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Chapter 1

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SELECTION AND USE OF MASKS FOR DENTAL STAFF DURING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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INTRODUCTION

Since the 21st century, there have been many highly pathogenic viruses spread through the respiratory tract and/or contact routes around the world, such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), influenza A H1N1 virus (H1N1), Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). Since the late of 2019, the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that is widely circulating around the world pose a serious threat to people's health. During the pandemic, higher incidence of infection is observed among medical staff compared to the other part of the society. Thus, it has become particularly important for medical staff to treat patients more safely and effectively without being infected.¹ The nature of the dental profession determines that it faces a huge risk of infection during the diagnosis and treatment process, especially the respiratory tract transmission caused by droplets and aerosols, which are the most important risk factors in the oral diagnosis and treatment process.² In this review, the types, evaluation criteria and the standards requirements of medical masks in different geographies of the world such as the United States of America (USA), the European Union (EU) and the People's Republic of China (China) are emphasized in order to effectively prevent the spread of the virus, avoid nosocomial infections, and occupational exposure of medical staff during novel coronavirus pandemic.

The Transmission Route of the New Coronavirus in the Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Process and Risk

During the oral diagnosis and treatment, dental staff need to perform close operations within the patient's mouth, and face high risk factors such as the complexity, invasiveness, and the complexity of the spread of infection during the oral diagnosis and treatment.³ The understanding the transmission routes and risks of infectious viruses in the oral diagnosis and treatment is of great significance to preventing infections. In the dental setting, the transmission route of the new coronavirus mainly has the following characteristics.

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PROTECTION STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL MASKS UNDER THE NEW CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

It is pointed out that during the new coronavirus pandemic, the use of protective mask should be strictly divided according to the classification. Different medical positions and diagnosis and treatment operations should use different types of medical masks (Table 5), including medical protective masks (GB19083-2010) and N95 particles protective masks (American NIOSH and FDA standards) are assigned to medical staff who have aerosol generating procedures. When materials are in short supply and there are no medical protective masks and N95 masks that meet the US NIOSH and FDA standards, particle protective masks with N95/FFP2 and above standards and KN95 protective masks can be used with medical surgical masks as appropriate to perform splash treatment operations.

CONCLUSION

This article introduces the types, evaluation criteria and standard requirements of medical masks at worldwide. For the selection of medical masks, the main consideration is the filtering effect of the masks against non-oil particles, the anti-splashing ability and the medical environment in which they are used. During the new coronavirus pandemic, the choice of masks has become very important. An analysis of the parameter standards of medical masks and anti-particle protective masks at worldwide revealed that the US level 1 and EU type I and type II medical masks can be used as disposable medical masks. USA level 2 and 3 and EU type II R medical masks can be used as medical surgical mask. According to the anti-oil particle filtering effect, $N100 = KN100 > FFP3 = N99 = KN99 > N95 = KN95 > FFP2 > KN90 > FFP1$, but the anti-particle protective mask is not equivalent to the medical protective mask.

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Chapter 2

BONE ANCHORED RAPID MAXILLARY EXPANSION

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INTRODUCTION

Irregularities that can occur in the teeth, jaw and facial system for various reasons can cause malocclusions between the jaws and these malocclusions can negatively affect the aesthetics of the face and smile.

In today's aesthetic understanding, the presence of buccal corridors and dark triangles that can be seen in the posterior regions are perceived as aesthetic losses. Such aesthetic losses may be directly or indirectly related to the skeletal base of the maxilla, the inclination of the teeth in the buccal area and the alveolar bone surrounding these teeth [1]. Therefore, it is recommended to correct the dimensional anomalies of the maxilla, which has occurred due to various reasons, with orthodontic treatment, and to ideally treat the transversal position of the teeth in particular [2].

Malocclusions can occur in transversal, vertical and sagittal directions. The most common malocclusions in the transversal direction are maxillary deficiency, and occlusion disorders that can be seen with unilateral or bilateral crossbites in the anterior and/or posterior teeth region [3].

