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Part I: Difficulties and treatment solutions around retreatments

Part II: How to: Removing root filling materials and posts

Part III: How to: Find hidden canal orifices

Part IV: Warm vertical obturation. Technique, Tips & Tricks

The success of endodontic treatment is dependent on the complete elimination of the contents of the root canal system and the sealing of all the pathways that communicate between the endodontium and the periodontium.

Many reports provide evidence indicating that the major factors associated with endodontic failures is the persistence of bacterial infection in the canal space. In this situation, the retreatment becomes mandatory even in the absence of acute symptoms, since a flare up could happen in any moment, compromising the function, esthetics and even the general health of the patient.

Faced with a case requiring retreatment, it may not be clear whether it is better to seal the apex surgically with a retrograde filling or to remove the old obturating material from the root canals and repeat the cleaning, shaping, and three-dimensional obturation with a nonsurgical approach.

There is agreement in the literature that nonsurgical retreatment should be attempted initially and surgery should be used only when these traditional attempts have failed.

In recent years in Endodontics there has been a true explosion of new technologies, new instruments and new materials, which made predictable many procedures that before were considered impossible or just made by chance. The most important revolution has been the introduction of the surgical operating microscope.

With the use of the operating microscope every challenge existing in the straight portion of the root canal system, even if located in the most apical part, can be easily seen and then solved under the microscope, with magnification and coaxial illumination. The presence of a cast post it is not an indication for a surgical approach and the same is valid in case of a carbon or glass fiber post.

Magnification and coaxial illumination are essential to find hidden and missed canal orifices.

New biocompatible materials are today available to save teeth that years ago had to be extracted.

Thanks to all these revolutionary progresses, the long term success rate of root canal treatments is higher and endodontic therapy today is more predictable and even more fun!

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