A pragmatic approach to the treatment of tooth wear
What I plan to talk about (briefly):

- Effect of cutting tooth substance
- Incidence of tooth wear
- Bonding composite to worn teeth
- Which composite?
- Principles of dental aesthetics
- Success rates of treatment
- Patient Information/Patient satisfaction
- Why veneers are not appropriate
1996
Treatment of tooth wear using extreme tooth wear by a turbine drill!
...with caries (and tooth wear progressing slowly), the pulp has a chance to recover

Teeth are clever! They can heal!

NOT so, with a turbine drill!
briefly... Does drilling affect teeth?

Some work on crowns
CONCLUSION
Patients should be warned that pulpal death and endodontic therapy can result from crown placement.
Prevalence of periradicular periodontitis associated with crowned teeth in an adult Scottish subpopulation


- 802 crowns assessed radiographically
- 458 vital at preparation
- 87 (19%) had radiographic signs of peri-radicular disease
- 344 crowned teeth had previous root filling,
- 51% of these had peri-radicular radiolucency
CONCLUSION:
Pulpal damage may occur during procedures to provide a crown
Iatrogenic injury to the pulp in dental procedures.

LITERATURE REVIEW: CONCLUSIONS
Iatrogenic ("dentistogenic") injury to the dental pulp is not an insignificant problem in clinical dentistry.
Pulpal necrosis occurs with a frequency of 10-15% over a period of 5-10 years.
Take home message

In general, keeping a tooth going with a direct placement filling is a better option than reducing a tooth for a crown. The same applies to tooth wear.
A basic principle: Minimally invasive methods of treatment should be employed where possible
Incidence of tooth wear
77% of dentate adults showed some tooth wear in their anterior teeth. 15% showed moderate wear, 2% severe wear. Men have higher incidence of tooth wear. 0.5% of adults of 18y to 24y showed severe tooth wear compared with 6% of 75 to 84 year olds.
1010 students aged 18 to 30 years in London
Examined for tooth wear
Enamel wear common to all subjects
6.1% had more than one third of the tooth surface affected
Dentine exposed on 5.3% of all surfaces
76.9% had one or more surfaces with dentine exposed
Males significantly more wear than females
Tooth wear in Europe

Prevalence of tooth wear on buccal and lingual surfaces and possible risk factors in young European adults

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3187 young adults, 7 countries in Europe
Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, Spain, UK
Tooth wear measured using BEWE index
- Highest levels of TW found in UK
- UK had higher levels of TW on back teeth, while in other countries TW affected anterior teeth more than back teeth
- Strong association of TW in patients taking sleeping medication and antidepressants
- TW associated with acidic drinks, especially fresh fruit & energy drinks
- TW also associated with repeated vomiting and residence in rural areas

Also, higher incidence of TW in persons who classified themselves as managers!!
CONCLUSIONS

Facial and oral tooth wear in adults aged 18 to 34 years was common and affected more than 25% of this population.

Regular consumption of fruit and repeated vomiting were associated with high levels of tooth wear.
Prevalence of tooth wear in adults

- 186 references examined, 12 (from 10 different countries) survived the inclusion procedure and 4 used for regression analysis
- Males had more TW than females
- % of adults with severe TW increases from 3% at 20 years to 17% at 70 years
- The Smith/Knight Index was found to be a relatively crude index
Is tooth wear a problem?

Yes, in many parts of the world, it appears to involve a significant % of the population, both old and young, males more than females.
Maximising class V effectiveness

The survival of Class V restorations in general dental practice: part 3, five-year survival

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Objective To evaluate the survival over five years of Class V restorations placed by UK general practitioners, and to identify factors associated with increased longevity. Design Prospective longitudinal cohort multi-centre study. Setting UK general dental practices. Materials and method Ten general dental practitioners each placed 100 Class V restorations of varying sizes, using a range of materials and recorded selected clinical information at placement and recall visits. After five years the data were analysed using the Kaplan-Meier method, log-rank tests and Cox regressions models to identify significant associations between the time to restoration failure and different clinical factors. Results After five years 275/989 restorations had failed (27.8%), with 116 (11.7%) lost to follow-up. Cox regression analysis identified that, in combination, the practitioner, patient age, cavity size, moisture contamination and cavity preparation were found to influence the survival of the restorations. Conclusions At least 60.5% of the restorations survived for five years. The time to failure of Class V restorations placed by this group of dentists was reduced in association with the individual practitioner, smaller cavities, glass ionomer restorations, cavities which had not been prepared with a bur, moisture contamination, increasing patient age, cavities confined to dentine and non-carious cavities.
Maximising class V effectiveness: what is associated with failure at 5 years?