Posterior crossbite [4], which is thought to play a role in the etiology of genetic, environmental and multifactorial factors, can be related to a single tooth [5,6] or a group of teeth [5], skeletally due to maxillary deficiency or a large transversal mandible it may also be due to.

The most commonly used treatment method in the treatment of maxillary transversal deficiency and posterior crossbite is expansion of the maxilla. If there is only a deficiency of the dental arch without a transverse deficiency at the base of the maxillary apical bone, only the dental arch needs to be expanded [4,5,8]. According to the opening speed of the median palatal suture; It can be done slow,

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may occur. To overcome these, the surgical assisted rapid maxillary expansion method for adults has been developed, and also first generation bone-borne distractors have been developed to minimize dental side effects.

It has been argued that since these devices provide the anchorage requirement from the bone, they reduce these side effects and allow a pure orthopedic expansion. Less invasive techniques have been developed with the introduction of mini-screws into orthodontic practice, as distractors require surgical procedures during their application.

It has been shown that successful results are obtained in treatments with mini-screw assisted expansion appliances supported by the palatal bone. Even in recent years, studies have been published reporting mini-screw-assisted and non-surgical expansion in adult patients. As seen in the current literature, many different bone anchored maxillary expansion appliances are being developed. More clinical studies are needed on the long-term effects of these appliances.

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Chapter 3

OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA MANAGEMENT IN PROSTHETIC DENTISTRY

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INTRODUCTION

In contemporary times, one of the first physicians to talk about sleep apnea Sir William Osler. “Principles and Practice of Medicine”, in his book, Pickwickian Disease has defined.¹ In 1976, by describing this disease, Guilleminault et al.² changed the name of the disease known as the Pickwickian syndrome to Obstructive sleep apnea(OSA). In 1981 Sullivan et al.³ found continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) therapy, which is still considered the gold standard in the treatment of the disease. In 1982, a neuropsychiatrist Dr. Cartwright⁴ treated 22 patients using splints and published its results. Subsequently, dentists have been included in the treatment of OSA. The last classification of sleep disorders was published by the name of “International Classification of Sleep Disorders-3” (ICSD-3) in 2014.⁵ Sleep disorders defined in ICSD-3 classification analyzed under the 7 main categories.

ICSD-3 classification

- 1) Insomnias
 - a) Chronic insomnia disorder
 - b) Short-term insomnia disorder
 - c) Other insomnia disorders
- 2) Breathing disorders during sleep
 - a) OSA
 - b) Central sleep apnea
 - c) Hypoventilation during sleep
 - d) Hypoxemic syndromes during sleep
- 3) Central-induced hypersomnias
 - a) Narcolepsy Type 1

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be tolerated by the patient. Long-term follow-up of the patient is important for successful treatment in OSA patients.

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Chapter 4

POLYETHERETHERKETONE(PEEK) IN FIXED PROSTHODONTICS

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INTRODUCTION

Polyetheretherketone (PEEK) polymer is a member of the polyaryletherketone (PAEK) polymer family, which exhibits resistance at temperatures greater than 300°C as well as high mechanical and chemical resistance. PEEK is a semi-crystalline thermoplastic composite polymer comprising two ethers and one ketone monomer. PEEK polymer comprises a repeating ketone molecule and two ether molecules, while poly(oxy-1,4-phenylene-oxy-1,4-phenylene) is highly stable, with a completely aromatic linear structure due to the presence of only carbon (C), hydrogen (H), and oxygen (O) atoms. PEEK polymer exhibits broad applications, besides tissue compatibility, due to its superior chemical and physical stability, i.e., anti-aging behavior. In this manner, PEEK polymer also exhibits resistance against heat and radiation applied during sterilization. The advantages of PEEK, such as high tissue compatibility and low bacterial plaque retention, can further promote its use in dentistry. In addition, microbial biofilm adhesion on the PEEK surface is equal to or less than that on surfaces of restorative materials such as titanium and zirconia. Owing to these promising physical and mechanical properties, PEEK exhibits some advantages over conventional alloys and ceramics. PEEK polymer can resist deformation that may occur due to compression and tension forces originating from one direction as well as withstand compression forces no greater than 1380 N. Studies have reported that PEEK material is durable up to 1200 N. One of the important properties of PEEK polymer is its inert nature. The PEEK polymer cannot dissolve in any conventional solution except for a 98% sulfuric acid solution at room temperature. The PEEK polymer can be used in dental implantology and prosthodontics due to its biomechanical properties, long lifespan, tissue compatibility, and mechanical properties similar to bone tissues (1-8).

