

# PATIENT EXAMINATION; EVALUATION AND TREATMENT PLAN



# Examination

- ◆ Treatment plan
  - 1- treatment oriented model
  - 2- Problem oriented model



For uncomplicated patients  
The results is merely the same



# Arranging the solutions

- ◆ Chief complaint
- ◆ Medical care
- ◆ Emergency
- ◆ Disease control
- ◆ Re evaluation
- ◆ Definitive care
- ◆ Maintenance care
- ◆ Treatment plan presentation

# Arranging the solution

- Chief complaint ( first – by pt. words )
- Medical ( hypertension- adrenalin containing anesthesia or diabetics , prophylaxis for certain patients )
- Emergency ( head and neck pain/ infection)
- Treatment plan presentation  
( pt. acceptance)
- Disease control ( to arrest active disease) .  
Eg: endo tx : to arrest infection  
perio tx:to control inflammation  
restorative tx: to control caries

# Re evaluation

- ◆ Definitive care (final phase)
- ◆ Maintenance care





# Dental history and Chief complain

- ◆ Listen to the patient carefully
- ◆ Asking relative questions



# Dental history

- ◆ Chief complain ; pt. words. Pt satisfaction  
nothing omitted
- ◆ Dental treatments ( past dent. hist. =how aware the pt is )
- ◆ Symptoms related to jaws

( ques. About fractured, lost restorations ,infections, sensitivity , pain, discomfort during chewing , gingival bleeding , ...)





# Clinical exam



- ◆ Periodontium
- ◆ Dentition
- ◆ Occlusion

Some problem may be noted in more than one category  
Eg: gum bleeding due to overhang

# Elements of clinical examination



- ◆ 1- evaluation of the dentition
  - ◆ Assessment of caries risk and plaque
  - ◆ Caries detection
  - ◆ Assessment of the pulp
  - ◆ Evaluation of existing restoration
  - ◆ Evaluation of occlusion
  - ◆ Evaluation of proximal surf.
  - ◆ Assessment of tooth integrity /fractures
  - ◆ Evaluation of the esthetics

# Elements of clinical examination

- ◆ 2- evaluation of the periodontium
- ◆ Assessment of disease activity
- ◆ Evaluation of structure and contour of the bony support
- ◆ Mucogingival evaluation
- ◆ Assessment of tooth mobility



# Elements of clinical examination

- ◆ 3- evaluation of the Radiographs



- ◆ 4- evaluation of diagnostic casts ( if any)

# Evaluation of the dentition

## ➤ Caries risk/ plaque

- Document the presence of plaque
- Pt. hygiene ability( floss and brush and re evaluate the pt)
- Existing restoration is one of the most reliable indicator of future caries activity
- 3 additional factors :



# 3 additional factors

1. Large number of cariogenic bacteria (colony count)
2. Frequency of sugar intake (frequency and duration of refined carbohydrate is important and more predictive than st. mutans count)
3. Low salivary flow (0.1 – 0.2 mm/min criteria for hypo function of salivary gland)

# Detection of caries

1) Smooth surf.  
proximal surf.

Buccal / ling

2) Pit & fissures  
radiographs  
diagnodent

tactile – explorer can cause cavitation  
visualization with clean dry teeth

if uncertain; should be sealed with resin



# Dental pulp

- ◆ If suspicious apply cold tetrafluroethane spray
- ◆ Electric pulp tester
- ◆ If endo required; should be done first then for posterior teeth a cuspal coverage ; for ant. Teeth esthetic materials like composite; if heavily destroyed a crown should be made

ice



# Existing restorations

- 1) Structural integrity      fracture line
- 2) Marginal opening      recurrent caries
- 3) Anatomical forms
- 4) Restoration related PDL health      roughness ; overhang ;  
biologic width; crown lengthening
- 5) Occlusal / proximal contacts



# Existing restorations

## 6) Caries lesion

visual ; tactile ; X rays ;diagnodent

## 7) Esthetics

metal display discolorations;  
metal show through (gray);  
recurrent caries(brown-yellow)  
poor match ;  
poor PDL response (next slide)