- Restorations involving dentine only: hazard of failure increased by 39%.
- Large restorations compared with small: hazard of failure increased by 85%.
- Major or minor moisture contamination: hazard of failure increased by 29%.
- Preparation method/rotary instrument used: hazard of failure decreased by 40%.
Maximising class V effectiveness: what material is best at 5 years?

Five year survival

- RMGI 78.6%
- Amalgam 75%
- Compomer 71.2%
- Flowable composite 69%
- Composite 68.3%
- Glass ionomer 50.6%
Class V meta analysis: conclusions

“The dentist shall roughen the dentine and enamel surfaces”

“Additional bevelling of enamel can be omitted”

“Isolation with rubber dam is recommended”
Problems in bonding to dentine: The Smear Layer

- Thickness: 0.5 - 5.0 microns
- Will not wash off
- Weak bond to tooth: 2 – 3 MPa
- Very soluble in weak acid

Previous strategies to treat the smear layer: two ways

Etch & Rinse/
Total etch

Self etch/
No Rinse
The quality of the hybridised dentine is more important than the bond strength.

Nakabayashi, 2002
Until recently, a classification of dentine bonding systems was based on the following:

1. Etch and rinse (etch & bond, total etch)
2. Self etch → One bottle
   → Two bottles
...a landmark paper
Five-year Clinical Effectiveness of a Two-step Self-etching Adhesive

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\textbf{Purpose:} The purpose of this prospective randomized controlled clinical study was to evaluate the clinical performance of a “mild” two-step self-etching adhesive, Clearfil SE, in Class V restorations after 5 years of clinical functioning.

\textbf{Materials and Methods:} Twenty-nine patients received two or four restorations following two randomly assigned experimental protocols: (1) a mild self-etching adhesive (Clearfil SE, Kuraray) was applied following manufacturer’s instructions on both enamel and dentin (C-SE non-etch); (2) similar application of Clearfil SE, but including prior selective acid-etching of the enamel cavity margins with 40\% phosphoric acid (C-SE etch). Clearfil AP-X (Kuraray) was used as the restorative composite for all 100 restorations. The clinical effectiveness was recorded in terms of retention, marginal integrity, marginal discoloration, caries recurrence, postoperative sensitivity, and preservation of tooth vitality after 5 years of clinical service. The hypothesis tested was that selective acid etching of enamel with phosphoric acid improved retention, marginal integrity, and clinical microleakage of Class V restorations.

\textbf{Results:} Only one restoration of the C-SE non-etch group was lost at the 5-year recall. All other restorations were clinically acceptable. Marginal integrity deteriorated with time in both groups. The number of restorations with defect-free margins was significantly lower in the C-SE non-etch group ($p = 0.0043$). This latter group presented significantly more small incisal marginal defects on the enamel side ($p = 0.0169$). Superficial marginal discoloration increased in both groups, but was more pronounced in the C-SE non-etch group and was related to the higher frequency of small incisal marginal defects.

\textbf{Conclusion:} The clinical effectiveness of the two-step self-etching adhesive Clearfil SE remained excellent after 5 years of clinical service. Additional etching of the enamel cavity margins resulted in an improved marginal adaptation on the enamel side; however, this was not critical for the overall clinical performance of the restorations.

\textbf{Keywords:} adhesives, clinical trial, cervical lesions, composite restoration.