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PEEK IN POST-CORE AND TEMPORARY RESTORATIONS

Milled PEEK posts also have been thought to serve as an alternative to glass fiber and cast metal posts. Benli et al. (48) have reported that the tensile bond strength of PEEK posts is greater than those of metal and glass fiber posts when used with an appropriate surface modification and adhesive system. Previous studies have examined the performance of PEEK for CAD-CAM-fabricated implant abutments, customized healing abutments, and temporary crowns (49,50). Abdullah et al. (50) have compared temporary crowns in an in vitro study by using VITA CAD Temp(VITA Zahnfabrik), PEEK(Invisio Biomaterial Company), Telio CAD-Temp(Ivoclar Vivadent), and Protemp4 (3M ESPE). According to the results of this study, CAD-CAM-milled PEEK temporary crowns exhibit a better marginal and internal fit, and fracture strength than those of conventional temporary crowns. Zoidis et al. (28) have reported that after the placement of two titanium implants in the anterior region of the mandible, before permanent restorations during the 4-month healing period, the use of three-unit fixed composite resin veneering PEEK framework temporary prostheses is clinically successful.

CONCLUSION

In previous conducted studies, PEEK is thought to be suitable for implant-or tooth-supported FDPs due to its positive physico-chemical and bio-mechanical properties. However, further experimental and clinical studies are required to safely recommend PEEK as an alternative to rooted prosthetic materials and to evaluate the long-term performance of PEEK FDPs.

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Chapter 5

EFFECT OF HIGH CONCENTRATION PEROXIDE BLEACHING AGENTS ON THE SURFACE PROPERTIES OF COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Tooth whitening is gaining popularity and acceptability because it produces a pleasing cosmetic impact. It may be used to treat stained teeth with low cost and without causing damage to the enamel and dentine. Bleaching agents effectively whiten teeth, but the effects of this technique on composite resin materials are controversial.¹

Office type whitening is a treatment method applied by dentists to remove the discoloration of teeth caused by internal and external factors. In office treatments, high concentrations of carbamide peroxide or hydrogen peroxide (30-35%) are applied to the surface of the teeth and left for twenty or thirty minutes. This approach involves one to four sessions scheduled 2-4 weeks apart, depending on the product's instructions, and is totally within the clinician's control.^{2,3} The most often used bleaching chemical is hydrogen peroxide (HP).¹

In-office bleaching agents have high HP concentrations (generally 15 percent to 38 percent), whereas at-home bleaching solutions have HP concentrations ranging from 3% to 10%.⁴ Most office bleaching and home bleaching procedures have been found to be successful, but it has been reported that results may vary depending on factors such as the type of stain, the age of the patient, the concentration of the bleaching agent, and the duration and frequency of treatment.⁵

Carbamide peroxide is a very unstable agent, so as soon as it comes into contact with tissue and saliva, one-third converts to hydrogen peroxide and two-thirds to urea. Immediately after, urea also decomposes into ammonia and carbon dioxide molecule.⁶ In addition to being an oxidizing agent, hydrogen peroxide is acidic because its pH is quite low. When hydrogen peroxide is applied to the tooth surface, it breaks down into hydroxyl radicals, water and oxygen molecules. Because free

