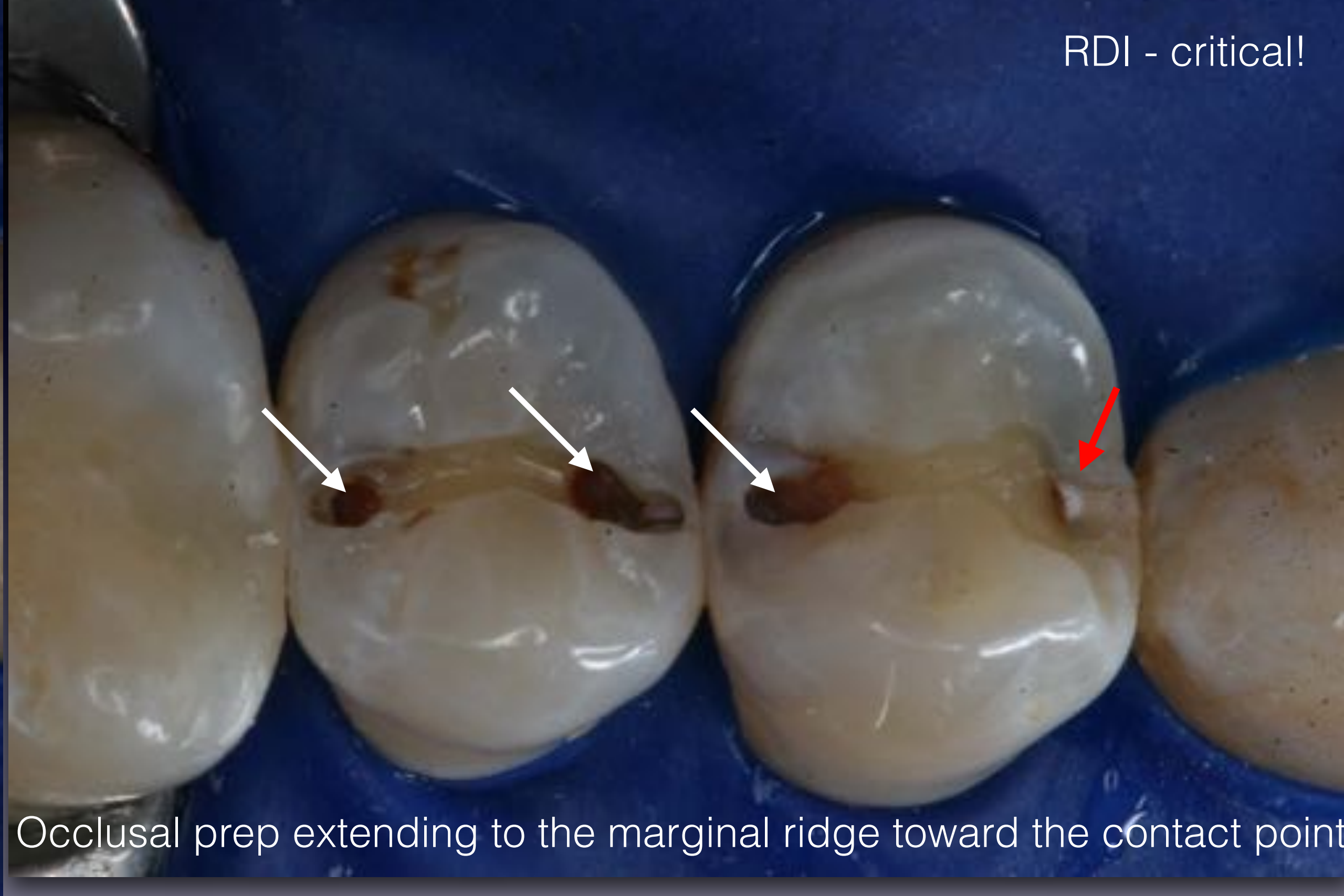
Clearly though the DEJ



Very close to the pulp

#4 and 5 MOD





RDI - critical!

Occlusal prep extending to the marginal ridge toward the contact point



Do ideal prep



Use the biggest available round bur to remove soft dentin and leave firm dentin behind



Leave firm dentin behind



Leave firm dentin behind



Follow the outer contour of the adjacent teeth to make it esthetic
(not as significant for composite restoration)



Indirect pulp capping with GI lining cement



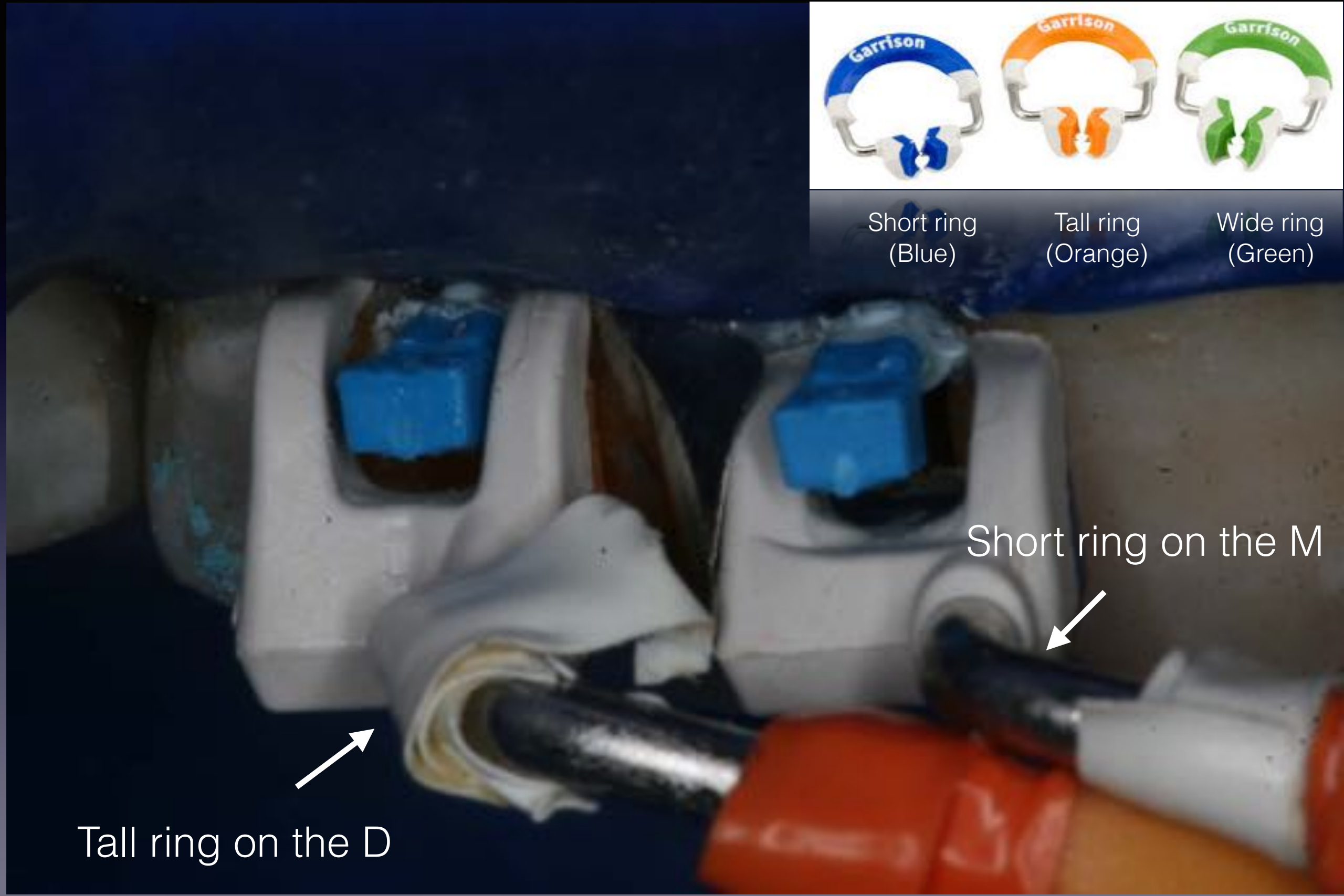
Alternative: TheraCal



Short ring
(Blue)

Tall ring
(Orange)

Wide ring
(Green)