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CONCLUSION

From the results of this study, we may conclude that intra-orally, Clearfil SE performs reliably and stably after 5 years of clinical functioning. Selective enamel etching with phosphoric acid resulted in an improved marginal adaptation, but has no influence on the overall clinical performance of the Class V restorations.
... the new approach is therefore.... selective enamel etching
....introducing

a new group of dentine bonding agents

Universal bonding agents
Treatment of the smear layer

- REMOVE (Etch & Rinse/Total etch)
- LEAVE/PENETRATE (Self etch)
- UNIVERSAL MATERIALS (Etch & Rinse, Selective enamel etch, Self etch) (use for direct and indirect)
Scotchbond Universal Adhesive: Composition

- BisGMA
- MDP
- Vitrebond Copolymer
- HEMA
- Ethanol
- Water
- Filler
- Silane
- Initiators
For Scotchbond Universal, the concept of selective enamel etching should be employed.
Product Research and Evaluation by Practitioners

2013:
A handling evaluation by the PREP Panel
Handling evaluation of 3M ESPE Scotchbond Universal by the PREP Panel

- 12 evaluators
- Variety of bonding agents used pre-study
- 875 restorations placed (Class 1:172, Class II:189, Class III:134, Class IV:178, Class V:182, Other:20)
- Also used for dentinal hypersensitivity, repair of fractured porcelain, bonding of posts.
- Rated material on visual analogue scales
- 75% of evaluators would be prepared to pay extra for the convenience of single-unit doses
- All stated that the resin liquid easily wet the tooth surface, that the bond was easily visible. Some commented that it was “too yellow”
Handling evaluation of 3M ESPE Scotchbond Universal by the PREP Panel

Ease of use of previous bonding agent

Difficult to use 1 - Difficult to use 5

4.0

Ease of use of Scotchbond Universal

Difficult to use 1 - Difficult to use 5

4.9

Viscosity of Scotchbond Universal

The viscosity of the bonding liquid was rated by the evaluators as follows:

Too thin 1 - Too thin 5

3.1
Handling evaluation of Scotchbond Universal by the PREP Panel: Comments

- “Disconcertingly yellow – but OK when thinned or light cured”
- “Spreads well when air applied”
- “Supposedly the lid can be opened one-handed but it is sometimes a problem”
- “First material that compares with G-Bond”
I switched to Scotchbond Universal Adhesive in September 2011. Much better adhesive performance than previously!
Other Universal Bonding Agents:
All contain 10-MDP
MDP is important for the status of the bond reaction with HAP.
SUMMARY: Universal bonding agents:

- Are compatible with direct & indirect procedures
- Can be used in total etch, self etch, selective enamel etch modes
- Can be used with self & dual cure luting materials (with separate activator)
- Are suitable primers for silica & zirconia
- Can bond to different substrates
What’s New in Dentine Bonding?: Universal Adhesives

Abstract: The ability to bond restorations to dentine successfully is central to minimally invasive restorative dentistry. While dentine-bonding agents have gone through a variety of ‘generations’, it is the purpose of this paper to describe the latest dentine-bonding agents, the Universal Bonding Agents. These materials may be considered ‘Universal’ insofar as they may be considered to be capable of being used for direct and indirect dentistry, as well as being suitable for use in whichever etching modality the clinician considers appropriate, namely self-etch, etch and rinse or selective enamel etch. Laboratory investigations and initial clinical studies hold the promise that Universal Bonding Agents are a forward step in the quest for the ultimate bond to tooth substance.

CPD/Clinical Relevance: New Universal Bonding Agents appear to present a promising advance in bonding to dentine.

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Dentine-bonding agents play a strategic role in the sealing and retention (where necessary) of resin composite restorations, which are increasingly placed by dentists worldwide. Bonding to dentine is also central to the practice of minimally invasive dentistry, given that bonded restorations do not require macro-mechanical retentive features such as locks and keys, which are a feature of non-adhesive (amalgam) cavity preparations.

A dentine-bonding agent should perform the following functions:

- Provide a strong, immediate and permanent bond to dentine;
- Seal the cavity and minimize leakage;
- Resist microbial or enzymatic degradation;
- Provide adhesion per se of the restoration in cases where this is necessary;
- Prevent post-operative sensitivity;
- Reduce the risk of recurrent caries;
- Prevent marginal staining;
- Be easy to use.

It is the intention of this paper to update readers on the new group of Universal Dentine Bonding Agents, this being a follow-up to a paper published in 2004 giving details of the last major innovation in bonding to dentine, the introduction of the so-called self-adhesive dentine bonding agents and to other Detal Update publications on the subject which readers may wish to read as background or a further update, such as those by Green and Banerjee, Green, Mackenzie and Banerjee and others.