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It has been observed that glass fillers containing barium are more sensitive to water attack than glass fillers containing both quartz and amorphous SiO₂. The microfill particles, on the other hand, have more Si accessible for leaching due to their greater surface areas.⁵³ Finer glass particles have also been observed to disintegrate faster than coarser glass particles. More interfaces are created as a result of the dissolving, which might impact filler deterioration.⁵⁴ In light of all this information, the filler structure is considered to be of primary importance, although other factors, such as filler particle shape, the proportion and size of the largest fillers in composite resins, may play a role in the surface roughness caused by bleaching agents.³

Based on data reported in previous studies^{34, 37}, surface polishing should not be the preferred treatment after bleaching, considering that extensive and irreversible deterioration may have occurred in composite restorations. It is recommended that a composite be completely replaced or repaired after it has been bleached³⁷. Since the depth of the changes caused by contact with the bleaching agents has not yet been fully determined, the repair should not be limited to the superficial layer of the composite, but should also cover a portion of the intermediate. It should be noted that it is not possible to restore the roughness of composites to their original values by polishing.

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Chapter 6

AUTOLOGOUS PLATELET CONCENTRATES: THEIR GENERATIONS, FORMS, PREPARATION PROTOCOLS AND ROLES IN PERIODONTAL REGENERATION

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INTRODUCTION

Periodontitis is a complex, multifactorial inflammatory disease characterized by loss of connective tissue attachment and destruction of alveolar bone, cementum, periodontal ligament and gingiva as a response to inflammation stimulated by microbial accumulations¹. This leads to the initiation of periodontal defects². Periodontal defects are divided into suprabony pocket and intrabony pocket. Intrabony pocket is a pocket with a base of sulcus that is more apical than alveolar bone, which generally indicates a vertical or angular defect. Suprabony pocket is a pocket with a base of sulcus more coronal or at the same level with alveolar bone³.

Treatment of periodontitis includes surgical and non-surgical treatment⁴, where surgical treatment is performed if inflammation persists after non-surgical treatment⁵. One of the periodontal surgical treatments is an Open Flap Debridement (OFD) (fig. 1) which aims to removing infection and inflamed tissue⁶.



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Table (1) : Centrifugation Protocols of Platelet Concentrates

Platelet Concentrate Type		Centrifugation Protocol	
Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP)	Whole blood	(first soft spin) 1200 rpm	12 min
	Plasma	(second hard spin) 3300 rpm	7 min
Platelet-Rich Fibrin (PRF) or (L-PRF)		2700-3000 rpm	12 min
Injectable Platelet-Rich Fibrin (i-PRF)		700-800 rpm	3-4 min
Advanced Platelet-Rich Fibrin (A-PRF)		1500 rpm	14 min
Titanium Platelet-Rich Fibrin (T-PRF)		2700 rpm	12 min
Concentrated Growth Factor (CGF)		2700-2400-2700-3000 rpm	2-4-4-3 min

CONCLUSIONS

PRF has productive results in healing and regeneration. Therefore, it has wide clinical applications in all treatments wherever regeneration is required. The use of autologous platelet concentrates in treatment is acceptable by patients for some reasons where the sample is taken from the patient so there is no risk of infection, no cost is needed, and lesser discomfort suffered by patients. There are some forms of PRF which can be obtained by changing the centrifugation speed and time and all of them have wide applications in periodontology and implant dentistry due to their containing leukocytes, platelets, and growth factors which have regenerative effects on hard and soft tissue healing. It has been proved that all forms of PRF are more efficient in the regeneration treatment than PRP which almost has been eliminated from current clinical applications due to its complicated and long preparation protocol; and because it needs anticoagulant and inadequate regeneration capacity compared to PRF. Since PRF has promising results, further researches are also needed to find more different formulations which have more advantages than the ones currently used.