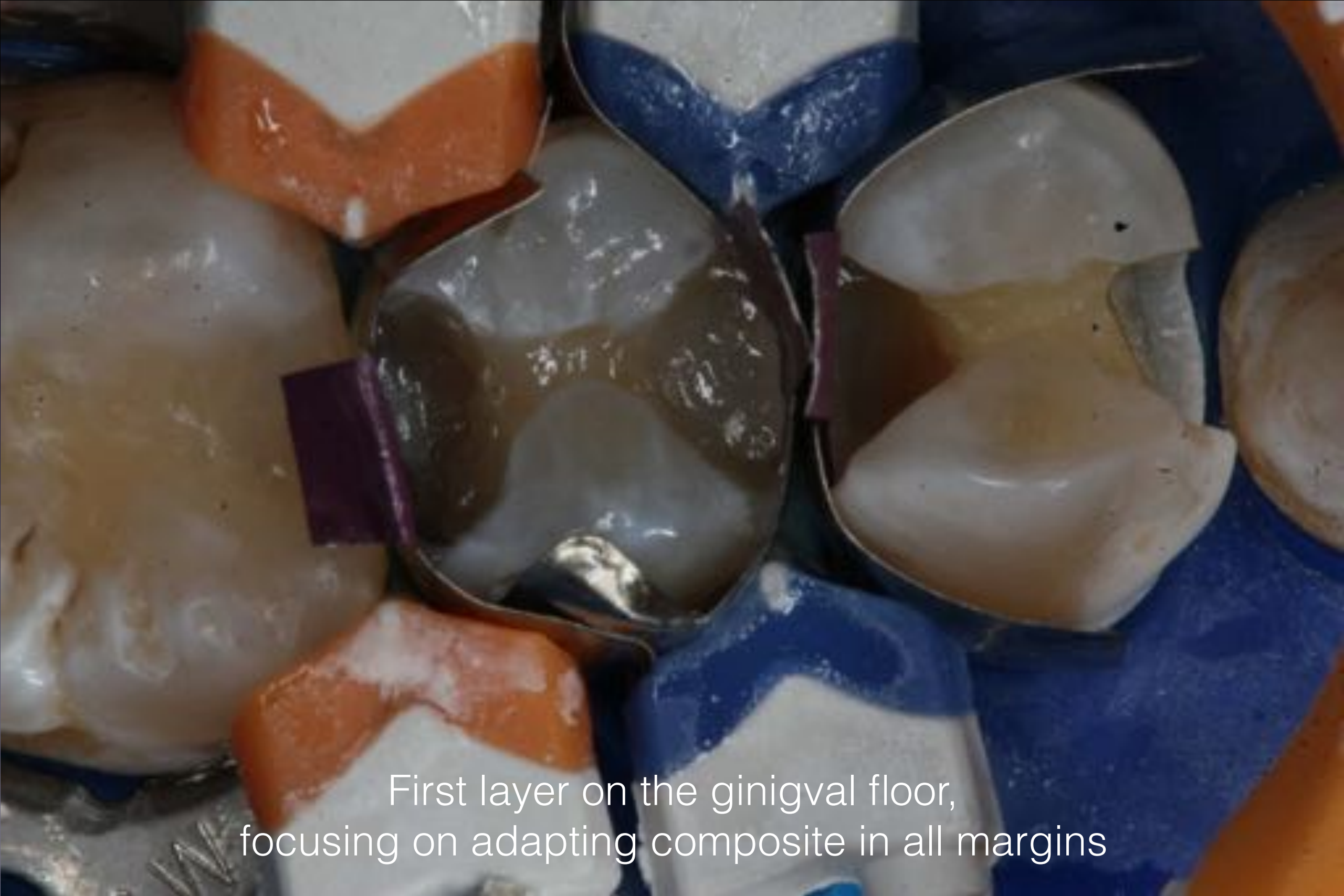


Tall ring on the D

Short ring on the M



Confirm gingival margin seal



First layer on the gingival floor,
focusing on adapting composite in all margins



Develop walls and the marginal ridges using the side of condenser

al the margin by smearing composite on the margin using IPC







First layer on the gingival floor,
focusing on adapting composite in all margins

Seal the margin by smearing composite on the margin using IPC



Shape the marginal ridge using explorer

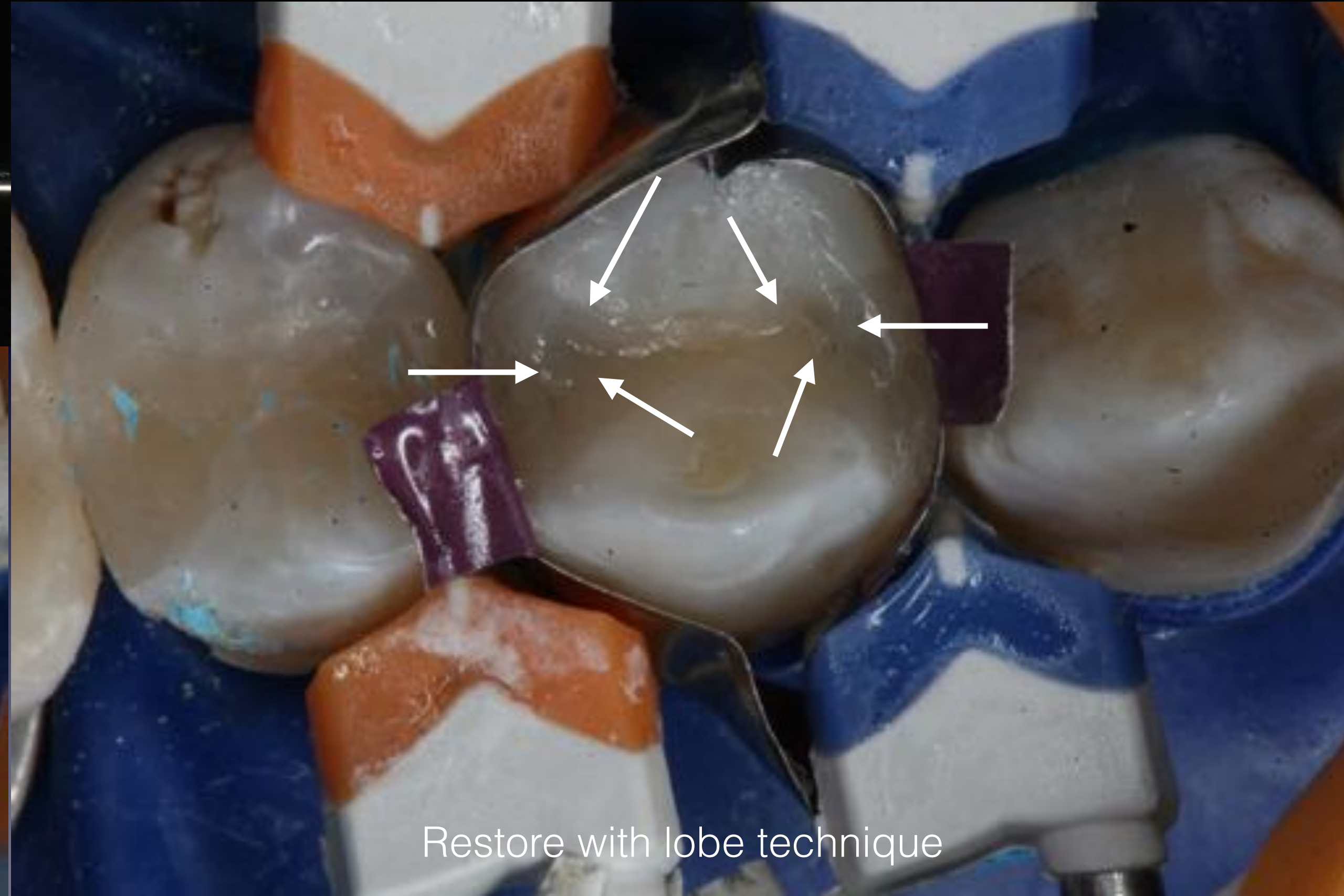


Buccal walls

Restore with lobe technique

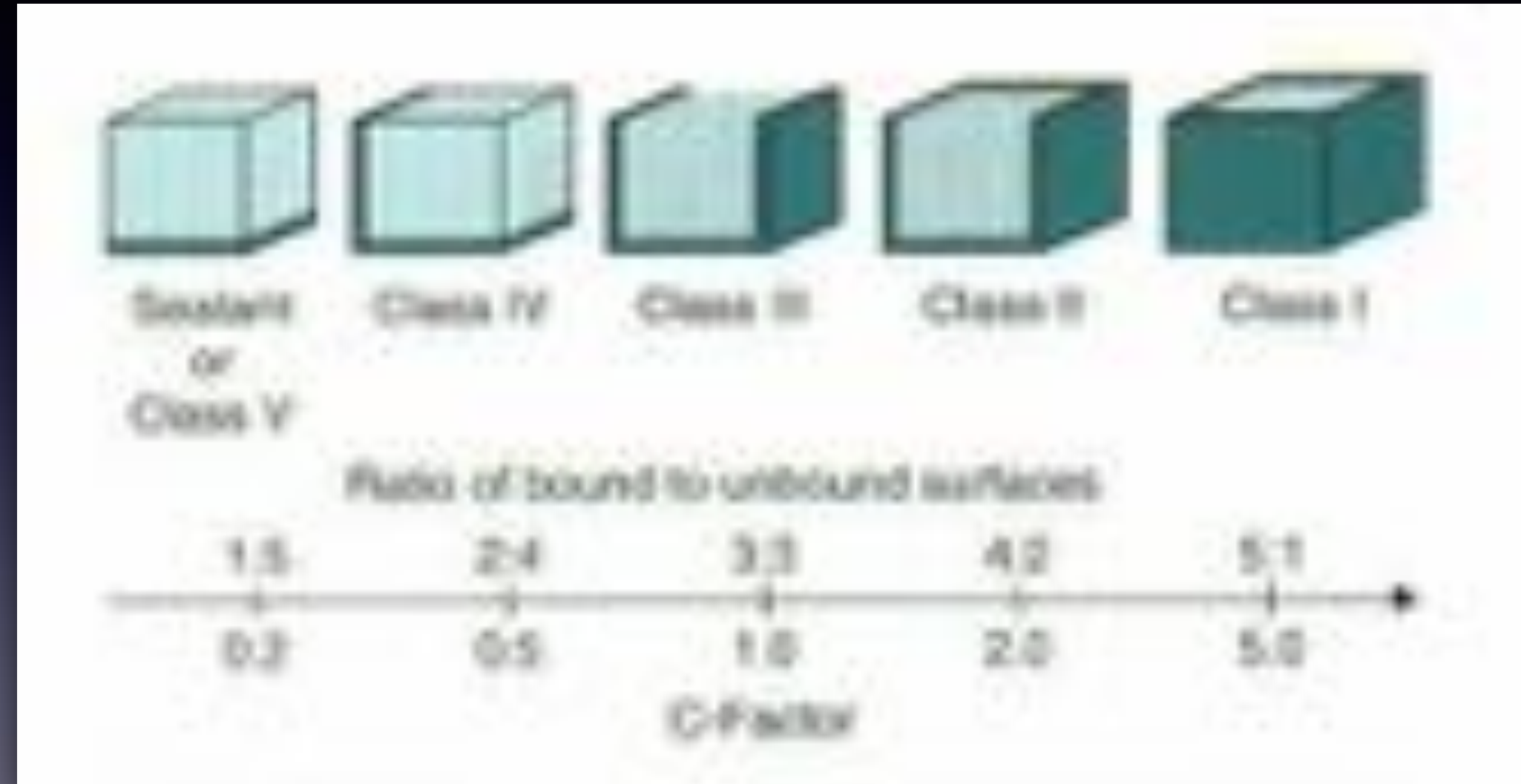


Get a bit of composite onto the instrument and carry it to the tooth

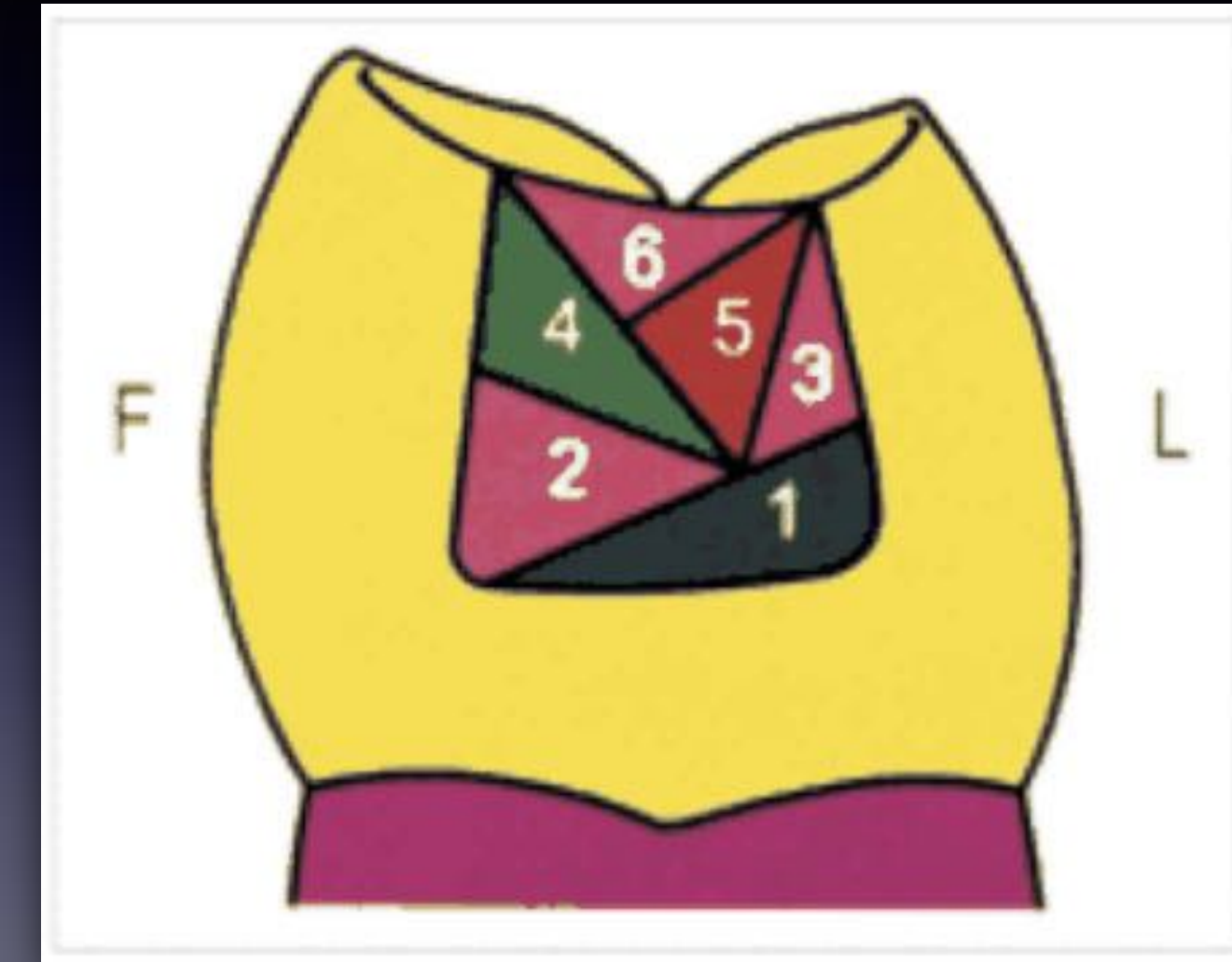


Restore with lobe technique

C-factor and composite shrinkage



Higher C-factor means greater contraction at the bonded surfaces



Lobe technique allows for minimal composite shrinkage



Minimal finishing and polishing

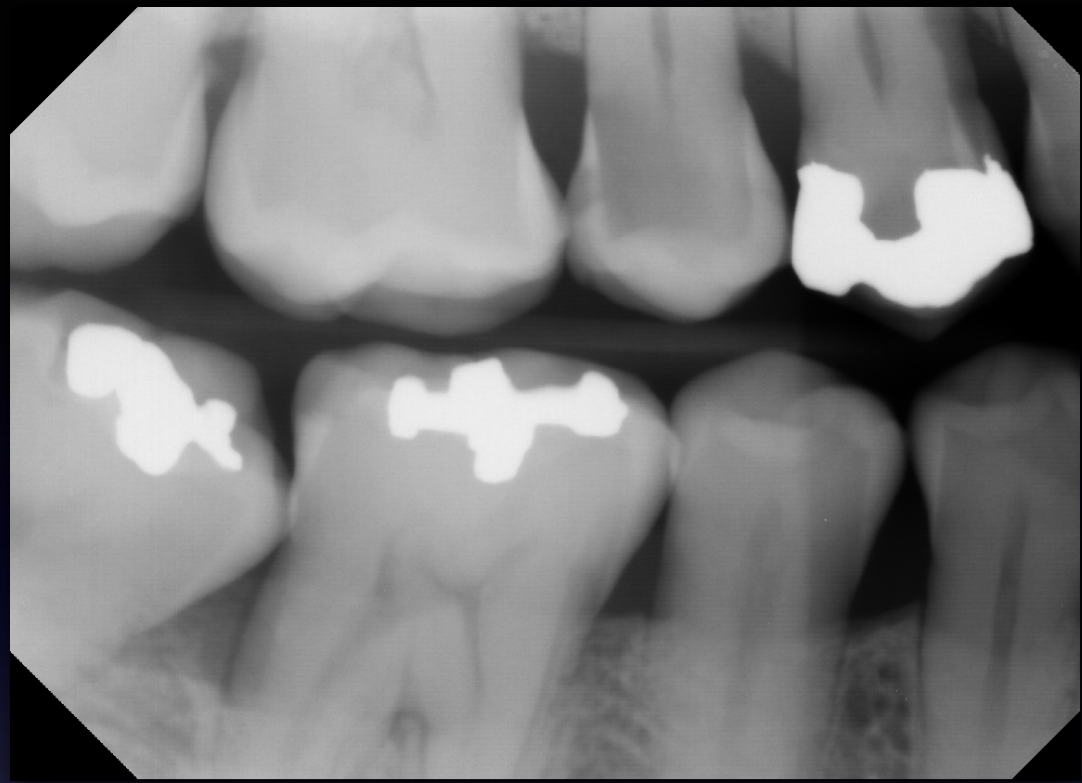


confirm tight sealing of the proximal walls and gingival walls

II. Managing extremely deep caries: Direct pulp capping

What would you do?: Deep caries





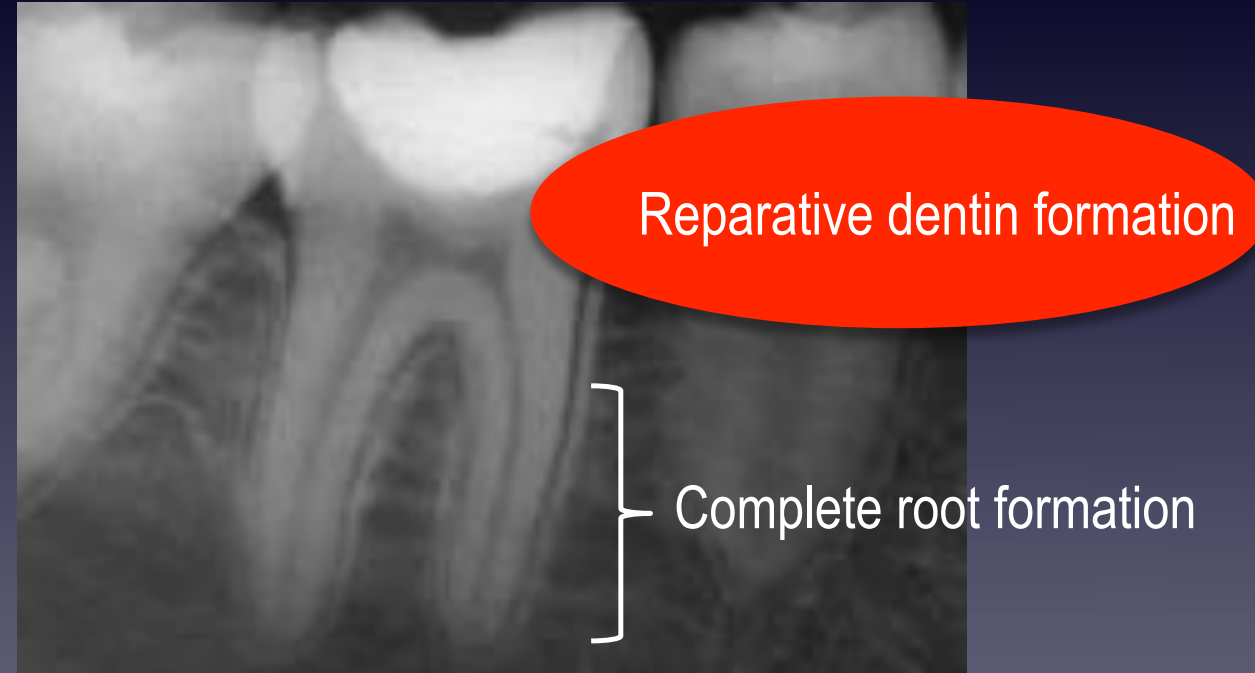
Pre-op: Pulp diagnosis

- Patient history
 - Throbbing pain, dull pain, spontaneous pain
- Endo testing
 - PA, Vitality test (Cold and EPT), Percussion test, Palpation test, Mobility test, and Probing depth
 - In case with extreme deep caries with no endo symptoms, direct pulp capping can be performed