# Existing restorations



# Occlusion; occlusal wear; erosion

- ◆ Occlusal interferences between CR and MI (mobility ;excessive wear)
- ◆ Number and position of occlusal contacts (determine the kind of restoration)
- ◆ Inter arch space available
- ◆ Wear ( abrasiveness of each material; attrition/abrasion; physiologic or pathologic )
- ◆ Microfilled comp. exhibit wear like enamel
- ◆ Hybrid comp. exhibit and generate wear more than enamel / amalgam
- ◆ Ceramics generate more wear

# Occlusion; occlusal wear; erosion

- ◆ Erosion (chemical) lemon sucking; gastric reflux
- ◆ GERD= Gastro Esophageal Reflux Disease
- ◆ Bulimia= acidic dissolution

(abnormal appetite; eating disorder)

mainly affecting women (characterized by compulsive overeating followed by self-induced vomiting)



- ◆ Abfraction: non carious lesion (abrasion + occlusally induced tooth flexure)





# Tooth fracture

- ◆ Complete
- ◆ Incomplete = crack tooth syndrome  
discomfort on chewing;  
unexplained cold sensitivity;  
pain on application/release of pressure;  
non holding cusps more ;  
35-50 yrs more;  
trans illumination / bite test(tooth slooth )





# Overall esthetic evaluation

- ◆ Stained discolored teeth
- ◆ Unaesthetic contoured teeth
- ◆ Spacing
- ◆ Carious lesions
- ◆ Dark buccal corridor
- ◆ Unaesthetic soft tissue color



# Evaluation of Periodontium



- ◆ Attachment level; tissue color; texture; edema; contour;
- ◆ Bone topography- bitewing
- ◆ Tooth mobility
- ◆ Tissue health
  
- ◆ X-ray evaluation
  - ◆ patient specific criteria
  - ◆ For pt. with PDL disease PA is mandatory
  - ◆ Evaluate contacts ; BW xray
  - ◆ For pt. with no signs OPG is sufficient

- ◆ Note the Cervical burn out  
(healthy structures that imitate caries in x ray; specially in cervical region)



# Evaluation of diagnostic casts

- ◆ Diagnostic casts are not necessary for all patients



# Treatment plan

- ◆ Some problem may be omitted;  
eg: defective rest. + poor perio condition ext. not storatation
- ◆ Some treatments need additional treatments ;  
eg: crown need a crown lengthening first

# Treatment plan

- ◆ Primary factors to be considered:
  - 1) The amount of remained tooth (fracture resistance; type of restoration);  
in deep and wide cavity prep. a full coverage should be considered ;  
in ant. When sufficient enamel remained a comp. filling is indicated;  
if esthetically compromised a PLV is indicated;  
if significant tooth has been lost a crown is indicated
  - 2) The functional needs. (pt. with minimal tooth destruction needs conservative tx.  
But those with high destructions need mere resistant restoration like crown)
  - 3) The Esthetic needs
  - 4) Overall treatment plan (crown before RPD on a weak tooth to prevent some retreatment)

# Treatment sequence

- 1) Severity of disease (most symptomatic/deepest caries should be treated first)
  - 2) Esthetic needs (social activities, front teeth)
  - 3) Effective use of time (quadrant dentistry)
- ◆ Some sequence should be altered based on patient's desire / financial aids
  - ◆ Some times dentist should guide the pt. for decision (diastema closure with comp. result in wide tooth = space distribution first)
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- ◆ In step wise fashion entire problem is broken down into its individual component

# Dental Records

- 1) Organization and documentation
- 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> party payment
- 3) Legal purpose
- 4) Forensic purpose<sub>(case presentation)</sub>



# Dental Records include:

- 1) Charting examination = findings: restorations . PDL condition, tilted teeth,...
- 2) Medical history and consultations
- 3) Problem list
- 4) Treatment plan
- 5) Description of treatment
- 6) Consent documentation
- 7) Follow up assessment
- 8) Itra/extra oral photographs

# Format used to document

## ◆ SOAP

- ◆ Subjective findings : chief complain; symptoms ; on patients word
- ◆ Objective findings : examination findings; result of diagnostic tests, ....
- ◆ Assessment : dentist diagnosis based on above
- ◆ Plan of treatment : the treatment / the procedure

Thank you for your attention

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**Remember Examination**