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Chapter 7

EFFECTIVENESS OF ADDITIONAL FILES COMPARED WITH ROTARY AND RESIPROCAL SYSTEMS IN ENDODONTIC RETREATMENT: A MICRO-CT STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

Endodontic treatment involves removing bacteria from the root canal, and completely filling it with nontoxic sealing material to avoid reinfection. However, root canal treatment sometimes fails, and the initial canal sealing may need to be removed for a variety of reasons, such as procedural errors, reinfection of the root canal caused by apical or coronal leakage, insufficient preparation or inadequate canal filling ^{1,2}. The complete removal of the initial sealing material is among the essential steps for retreatment success ³. Many different methods, including K or H endodontic-heated files or chemical solvents, nickel-titanium (Ni-Ti) rotary or reciprocating files, ultrasonic devices, as well as lasers have been employed to remove the initial canal sealing ⁴⁻⁷. In previous studies, the initial filling materials could not be completely removed using retreatment instruments alone ^{6,7,8}. Therefore, the use of additional methods (such as different NiTi systems) has been proposed to remove filling materials more effectively ⁷.

The ProTaper Universal retreatment rotary files (PTUR, Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland) was specifically developed to remove canal sealing materials D1 (30 / 0.09), D2 (25 / 0.08) and D3 (20 / 0.07) instruments form the PTUR file system ⁶. However, previous studies revealed that the retreatment procedure in a complicated root canal anatomy would be challenging, primarily due to its round design of retreatment file systems ⁹⁻¹⁴. Thus, the use of supplementary

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the results by the current study, since the XP-endo shaper has the same file design and apical size as XPR files.

In previous studies, Ni-Ti files with a reciprocating mode were evaluated for retreatment^{6,8,19}. The reciprocating movement was the most rapid technique for removing initial root canal filling, compared to the hand file and rotary technique^{6,19}. Rios et al. showed that reciprocating systems (the Reciproc Blue and WaveOne Gold) were as effective as the PTUR system in removing old sealing materials from human maxillary incisors root canals⁶. Crozeta et al. also emphasized that PTUR files were equally effective in removal of filling material, compared to both the RB and WaveOne⁸. In addition, Romeiro et al. reported that the effectiveness of Reciproc and RB was very high in retreatment cases filled either with a bioceramic or resin based sealer²⁸. In the present study, both the RB and WOG systems had the same capacity to remove filling materials as the PTUR system. This result is in line with that by Rios et al. and Crozeta et al. Therefore, the amount of filling material removed can be explained by the characteristics of the cross-section design of Ni-Ti systems that make reciprocating movements^{6,8}.

CONCLUSION

Although this in vitro study has some limitations, the RB and WOG were found to be as effective as the PTUR. The amount of residual filling materials was the least in the PTU R+ XPR group, but the initial filling material could not be completely removed in any retreatment group in this study.

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Chapter 8

POSTOPERATIVE PAIN FOLLOWING ENDODONTICS

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INTRODUCTION

Pain, which is an unpleasant sensation and negatively affects the living conditions of individuals, has important socioeconomic effects. Some researchers have made the definition of pain as an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with potential tissue damage ⁽¹⁾.

One of the main goals of the medical profession has been to reduce or eliminate the sensation of pain with treatment. Ache; Wherever in the body, it causes serious discomfort to the person. Toothache is the most common form of pain in the facial area ⁽²⁾. However, the tolerance of the person to pain caused by inflammation in the teeth and surrounding tissues is very low.

Root canal treatment; It is applied to teeth whose pulp tissue is irreversibly damaged or whose pulp tissue will be exposed due to the planned restoration. Root canal treatment is a form of treatment that involves removing the tissue in question and filling the remaining space in a three-dimensional way by expanding, cleansing and filling the original form ⁽³⁾. Filling the root canal, which is the last step of endodontic treatment, is of great importance for the long-term success of the treatment. The ideal root canal filling is achieved by sealing the root canal system starting from the dentin-cementum junction (from the physiological foramen apicale) to the coronal ⁽⁴⁾.