What is "no endo symptoms?" - not irreversible pulpitis

- no Hx of throbbing, dull aching, and spontaneous pain
- + cold test without lingering pain (> 15sec)
- + EPT test (vital tooth)
- WNL probing depth (no sudden drop in depth)
- - to percussion, palpation, and mobility

Vital pulp therapy (VPT)



Bogen et al., JADA, 2008

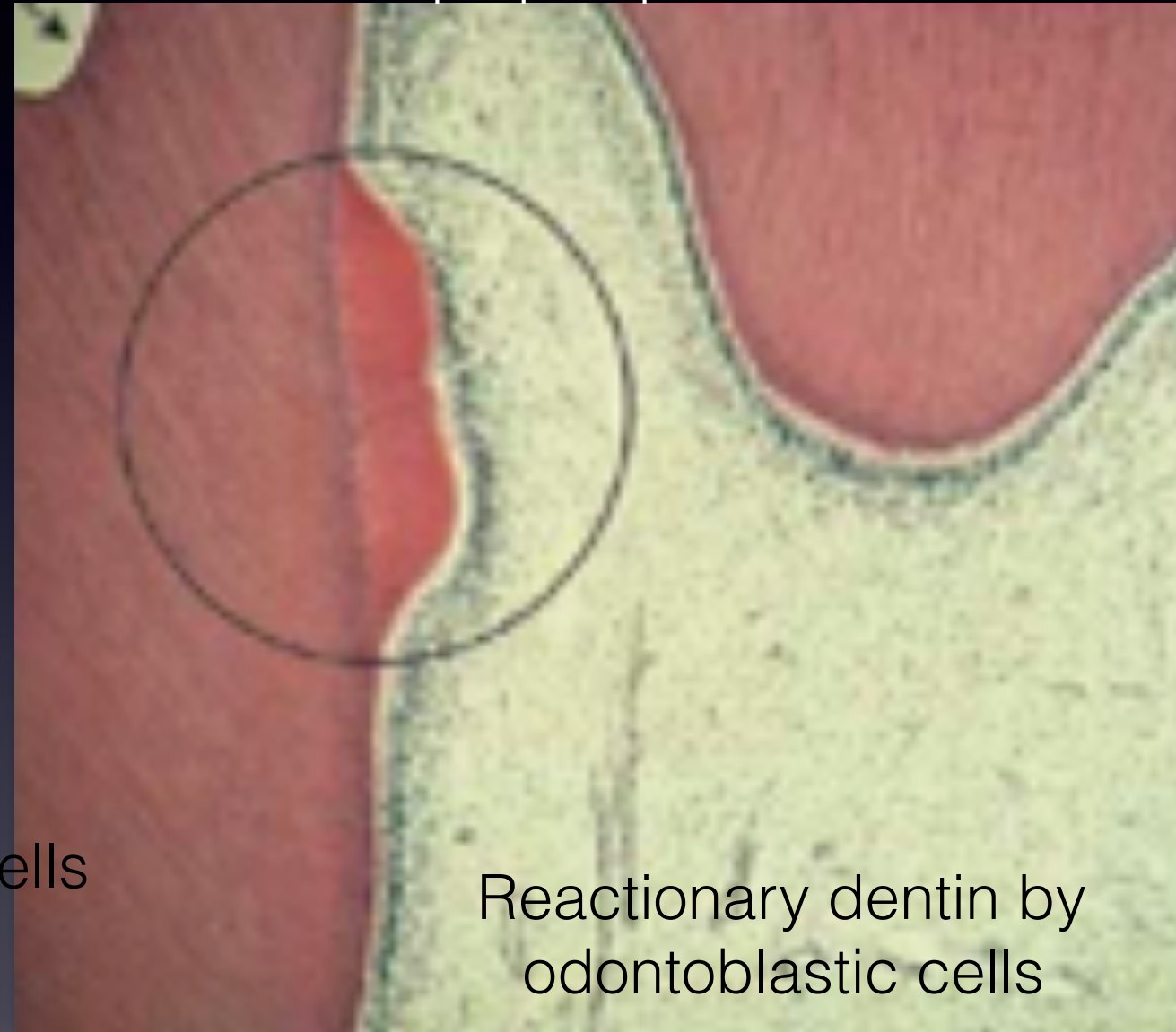
- To preserve entire or partial pulp tissues that are otherwise diseased, traumatized, and damaged.
- The most conservative restorative procedure for protecting the pulp from further insult (Aguilar et al., JOE, 2011).
- Only after non-selective carious-tissue removal
- RDI absolutely required

Goal of VPT

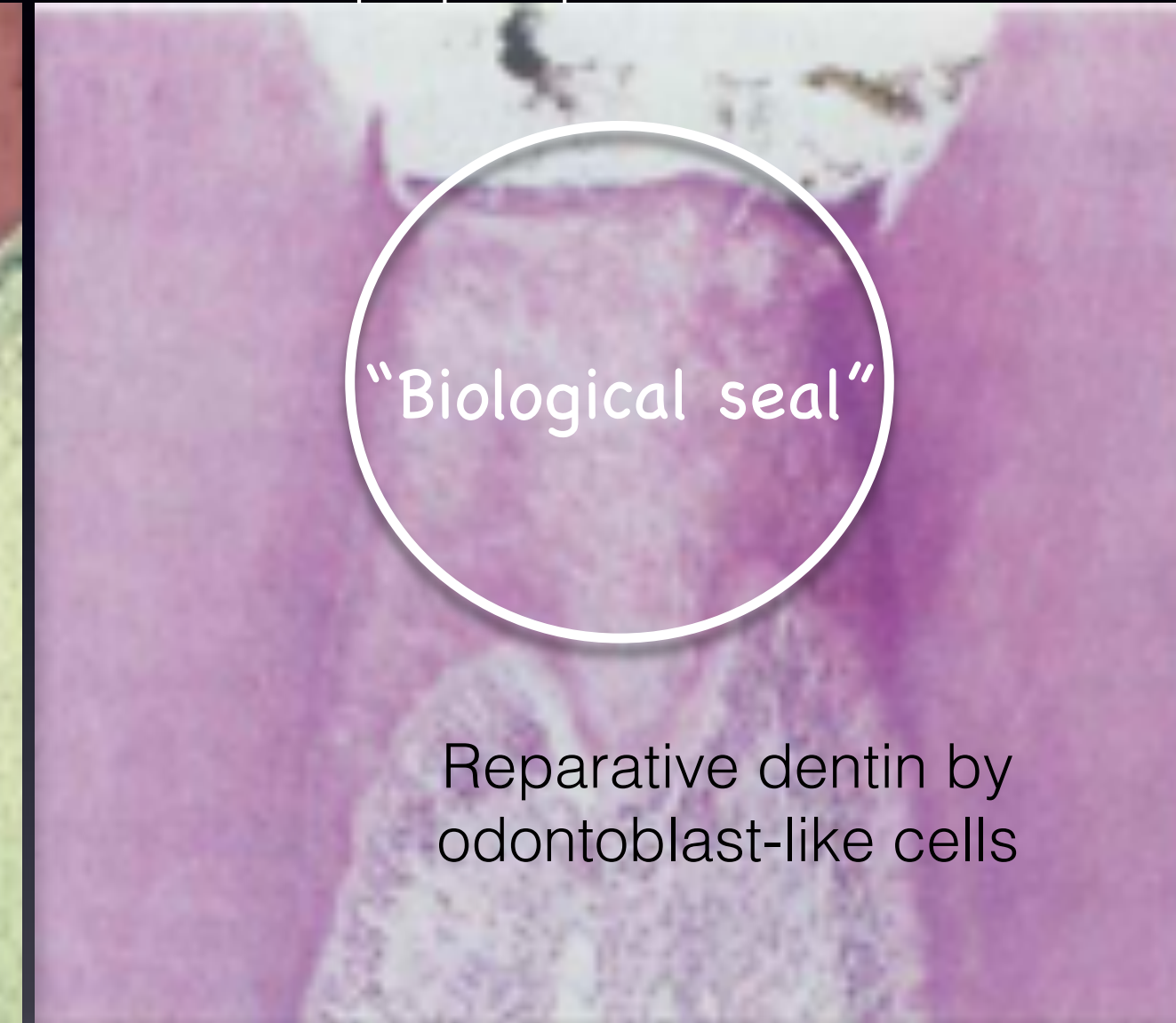
Normal



Stress without pulp exposure



Stress with pulp exposure



- To regenerate reparative dentin (Dentinal bridge), which functions as a “biological seal” to protect the underlying pulp.

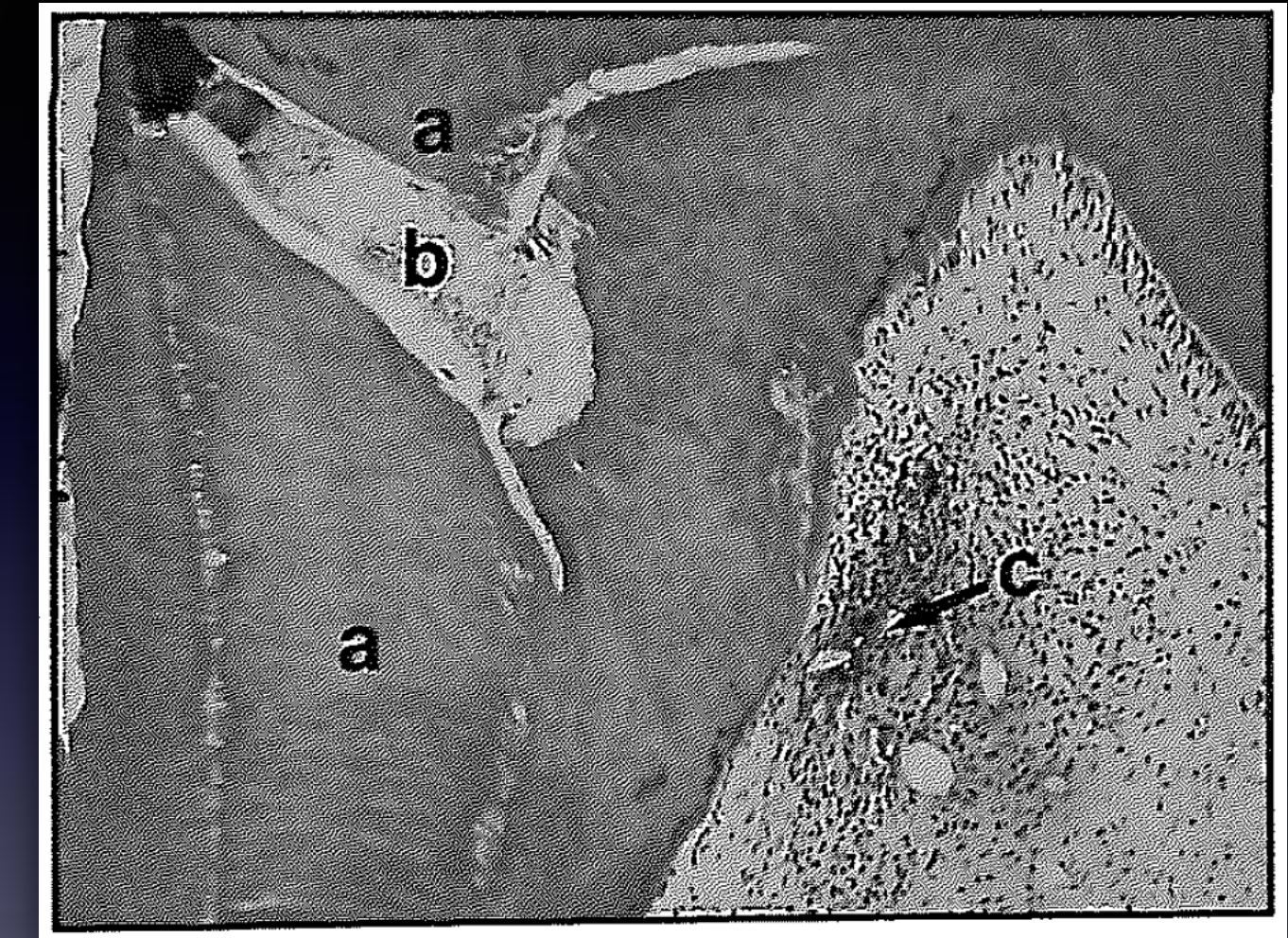
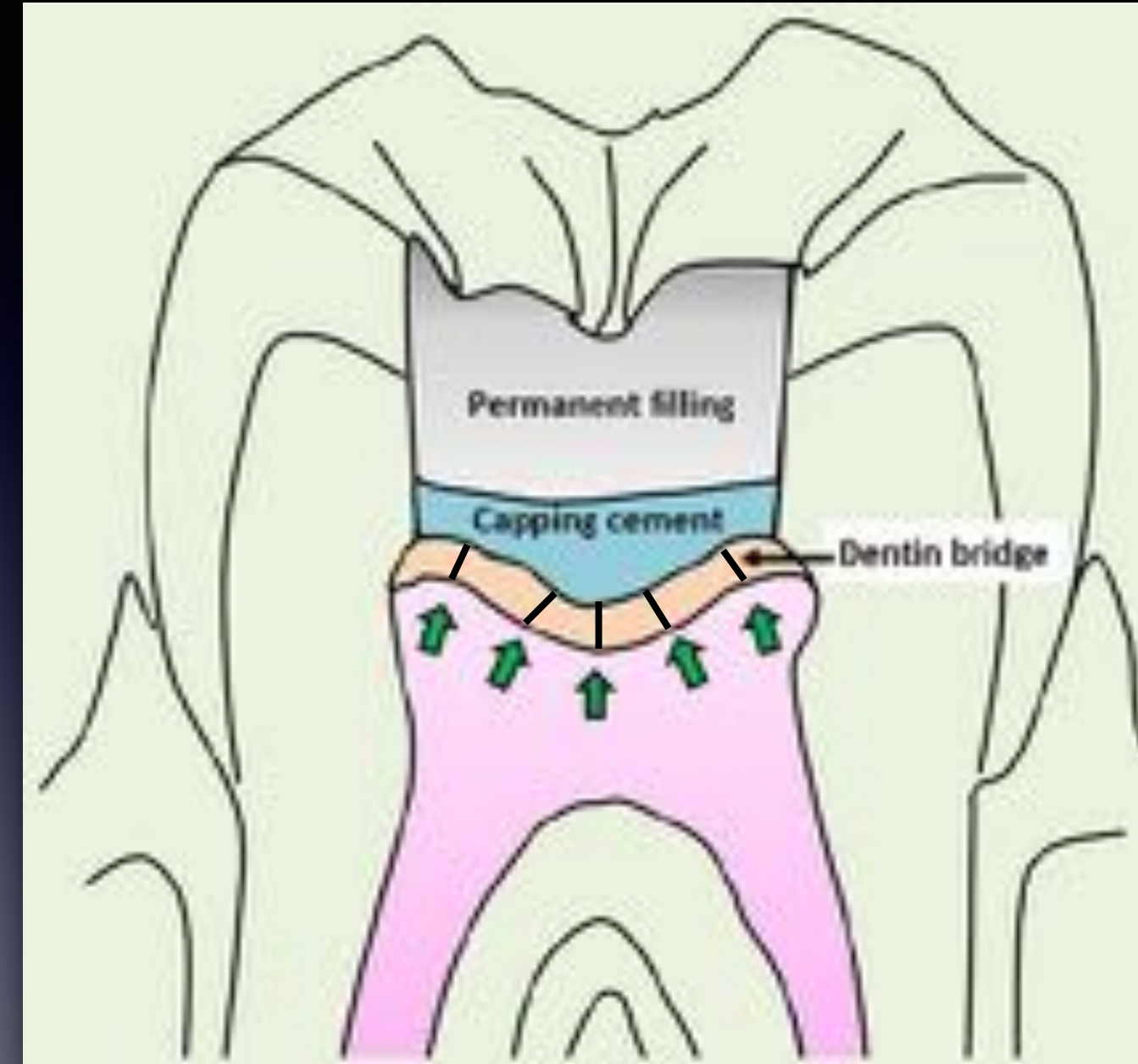
Calcium hydroxide (CH)