A brief history of bonding to dentine

In the past, dentine-bonding agents were classified into generations. However, this means of identifying different groups of bonding agents fell into disarray because of the failure of authorities in the subject to agree on the type of bonding agent which fitted a given ‘generation’. Until recently, the classification has therefore been simply, glass ionomer materials, and resin-based dentine-bonding agents, the latter being further classified into etch and rinse materials and self-etch materials, with some workers classifying the self-etch materials according to their pH.

There are two principal means by which a bond to dentine may be achieved:

- First, glass ionomer materials (GIC – glass-ionomer cements) which were developed in the 1970s, initially being derived from the Fluoro-Alumino-Silicate glass used in the silicate cement materials which were used until the 1960s, but with the phosphoric acid used in silicate cements being substituted by a
Effects of moisture degree and rubbing action on the immediate resin-dentin bond strength

Conclusion:
High bond strength to dentine can be obtained under dry conditions when ethanol/H₂O and acetone based systems are vigorously rubbed on the dentine surface. On wet surfaces, light rubbing may suffice.
Take home messages

Dentine bonding is now reliable and effective
Selective etching of enamel is a good idea
Universal bonding materials with MDP are now the business
Reasons to adopt minimal intervention

- Patients like it (if you advise them of your philosophy)
- Teeth like it (fewer die!)
- It’s easier for dentists (fewer die: better for their blood pressure!)
- Lawyers hate it (fewer dentists sued!)
- We now have the materials to make this work

But, others are still adopting an invasive approach (and being sued!)
Correlation between the Individual and the Combined Width of the Six Maxillary Anterior Teeth

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: There is a consensus in the community of dental research that the selection of undersized artificial maxillary anterior teeth offers an unnatural appearance to the denture. Several methods to select the adequate width of these teeth are of questionable validity, and many dentures have an obviously artificial appearance. This article assessed the relationship between the individual and the combined width of maxillary anterior teeth.

Materials and Methods: Impressions were made of the anterior dentition of 69 dentate undergraduate students with rubber impression silicon, and casts were formed. The individual widths of the maxillary anterior teeth were measured by using a digital caliper (SC-6 digital calipers, Mitutoyo Corporation, Tokyo, Japan), and the combined width was registered by both adding the individual width and using a flexible millimeter ruler.

Results: Student’s t-test showed significant differences between the analogous teeth and different sides of the maxillary dental arch (p = 0.001), with the exception of the central incisor (p = 0.984). Pearson’s product moment correlation coefficient showed significant positive correlation between all the measurements compared (p = 0.000). Linear regression analysis concluded three mathematical equations to obtain the individual tooth width after measuring the combined width of the six maxillary anterior teeth by using a flexible millimeter ruler.

Conclusions: The individual tooth width can be determined if the combined width of the maxillary anterior teeth is obtained by using a flexible millimeter ruler.

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The adequate selection of each maxillary anterior tooth width can offer variance and individuality to the denture, particularly for partially dentate patients. By offering an adequate tooth-to-tooth relationship, the esthetic result of the oral rehabilitation treatment can be improved. (J Esthet Restor Dent 21:192-192, 2009)

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- Impressions made of 69 dentate students in Brazil
- Anterior teeth measured with digital calipers
Conclusions

- Nature is rarely perfectly predictable
- There is usually substantial variation around the fitted regression line
- When restoring teeth, symmetry of the central incisors is central to success
CONCLUSIONS: Within male and female Caucasians, the mean width/height ratio of the three maxillary tooth groups is 0.81.
Width to length ratios: There appears to be wide variability, but around 0.80 seems to have the vote.
A proposed system for screening tooth wear

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**Table 1 Clinical sequence when using the BEWE**

1. Diagnose the presence of tooth wear; eliminate teeth with trauma and developmental defects from the score
2. Examine all teeth and all surfaces of teeth in the mouth for tooth wear
3. Identify in each quadrant the most severely affected tooth with wear
4. Conduct BEWE score.