Postoperative pain is defined as pain of any degree that occurs after the primer root canal treatment, while acute flare-up pain is defined as pain after endodontic treatment at the onset or continuation of pain ⁽⁵⁾.

PAIN

The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) has described pain as a sensory, emotional feeling related to the past experiences of a person starting from any part of the body ⁽⁶⁾.

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The most important problem in studies on the subject is the assessment of pain. Various scales are used to assess pain:

- a) **Visual Analogue Scale-VAS:** On the visual analog scale, which is a 10 cm scale, there are 10 values that start with “no pain” and end with “severe pain”. It is used to measure and follow the severity of pain.
- b) **Verbal Rating Scale-VRS:** In this evaluation, the patient chooses the appropriate one among the expressions of “no pain”, “mild pain”, “moderate pain” and “severe pain”.
- c) **Numerical Rating Scale-NRS:** The scale starts with the absence of pain (0) and is evaluated at the level of unbearable pain (10 or 100).
- d) **Face Scale-FS:** The closest image to the patient’s facial expression is determined.

CONCLUSION

Pain after canal treatment typically ranges from mild to moderate and can happen even after optimally performed root canal treatments. Recent developments in endodontics have reduced the incidence of pain after root canal treatment and improved patient satisfaction regarding postoperative pain. The effective management of postoperative pain is often considered an indicator of clinical excellence. However, further research is required to understand the physiology of pain and the mechanisms of relief associated with drugs and therapy.

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Chapter 9

TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS AND PRACTICAL ISSUES IN THE USE OF CONE BEAM COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

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INTRODUCTION

The maxillofacial region contains complex anatomical structures in close proximity that represent different characteristics. The X-ray-based imaging techniques are used to evaluate the pathologies, to plan surgical interventions and to follow-up their results. The role of imaging modalities in the clinical practice of oral and maxillofacial (OMF) surgery, as well as in general dentistry, differs significantly from that in the medical specialties. The dynamic characteristics of the oral hard and soft tissues and the presence of various structures that may be affected by the pathological conditions makes it nearly impossible to perform surgical procedures only through reports written by radiologists as most medical specialties do. OMF surgeons often have to interpret the radiological images independently. For more than a century, the need for imaging in dentistry was mainly met with two-dimensional (2D) techniques. Although the computed tomography systems have been available in the field of medicine since 1970s, the access of dental professionals to this technology was limited. First introduced in the early 2000s, the cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) device that allows the examination of anatomical structures from various planar orientations, provided a viable solution to the need of three-dimensional (3D) diagnostic information. However, the rapid transition from 2D systems to the examination of tomographic data has also brought some problems and challenges. The purpose of this article is to examine the technical limitations of the CBCT devices and their effects on the daily practice of OMF surgery.

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even being asked to waive their right to sue the lack of formal radiology report. The legal validity of such documents is questionable at best when a problem arises (53-55).

CONCLUSION

CBCT has become an indispensable part of the surgery practice. OMF surgeons therefore have to assume a new set of duties and responsibilities. They need to constantly develop their basic knowledge, increase their experience and recognize the technological infrastructure of the CBCT imaging systems in order to effectively use all the features of this device.

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Chapter 10

OCCLUSAL SPLINTS AS A TREATMENT MODALITY FOR NOCTURNAL BRUXISM IN ADULTS

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INTRODUCTION

Nocturnal bruxism is a repetitive rhythmic activation of masticatory muscles, characterised by clenching and/or grinding of the teeth during sleep. It is thought to be one of the most significant parafunctional activities of the stomatognathic system (1).

The incidence of nocturnal bruxism is conservatively estimated to be between 5% and 10% of the adult population (2).

Many patients clench or grind their teeth, are unaware of the activity when it occurs during sleep, because there is no discomfort or pain. Patients with disturbing symptoms such as jaw pain or stiffness, headache, difficult mouth opening, increased tooth sensitivity often consult with the clinician to diagnose problems and predict the use of an occlusal splint to be worn during sleep. Although the use of an occlusal splint is effective in preventing tooth wear during sleep, it does not eliminate unconscious clenching/grinding activity or the associated pain or discomfort. (5).