- Gold standard for direct pulp capping for many decades
- Long history (~90 years)
- Produce hydroxyl anions (OH⁻)
 - Creates alkaline environment which is favorable for mineralization process



Major drawbacks of CH

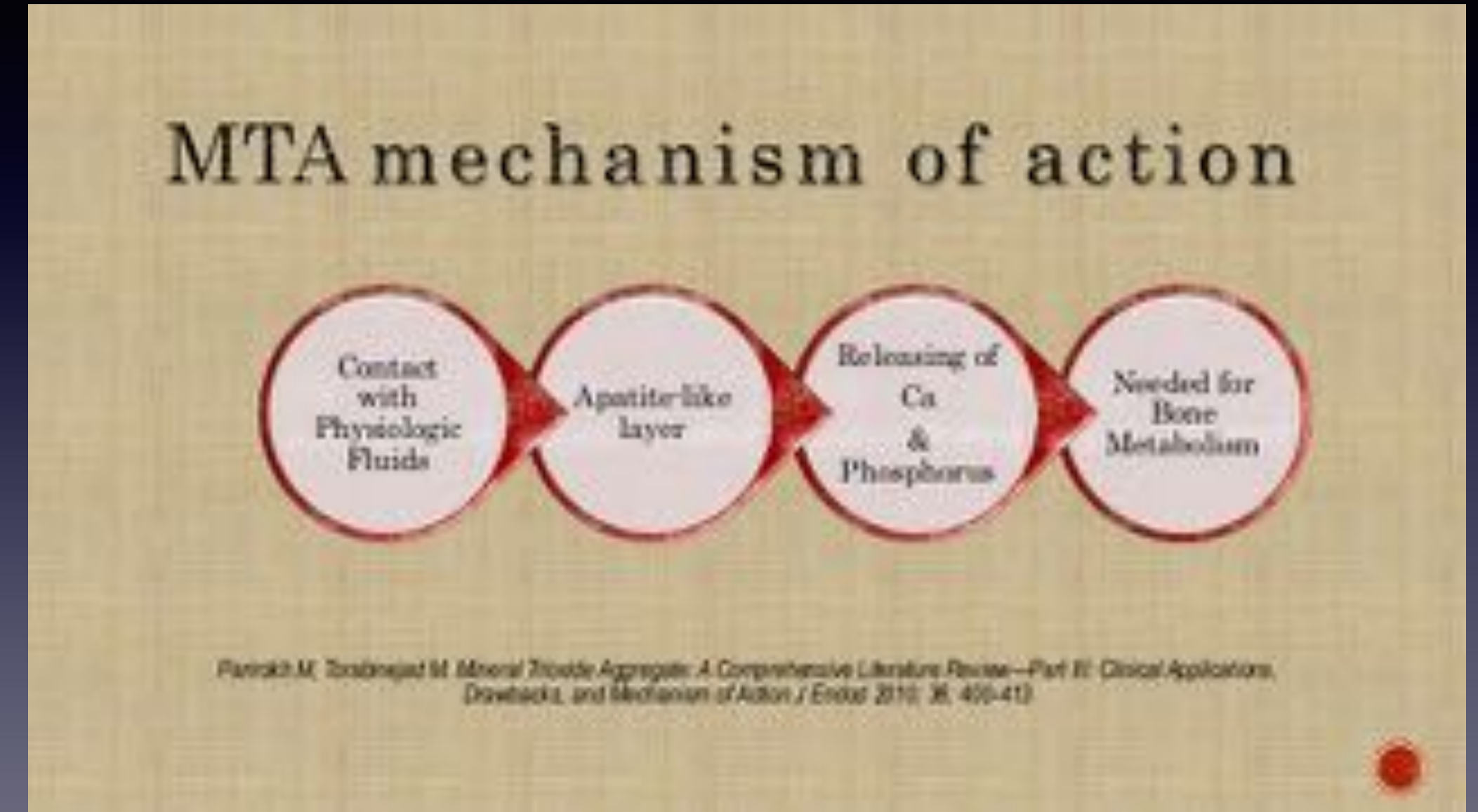
- Pulp Surface Inflammation and Necrosis
- Tunnel defects in dentin bridge. 89% of dentin bridges formed by calcium hydroxide cement in monkeys contained tunnel defects. (Cox *et al.* 2001)
- Does not provide hermetic seal against micro leakage
- Lack of adhesion and degradation over time.
- High solubility - “tunnel defects”
 - The success rate: 80.1% after 1 year, 68.0% after 5 years, and 58.7% after 9 years. (Willershausen *et al.* 2001)



a = Dentin bridge;
b = tunnel defect;
c = Dycal-ingested inflammatory cells

Hydraulic calcium silicate cements (HCSCs)

- Derivatives of the prototype, Mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA)
 - First introduced in early 1990s by Torabinejad and his coworker.
- Hydraulic - requires H₂O for activation
- Main constituents are dicalcium silicates and tricalcium silicates



- (Ford *et al.*, J Endo 1996; Torabinejad *et al.*, J Endo 1993)

Major drawbacks of MTA

- Long setting time
- Potential to cause tooth discoloration
- Difficult handling properties
- Expensive to purchase
- No known solvent



Which components in CH and HCSCs are responsible for dentinal bridge formation?

Ca²⁺

- Many bone grafting materials are enriched with Ca²⁺
- Calcium alone can induce odontogenic differentiation *in vitro*

OH⁻

- pH of 12-13 (Staehle et al., 1989; Tanomaru-Filho et al., 2009; Fridland et al., 2005)
- Alkaline environment promote bone formation.
- Alkaline phosphatase activity, an important enzyme for mineralization, is optimal in 7.37 (Monfoulet et al., 2014; Fliefel et al., 2016)
- pH above 8.0 is shown to inhibit mineralization process both in vitro and in vivo (Monfoulet et al., 2014; Fliefel et al., 2016)
- Excellent microbial activity

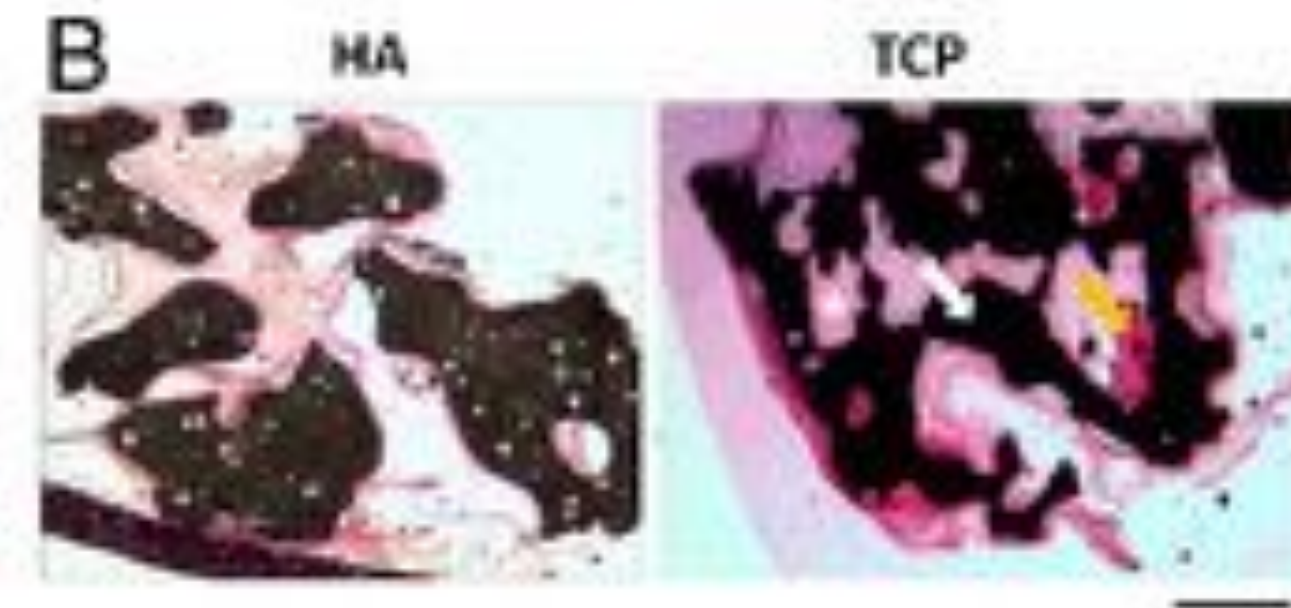
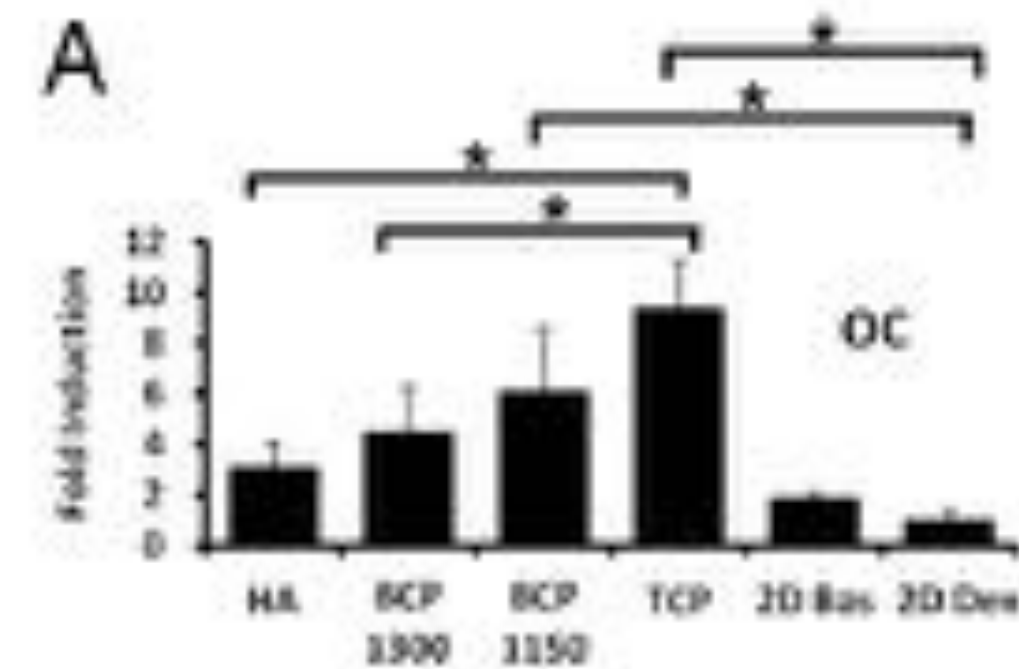
Osteoinductive ceramics as a synthetic alternative to autologous bone grafting

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Table 1.

| | HA | TCP | BCP1150 | BCP1300 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Chemistry | HA | 5HA + 95TCP | 20TCP/80HA | 20TCP/80HA |
| Particle size, mm | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
| Specific surface, m ² /g | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1 | 0.2 |
| Percentage of materials, % | 46.4 ± 2.4 | 49.9 ± 1.8 | 45.6 ± 2.2 | 44.6 ± 1.9 |
| Microporosity, %* | 3.1 | 48.7 | 41.1 | 8.7 |
| Ca release, ppm | 0.9 ± 0.1 | 15.3 ± 0.2 | 5.4 ± 0.1 | 4.2 ± 0.4 |

*Volume percentage of micropores smaller than 10 μm within the ceramic.



Calcium release: TCP > BCP1150 > BCP1300 > HA

More calcium release from the scaffolds means more bone formation

Hydraulic Calcium Silicate Cements (HCSCs)



Which one should I use?