Bruxism may have effect on muscles: masticatory muscle tenderness (6), and masticatory muscle hypertrophy (6,7).

In cases of protrusive (forward and backward) bruxism associated with grinding or jaw sliding between centric and eccentric positions, the lateral pterygoid muscle suffers a contraction under muscular lengthening during the slow condylar retrusion into the joint cavity. The same happens with the elevator muscles during laterotrusive bruxism (from right to left) or protrusive under grinding or jaw sliding between centric and eccentric positions. During this eccentric muscular work, the muscle develops different magnitudes of muscular tension (depending on the load torque) as it becomes larger. This is the position in which there may be greater probability of muscular damage (8).

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guidance splints was significantly reduce elevator muscle activity during lateral movements than with the intermediate and posterior group function.

CONCLUSION

Moreover, other studies (28–30) reported a significant reduction in the muscle activity developed through tooth clenching during the maximum dental intercuspation when such activity was performed laterally over canine guidance.

However, Graham and Rugh (32) compared canine guidance splints with first molars disclusion splints in 10 subjects sample. In contrast to the finding of the above studies, both types of splint were found to reduce muscle activity in a similar way during lateral movements under tooth clenching in the lateral jaw position.

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Chapter 11

THE ROLE OF DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY IN FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY

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INTRODUCTION

Forensic dentistry (forensic odontology) is an important part of forensic sciences and it is a branch of dentistry that helps justice in forensic cases in terms of evaluation of dental evidence based on dental findings of individuals, determination of identity, age and gender status, and legal responsibilities of dentists.¹ The main fields of study belonging to this science are identification or age and gender determination through the diagnostic and therapeutic examination and evaluation of injuries related to jaw, teeth and oral soft tissues, especially the determination of damage to individuals in criminal investigations and / or collective disasters and detection, examination and evaluation of bite marks that are common in sexual assault, child abuse and personal defense situations.^{1,2} Today, in case of mass disasters such as migration waves, airplane crashes, fires, earthquakes and floods, or the absence of healthy birth and population records in our country, especially in rural areas, identifying individuals is extremely important. Especially in forensic medicine practices, dentists also have important responsibilities in cases such as criminal liability, legal competence, the ability to perceive the legal meaning and consequences of the act and to direct their behavior, recruitment, employment, marriage, retirement.³ For this purpose, odontological determination is attempted by using ante-mortem (pre-death) and post-mortem (post-death) records. Identification based on radiographs was first used in 1921 by Schuller, who showed that the frontal sinuses are individual.⁴ Jaws and teeth can be used as a reliable method of dental identification due to their resistance to burning, physical, chemical and mechanical effects. Also, since dental treatments have differences between individuals, this makes it possible to identify even through routine dental radiographs.⁵

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the help of these radiographs, it has been stated that age determination can be made with many studies based on the visibility of the root pulp due to secondary dentin production³⁰, the visibility of the periodontal ligament space surrounding the root³¹, pulp area, and tooth area measurements³².

CONE-BEAM COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

Cone-beam computed tomography (dental volumetric tomography) is an imaging method by which a three-dimensional image of the area to be imaged in the maxillofacial region is obtained without superposition and with a lower cost and lower radiation compared to computed tomography.¹² Forensic age determination can be preferred as an imaging method in trauma cases, facial evaluations, evaluation of foreign body localization such as bullet, fracture detection, and evaluation of the location of fixation plates.⁴ There are age determination methods based on 3D evaluations where pulp volume, crown pulp volume, and tooth volume are calculated and proportioned^{33,34}, and by measuring bucco-lingual and mesio-distal dimensions of teeth³⁵. In addition, there are studies conducted on this imaging method that show that sex determination can be made based on mandibular morphometric measurements (ramus width, gonial angle, bicondylar width, etc.).³⁶

CONCLUSION

As a result, dental radiographs, which have an extremely important place in dentistry, are among the most important auxiliary elements in the identification of individuals in the science of forensic dentistry. The use of dental radiographs in forensic odontology is widespread thanks to its advantages such as being a non-invasive method and providing identification with inexpensive and objective findings. Therefore, dental radiographs obtained from patients should be properly archived and interpreted correctly by dentists.