TABLE 3

Commercially Available Calcium Silicate-Based Cements

| Commercial brand | Company | Working time | Setting time |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| BioAggregate | Innovative Bioceramics, Vancouver, B.C. | 5 min | 2.5-6 h |
| BioDentine | Septodont, Saint-Maur-des-Fosses, France | 6 min | 12 min |
| Calcium Enriched Mixture | Bionique Dent, Tel Aviv, Israel | 5 min | <1 h |
| Capasa | Prinus Consulting, Bradenton, FL | N/A | 150 min |
| Cerkomed MTA plus | Wojciech Pawlowski, Niska, Poland | 6-10 min | 10 min |
| Chowells MTA | Insight Endo, Henry Schein, New York | 10 min | 15 min |
| DiaRoot BioAggregate | DiaDent Group International, Burnaby, B.C. | >5 min | 4 h |
| Endocem MTA | Manulife, Wonsu, Korea | 2 min | 4 min |
| Endosequence | Bondtek USA, Savannah, Ga. | 4 h | 6-10 h |
| Genex-A | Dentsply, Tulsa, Okla. | N/A | 75 min |
| Grey MTA Plus | Avalon Biomed Inc, Bradenton, FL | 12-20 min | 1.25 h |
| Harvard MTA | Harvard Dental International GmbH, Hoppengarten, Germany | >2 min | 5 min |
| iRoot BP Plus | Innovative Bioceramics, Vancouver, B.C. | Premixed | 5-7 d |
| MMMTA | MicroMega, Besancon, France | 2 min | 20 min |
| MTA Angelus, MTA Bio | MTA-Angelus, Londrina PR, Brazil | 10 min | 10-15 min |
| MTA Plus | Front-Dentco, Jamna, India | 12 min | < 1h |
| MTA-Caps | Acteon, Maignac, France | N/A | 20 min |
| MTA-CPM | EGEO-SIL, Buenos Aires, Argentina | N/A | 15 min |
| NeoMTA Plus | Avalon Biomed Inc, Bradenton, FL | 20 min | <1 h |
| Odontocem | ADM, Brisbane, Australia | 10 min | 24 h |
| OrthoMTA | BioMTA, Seoul, Korea | 3 min | 5 h 30 min |
| PuroRoot MTA | Dentsply, Tulsa, Okla. | 78 min | 261 min |
| RetroMTA | BioMTA, Seoul, Korea | 2.5 min | 6 h |

Modeling direct pulp capping in animals

- There are several animal model previously used (Koliniotou-Koumpia *et al.*, *J Dent*, 2005; Tarim *et al.*, *Quintessence Int.* 1998; Tziafa *et al.*, *J Endod.* 2014).
- Among them, rats are most frequently used due to its small in size but large enough to overcome technical difficulties.
- However, these large animals are observational in nature.
- Genetically engineered mice (transgenic or knockout) would help expedite our understanding of these processes at the molecular level.
- Recent studies demonstrated direct pulp capping procedure in mice (Saito *et al.*, *JDR*, 2016; Hunter *et al.*, *JBMR*, 2015; Goldberg *et al.*, *Front Biosci.* 2011).

However, there are no mouse models to demonstrate clinically relevant direct pulp capping procedure.

Establishment of direct pulp capping model in mice



Video Article

Development of a Direct Pulp-capping Model for the Evaluation of Pulpal Wound Healing and Reparative Dentin Formation in Mice

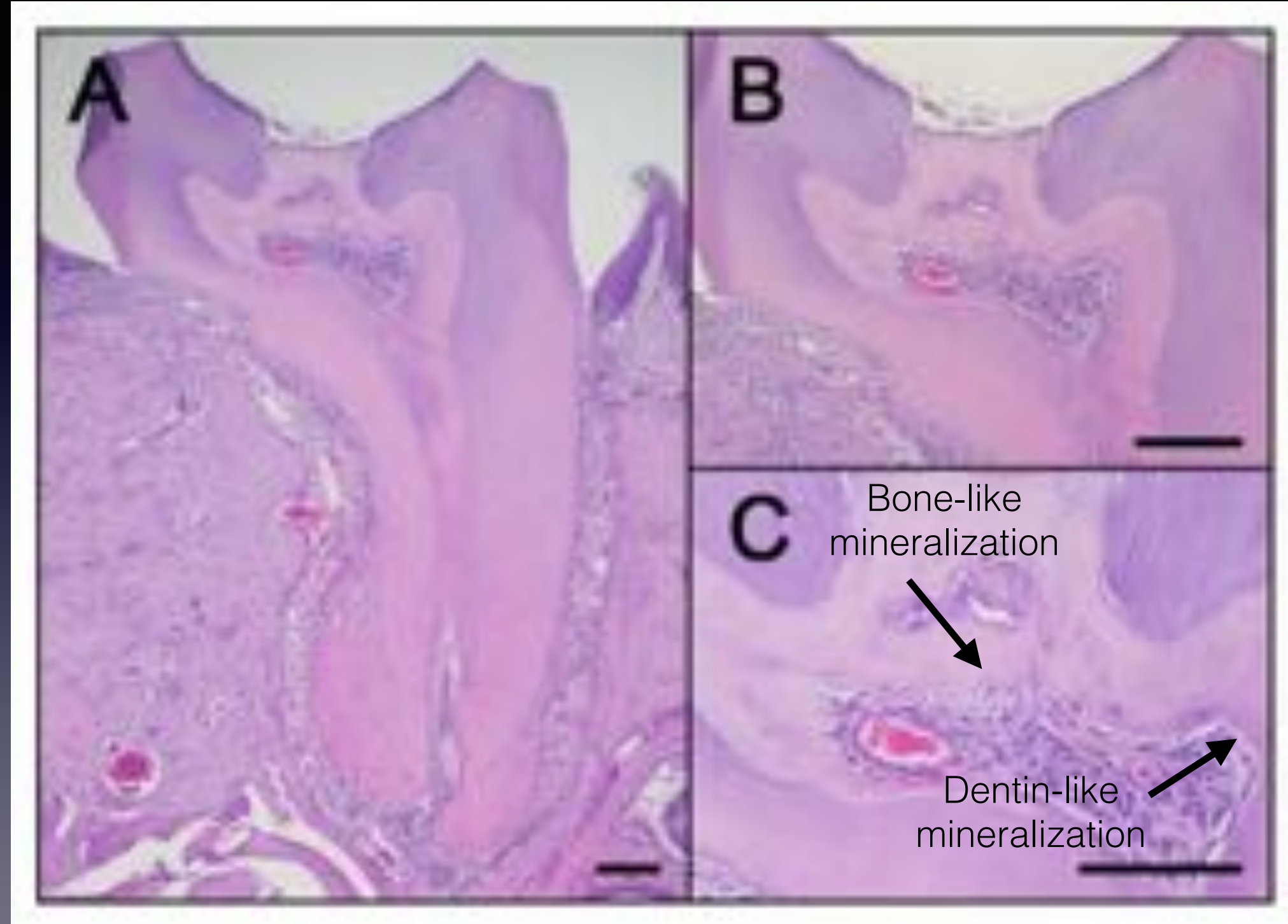
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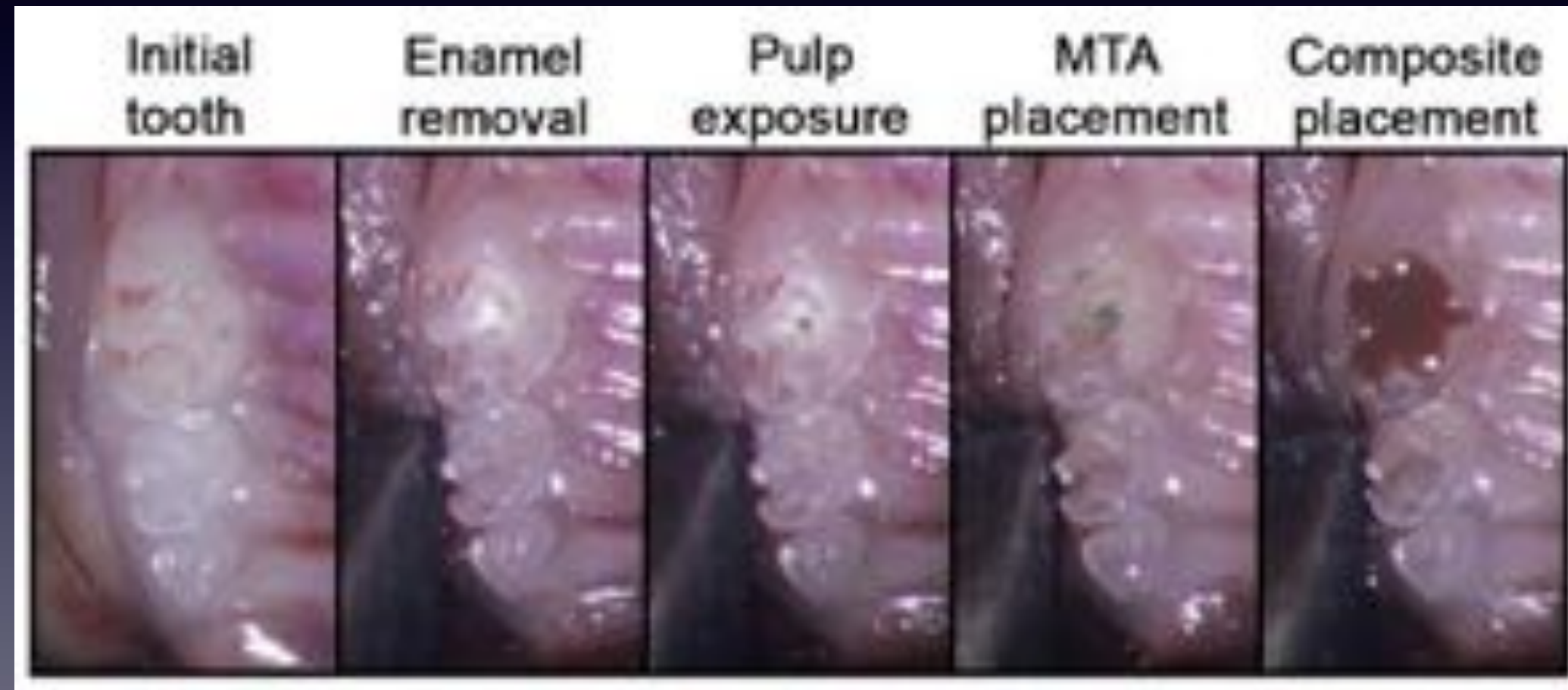
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Comparison among different HCSCs

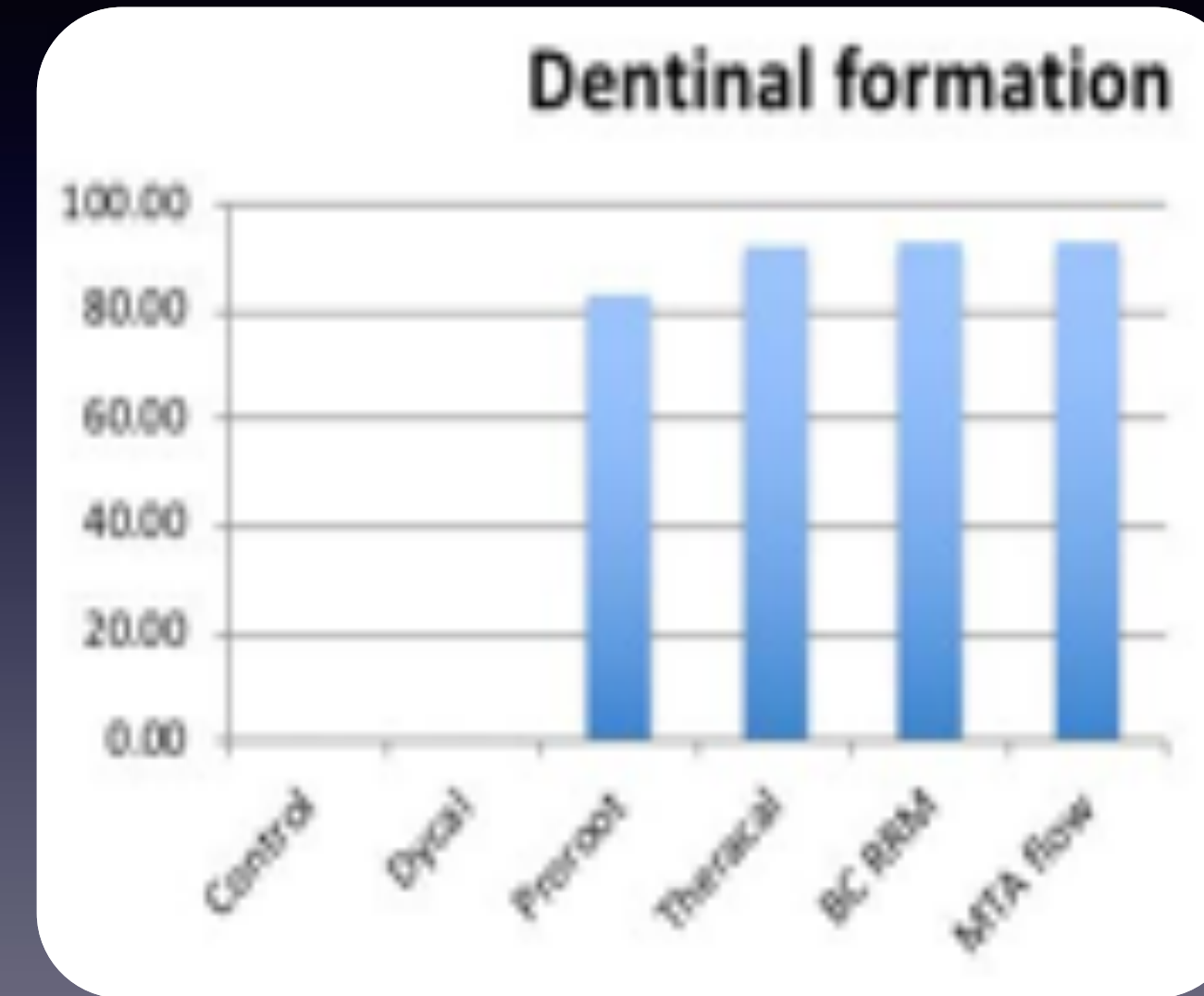


- Methods:

- Direct pulp capping on C57/BL6 mice and left it for 6 weeks
- Samples (n = 14 per group):
 - Composite (control)
 - Dycal (control)
 - Proroot MTA (Dentsply)
 - TheraCal LC (Bisco)
 - EndoSequence BC RRM (Brasseler)
 - MTA FLOW (Ultradent)

Dentinal bridge formation

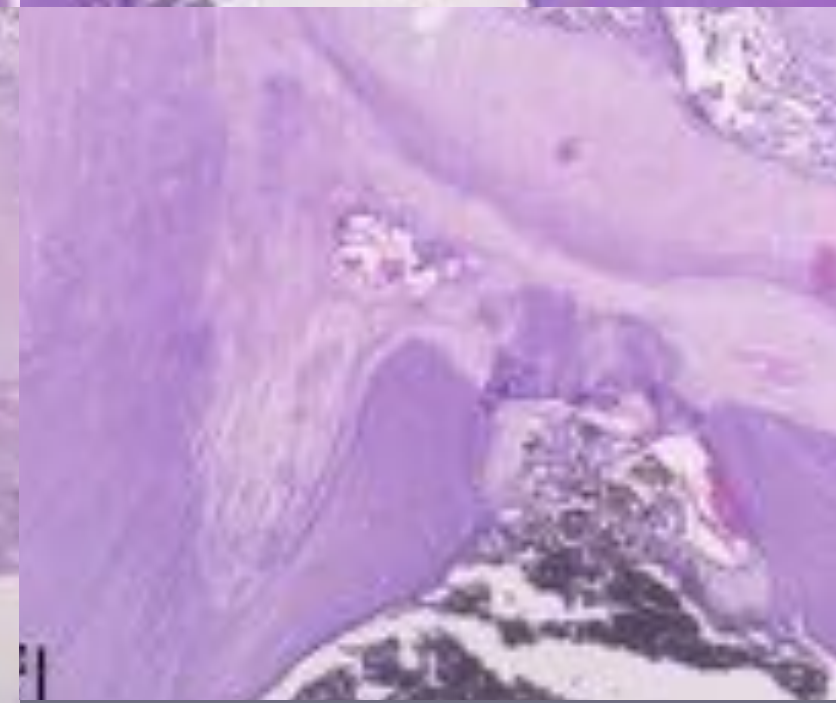
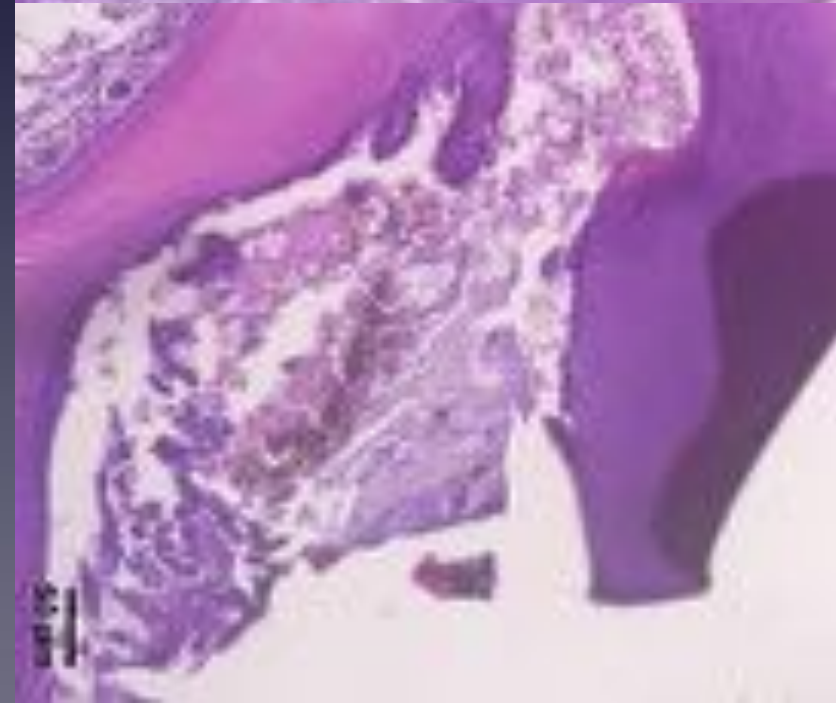
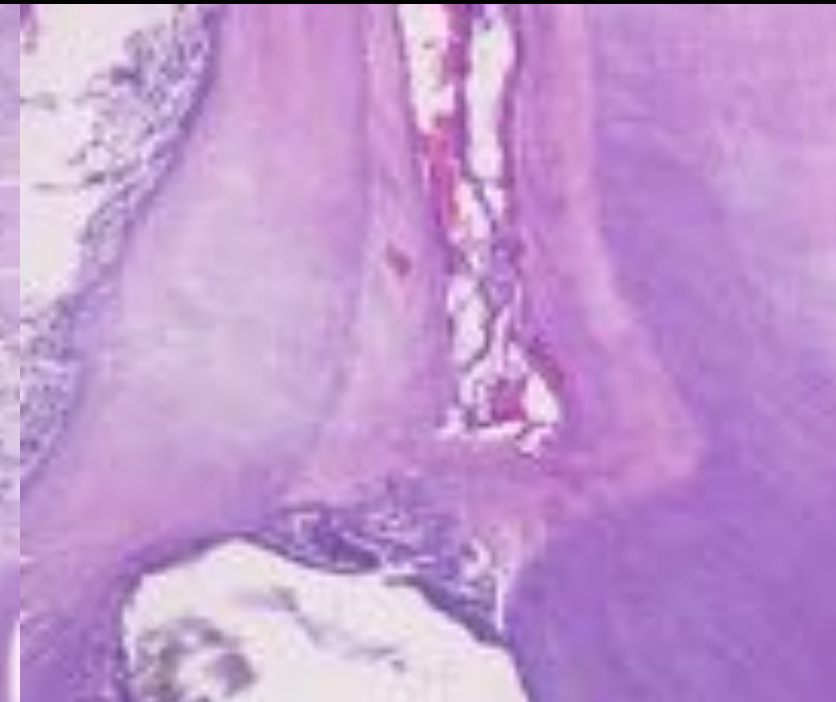
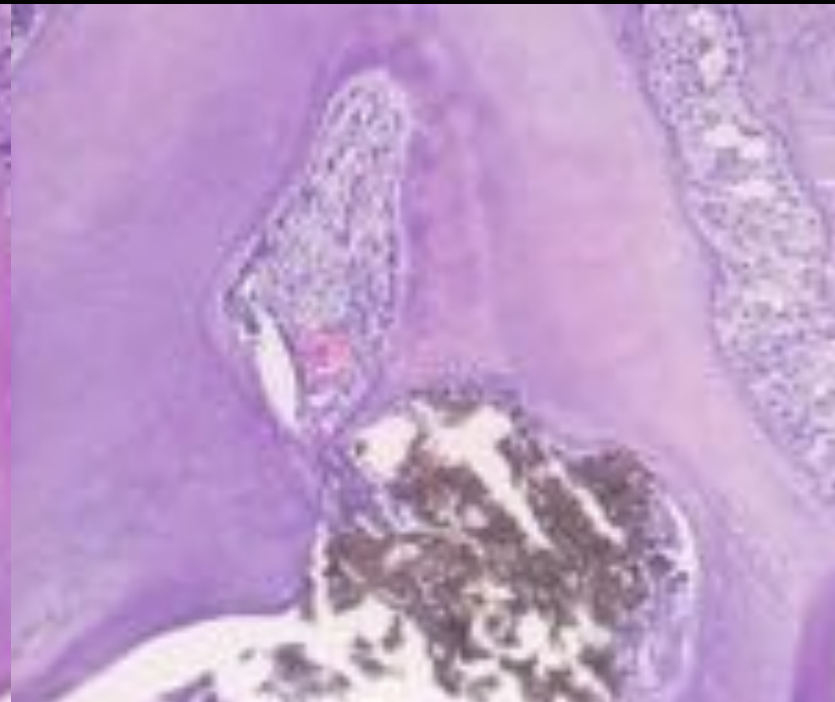
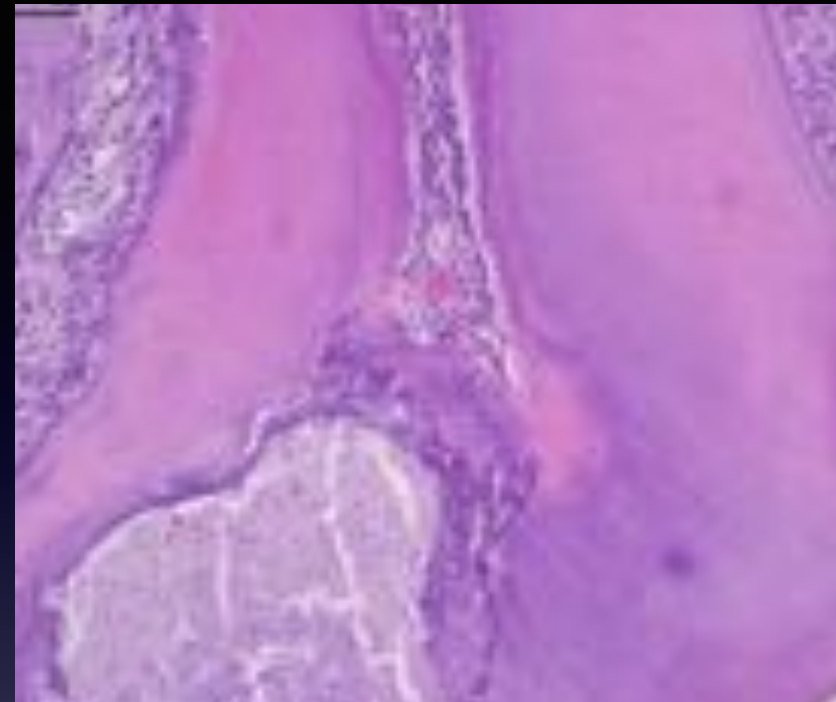
| PCM Type | Dentinal Bridge Formation |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| PROROOT® MTA | 10/12 |
| TheraCal LC | 12/13 |
| EndoSequence BC RRM | 13/14 |
| Endo-Eze™ MTAFlow | 13/14 |
| UltraCal® XS | 0/14 |
| Control | 0/14 |



MTA Flow

EndoSequence

TheraCal LC



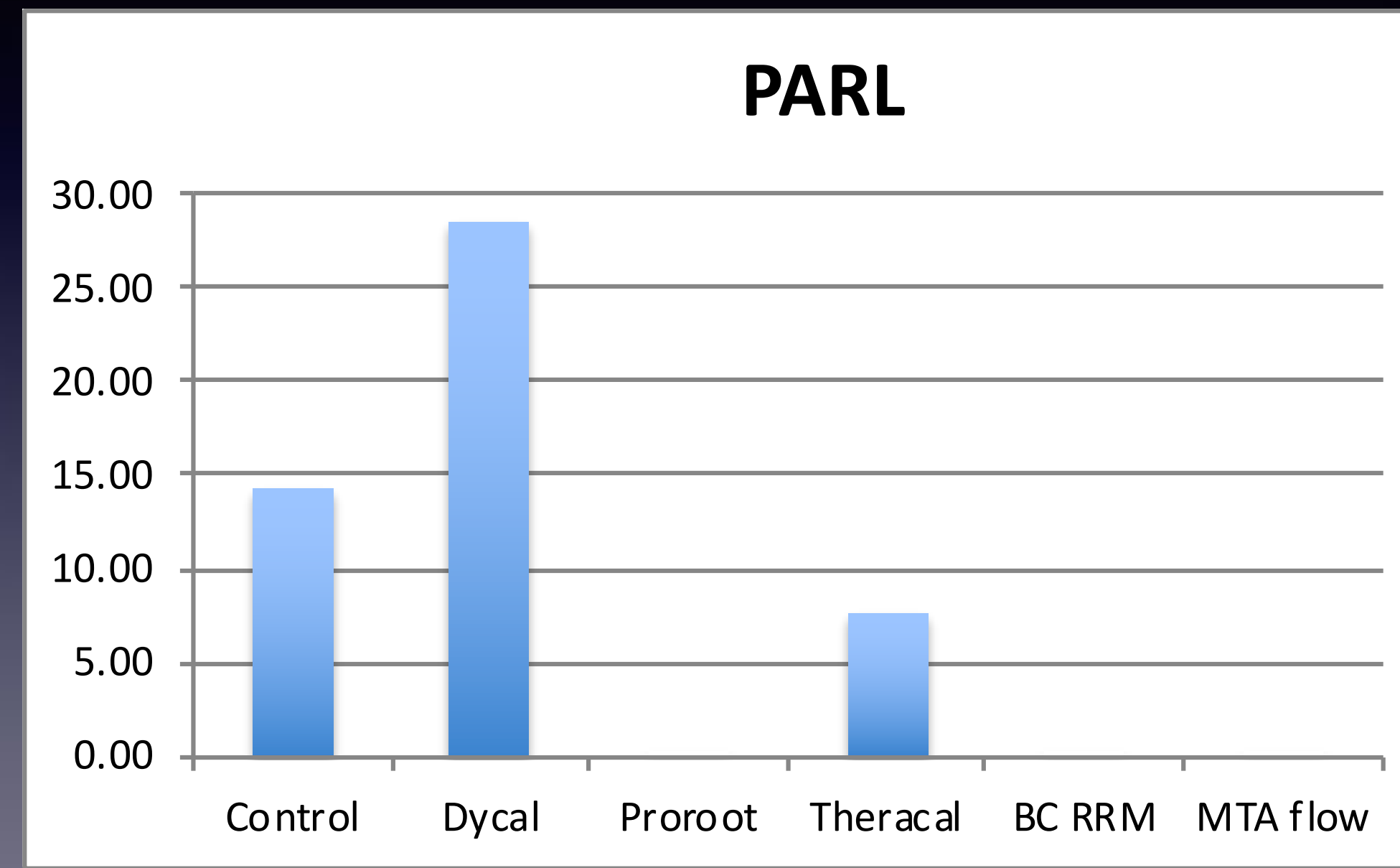
Dycal

Composite

Proroot MTA

PARL development

| PMC Type | Number of Teeth with PARL |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| ProRoot MTA | 0/14 |
| Theracal | 1/14 |
| BC RRM | 0/14 |
| MTA Flow | 0/14 |
| Dycal | 4/14 |
| Control | 2/14 |



Clinical procedures

| Steps | Clinical procedures | Rationales |
|-------|--|--|
| 1 | Apply rubber dam | To isolate the working environment |
| 2 | Use the high-speed large round burs to remove all decay peripherally first ("High-speed zone") | To assess whether the tooth is clinically restorable |
| 3 | Use the low-speed large round burs to carefully remove all decay pulpally and axially ("Low-speed zone") | To establish the exposed pulp opening |
| 4 | Apply 3.5% NaOCl-soaked cotton pellets onto the exposed pulp for 2 min | To stop the bleeding |
| 5 | Place the hydraulic calcium silicate cement (HCSC) materials | To seal the exposed pulp opening |
| 6 | Apply conditioner (10% polyacrylic acid) | To increase the binding capacity of RMGI |
| 7 | Apply RMGI-based liners (e.g., Fuji II LC) | To seal the pulp-capping materials |
| 8 | Apply etchant/primers/adhesives | To increase the binding capacity of composite |
| 9 | Composite (3-step, total-etch) | To restore the tooth |

Case 1: #3 MO















Resin-modified Glass Ionome (RMGI)



Conditioner (10% polyacrylic acid) removes smear layer without stripping tooth of calcium ions. This allows chemical bond between GI and calcium ions (not micromechanical as in composite resin)