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Chapter 12

SPORTS DENTISTRY

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, there has been increasing the importance of sports in the world and in our country, the number of individuals who engage in sports activities and participate in sports competitions is also increasing. Dental traumas frequently occur among the injuries that can occur as a result of falling or collisions during sports activities (1). Soft tissue injuries or dentoalveolar injuries can be seen indirectly or as a result of direct blows on the teeth (2, 3).

Sports accidents are considered one of the most common causes of maxillofacial injuries. Studies have shown that approximately 30% of trauma-related cases in children and adults are sports-related (1). In the maxillofacial region, serious traumas related to neurosurgery or plastic surgery may occur, as well as dentoalveolar traumas that require maxillofacial surgery, endodontic treatment, restorative treatments. These injuries, which are frequently seen in childhood and adolescence; by causing periodontium injuries, dental hard tissue injuries, luxation injuries or avulsion. It causes aesthetic and functional problems as well as negatively affecting individuals psychosocially (4).

The International Academy of Sports Dentistry emerged in 1983 and raised awareness about the prevention of sports-related orofacial trauma. Sports Dentistry and Dental Traumatology Congress convened for the first time in 2001 and after this congress, “International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT)” and “International Academy of Sports Dentistry (IASD)”, there was cooperation between them. Previously known as “Endodontics and Dental Traumatology”, the name of the journal has been changed and renamed to “Dental Traumatology” and has been qualified as the official publication of both IADT and IASD (5). The scope of the duty of Sports Dentistry, according to IASD; includes the prevention and treatment of sports-related orofacial injuries, as well as raising awareness by collecting and publishing data about these injuries (5, 6).

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CONCLUSION

Today, with the increasing interest in sports activities and the importance given to professionalism in almost every field, 'Sports Dentistry' is emerging as a fairly new field in the world. Maxillofacial or dental injuries can be seen frequently among sports injuries. Prevention of possible traumas which can occur in the future is quite important as the management and treatment of the trauma process. Because of this reason; it is thought that as a result of raising awareness by informing the parents and trainers of individuals who are interested in sports activities, it will contribute to the oral and dental health of the athletes.

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Chapter 13

MID-FACIAL ANATOMY USING CONE-BEAM COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

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INTRODUCTION

Technological advances in imaging are continually developing and are likely to affect the work of radiologists. Maxillofacial Radiologists (MFR) have been strongly involved in the evaluation of these technological developments. The introduction of Cone-beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) in dentistry has created a new challenge for MFRs whose training has predominantly been based on anatomical and pathological models of jaws, but with limited experience in midface structures. Thereby, the field of oral and maxillofacial radiology has expanded and these radiologists need to be trained in the evaluation of images to maximize clinical effectiveness. MFRs are considered to be clinical specialists and are required to contribute sufficiently towards patient care. Therefore, they have to develop and maintain the level of competence required for the evaluation of the entire maxillofacial region in order to offer the service that the clinical question needs [1, 2]. This necessitates a sound knowledge of radiographic anatomy to evaluate the patient's structures in 3-dimensions. In the present chapter, a description of the anatomic details of jaws and teeth have been excluded from reviews of mid-face CBCT imaging anatomy since dentists are well-versed with the anatomic details of the jaws and teeth.

ANATOMICAL REVIEW OF THE SKULL

The skull (cranium), which has a highly complex structure, consists of two sets of bones: facial bones and cranial bones (skull base). The paranasal sinuses are the four paired sets of air-filled cavities in certain bones of the skull including maxilla, ethmoid, frontal and sphenoid.

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