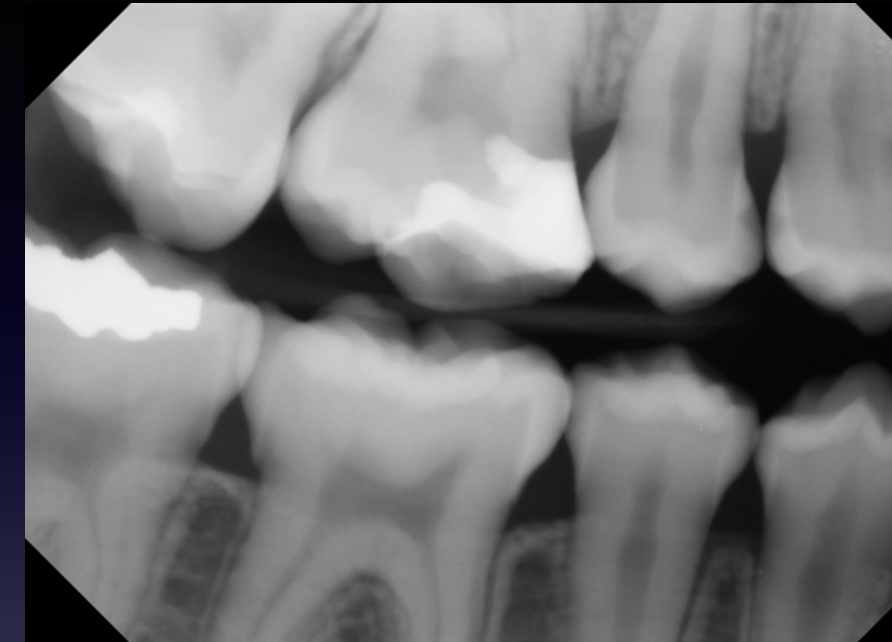




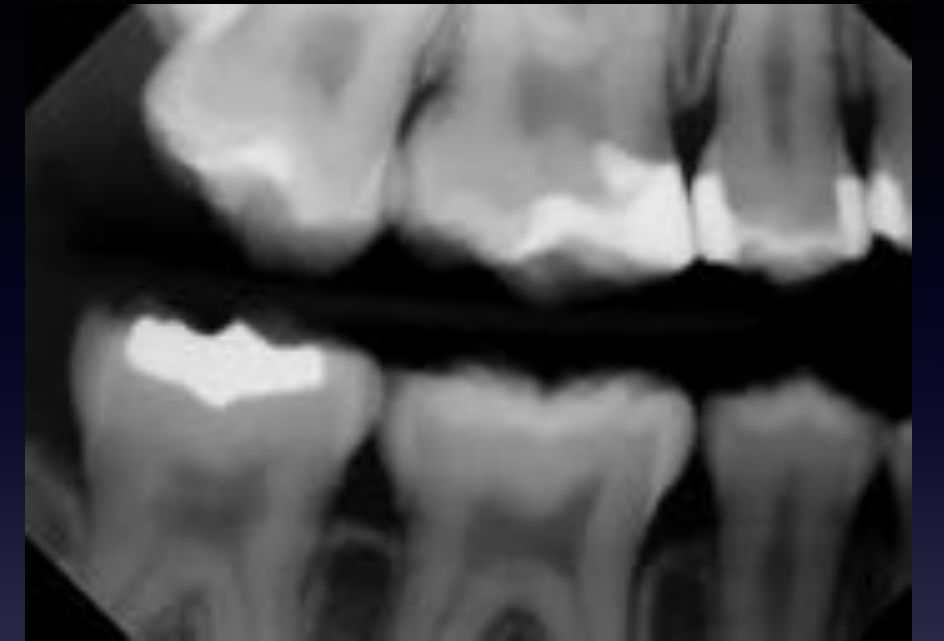
Before



After



1 year after



Case 2: #4 MOD





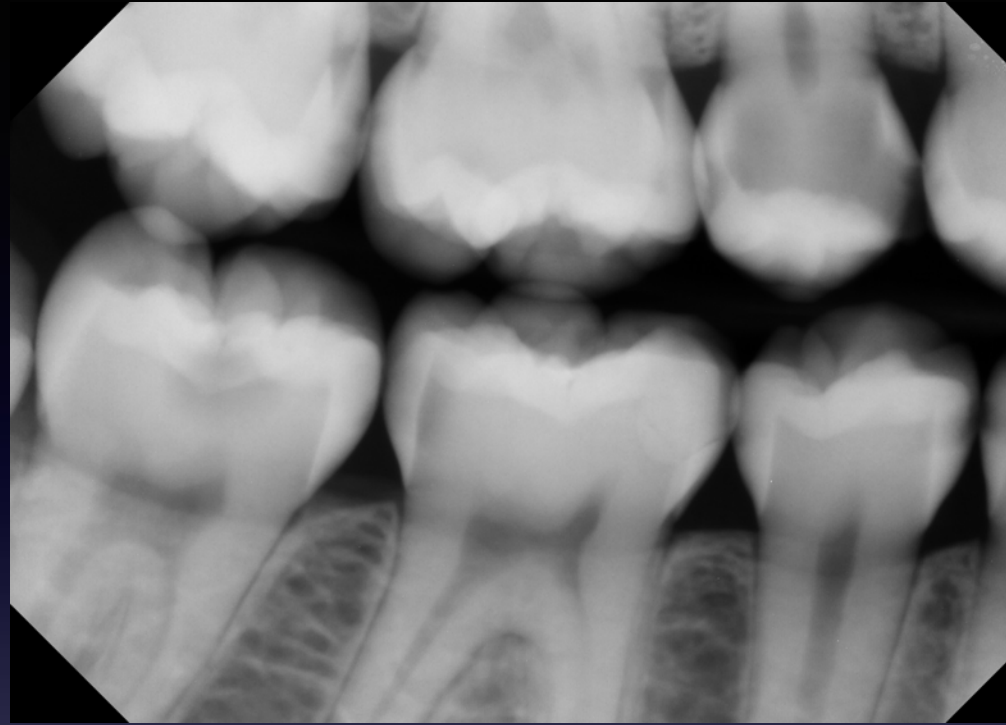








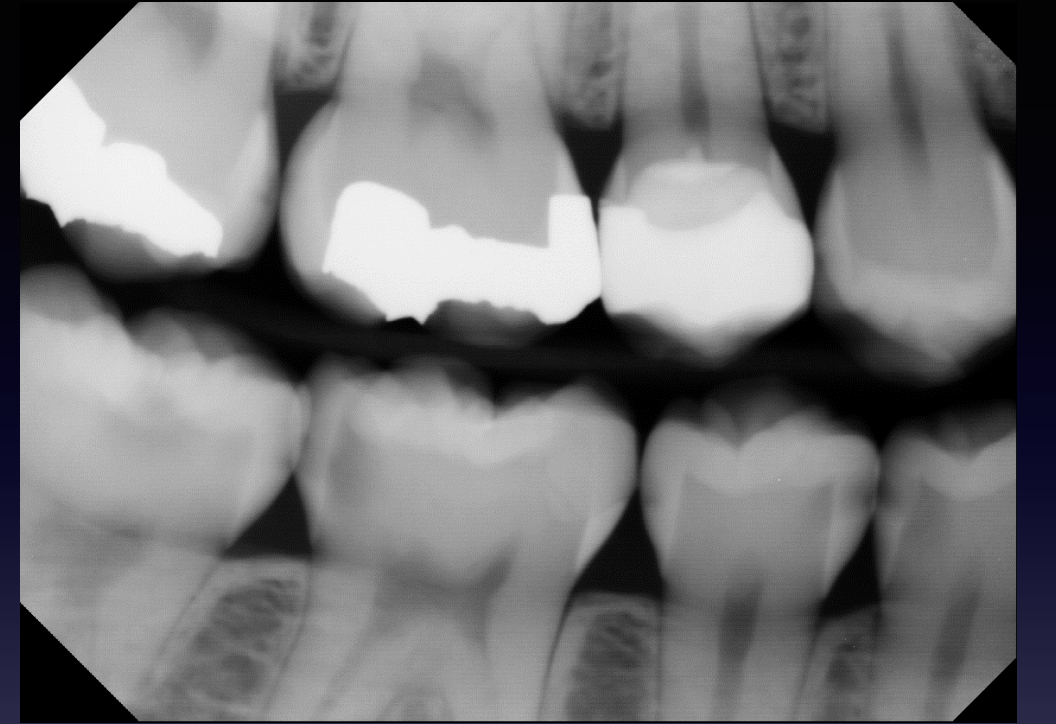
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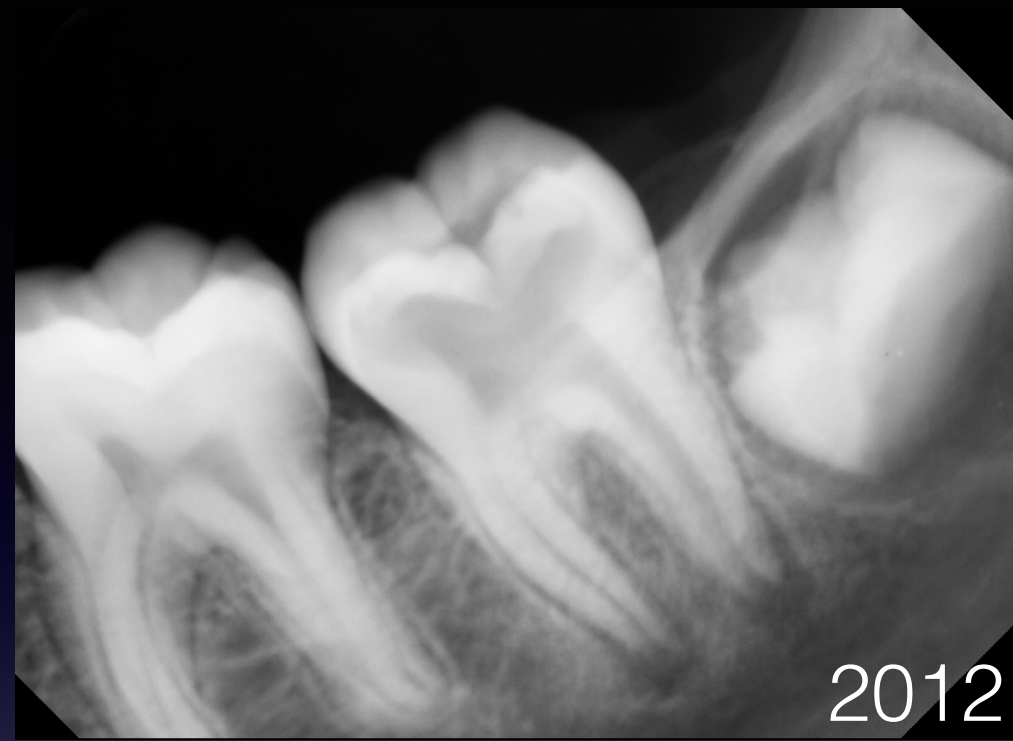


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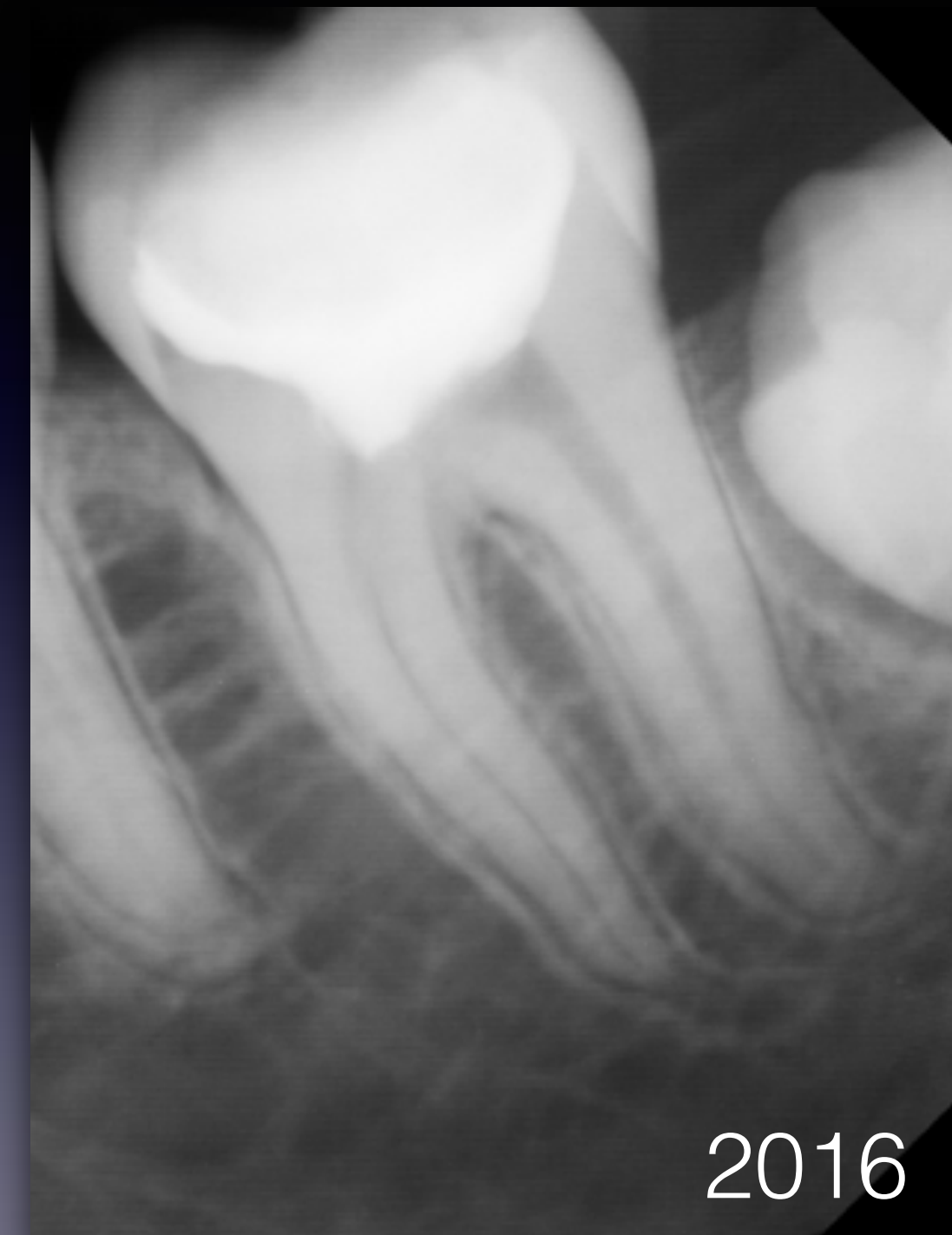


1 year after

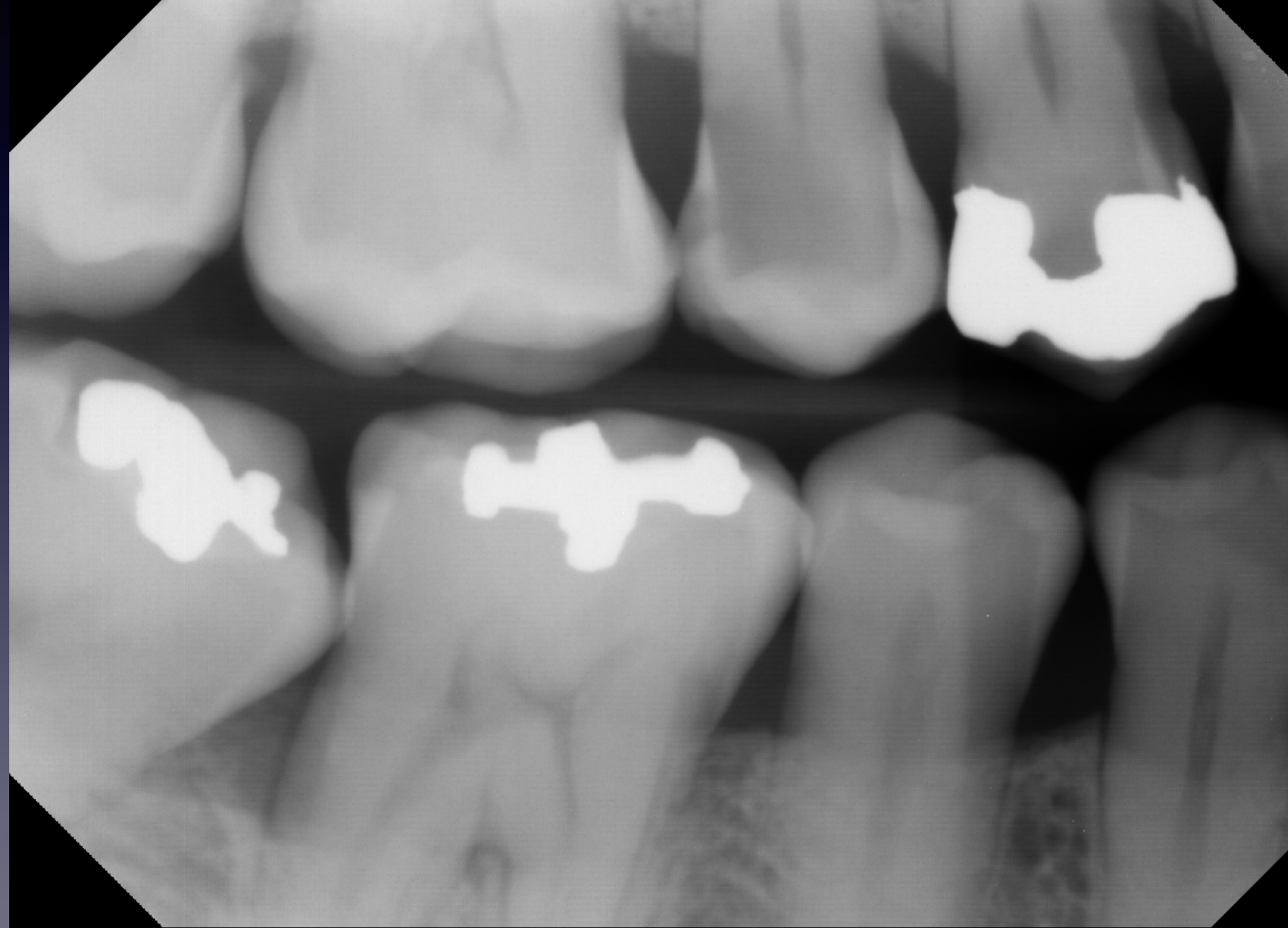




#19
pulpotomy



Case 3: #4 D decay



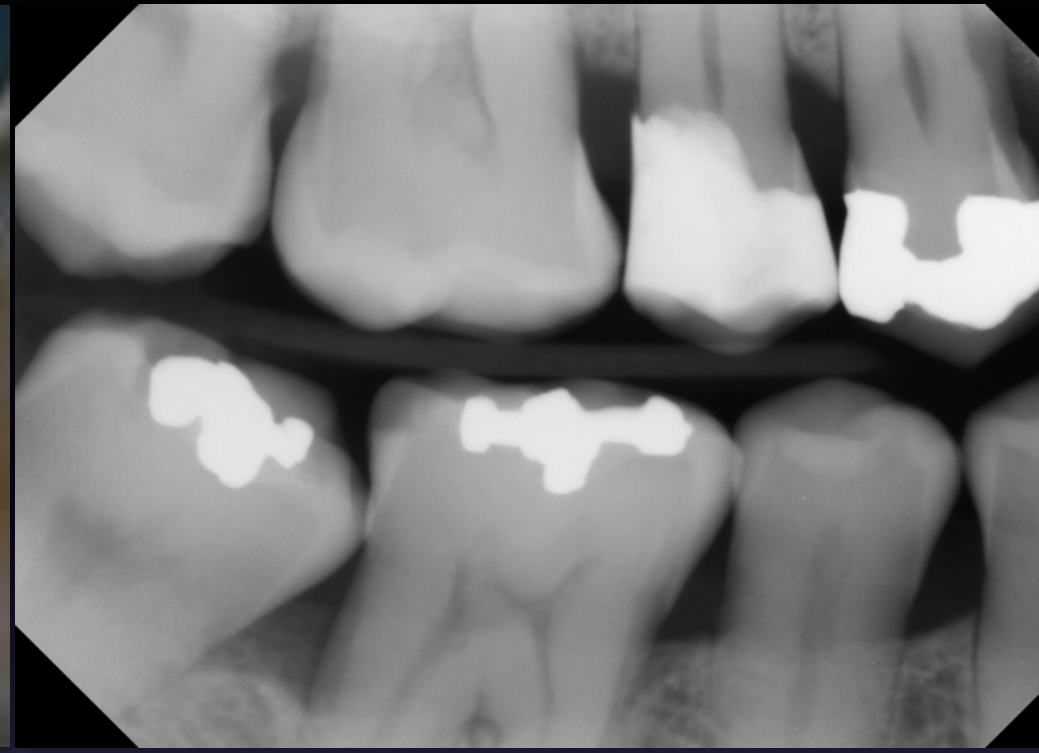
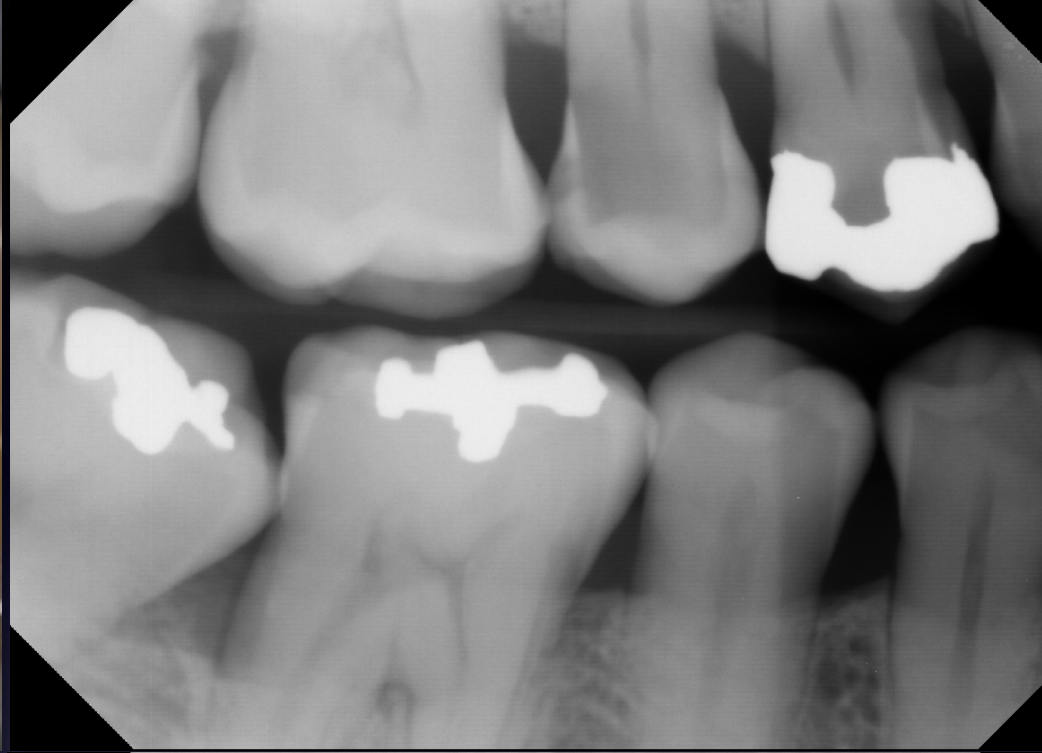






1 year later

3 years later



A new paradigm of caries control and pulpal management in restorative dentistry



Enamel { Sealants, PRR

Dentin { Shallow – simple fillings
Deep – **indirect pulp-capping**

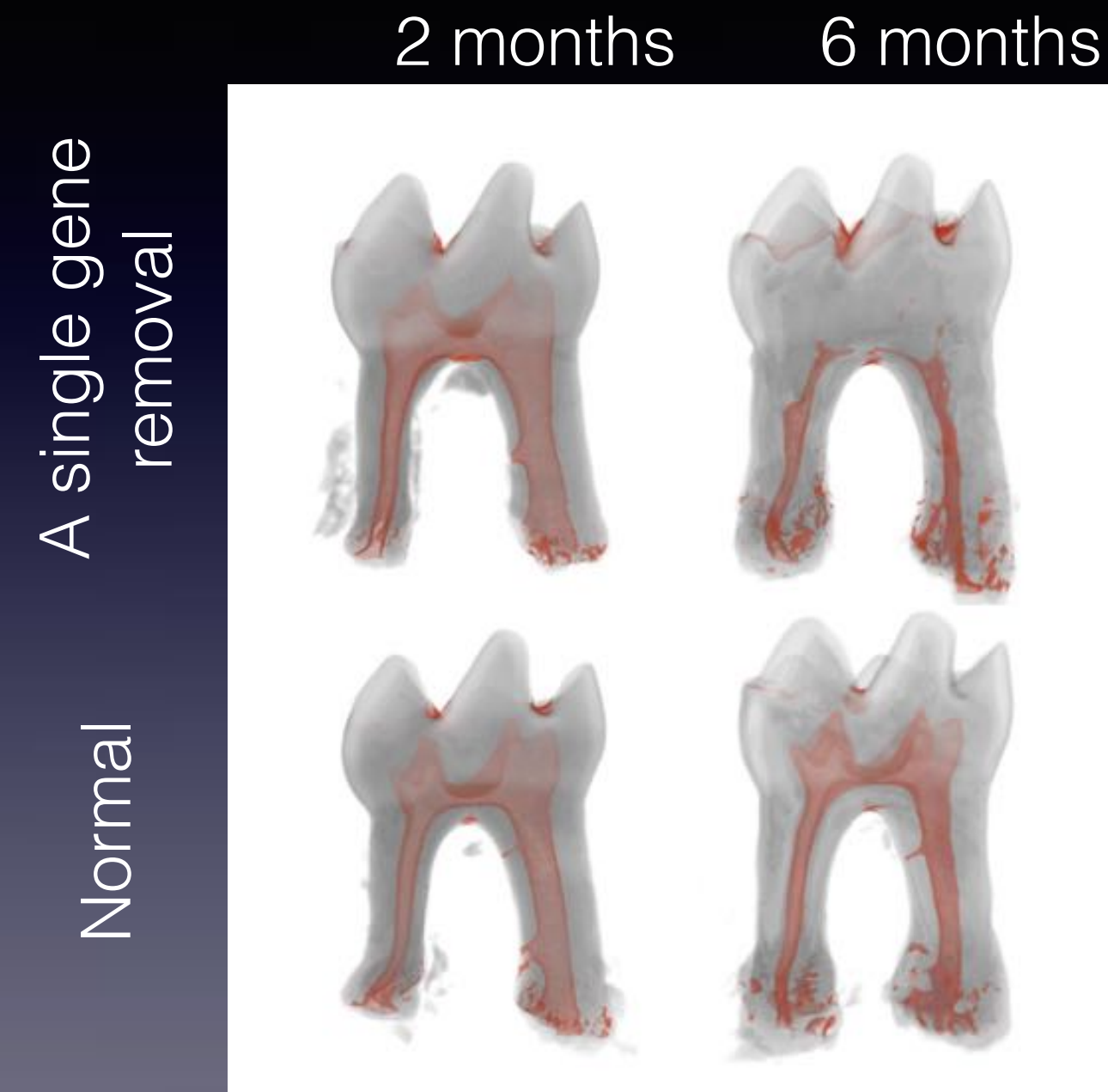
Pulp { Small exposure (< 1mm)
– **direct pulp-capping**

? Large exposure (iatrogenic)
— prophylactic RCT → *Partial pulp removal
in the pulp chamber
followed by HCSCs*

? Large exposure (infection)
— RCT → *Partial pulp removal
to the orifices
followed by HCSCs*

What's next?

- By removing a single gene, one can significantly induce tertiary dentin formation in mice

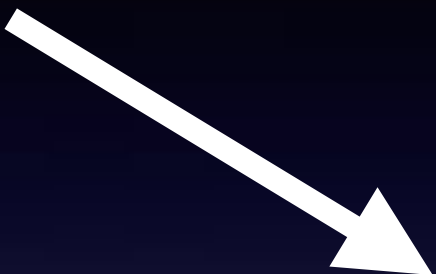


Hypersensitivity?

Younger patient

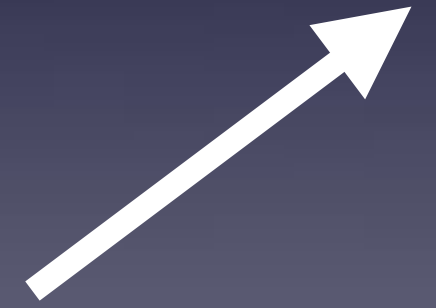


Natural aging



Reduced sensitivity

Induced pulp calcification





Keep the pulp tissues alive!

Thank you!!!

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