**Table 2 Criteria for grading erosive wear**

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<th>Features</th>
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<td>No erosive tooth wear</td>
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<td>Initial loss of surface texture</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Distinct defect, hard tissue loss &lt;50% of the surface area</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Hard tissue loss ≥50% of the surface area</td>
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**Table 3 Complexity levels as a guide to clinical management**

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<th>Complexity level</th>
<th>Cumulative score of all sextants</th>
<th>Management</th>
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| 0                | Less than or equal to 2           | Routine maintenance and observation
                  | Repeat at 3-year intervals       |
| 1                | Between 3 and 8                   | Oral hygiene and dietary assessment, and advice, routine maintenance and observation
                  | Repeat at 2-year intervals       |
| 2                | Between 9 and 13                  | Oral hygiene and dietary assessment, and advice, identify the main aetiological factor(s) for tissue loss and develop strategies to eliminate respective impacts
                  | Consider fluoridation measures or other strategies to increase the resistance of tooth surfaces
                  | Ideally, avoid the placement of restorations and monitor erosive wear with study casts, photographs, or silicone impressions
                  | Repeat at 6-12 month intervals   |
| 3                | 14 and over                       | Oral hygiene and dietary assessment, and advice, identify the main aetiological factor(s) for tissue loss and develop strategies to eliminate respective impacts
                  | Consider fluoridation measures or other strategies to increase the resistance of tooth surfaces
                  | Ideally, avoid restorations and monitor tooth wear with study casts, photographs, or silicone impressions
                  | Especially in cases of severe progression consider special care that may involve restorations
                  | Repeat at 6-12 month intervals   |

**IN BRIEF**

- Presents a convenient and simple way to record tooth wear in practice.
- The four levels in the proposed system can be easily understood.
- Simple associated treatment options give additional help.
Pathogenesis of erosive tooth wear

ACID + TEETH minus PROTECTIVE EFFECTS = Demineralisation

Demineralisation occurs at a pH of less than 5
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The authors purchased 379 non-alcoholic, non-dairy drinks in stores in Birmingham, Alabama. 93% had a pH of less than 4.0

Dentists should be aware that wine could be a cause of dental erosion.
Drinks tested: Bubbles!

- Sparkling water
- Schweppes Tonic water
- Schweppes Slimline Tonic water
- Bucks Fizz (Winemakers selection by Sainsburys) 4% vol
- Shloer Non alcoholic sparkling white grape juice
- Alska Nordic berries cider (Swedish Cider Company, Stockholm) 4.0% vol
- Orchard Premium Irish Cider 4.5% vol
- Asti Vino Spumante Dolce (S. Orsola) 7% vol
- Prosecco Extra dry (Valdobbiadene) 11% vol
- Champagne Monsigny Brut (Philizot et fils) 12% vol
- Lanson Brut Rose (Reims France) 12.5% vol
- Saumur Rose Brut (Bouvet, Saumur)
- Sparkling natural mineral water (Badoit, Saint Galmier, France)
- Soda water
Don’t worry!

The most expensive drink was the most erosive!!

Drinks with bubbles might be bad for your teeth!!

Rose sparkling wine and rose champagne seem to be the worst!
Don’t worry!

Of course, as well as pH and neutralizable acidity, it’s also a volume thing.

There may also be other health hazards.
Is erosion an increasing problem?

Conclusion

YES!
Other causes of erosion: regurgititational erosion

- Anorexia nervosa
- Bulimia
- Voluntary reflux phenomenon (regurgitation and swallowing)
- Occasional sickness (pregnancy sickness: alcohol induced vomiting)
- GORD
Signs of erosive activity

- Sensitivity
- Loss of surface anatomy
- Cupped surfaces of anterior teeth
- Chipped incisal edges
- Incisal translucency
- Loss of palatal enamel
Signs of erosive activity

Unstained surfaces

**NOTE:**
If the dentine surface is stained, there has been sufficient time for teeth to take up stains from coffee, red wine, nicotine, etc., therefore urgency of treatment decreases.
Summary: composite for TW

- Sufficient number of shades & translucencies
- Enamel shade valuable when only rebuilding incisal edges
- Good polishability
- Non-slump and non-sticky materials facilitate easy freehand placement
Layering composite
...before placement:

- Look at colour and translucency
- Look carefully from different angles
- Look at shape required
- Consider palatal matrix
- Correct thickness of each layer essential
- Consider *effect* shades – stains, opalescence
Layering composite
...palatal matrix

- Gives palatal contour and incisal edge (length and bucco-palatal position)
- Should minimise adjustment
- 2 or 3 layer technique
- Use Memosil transparent vinyl polysiloxane
Dahl appliance

- First types were removable
- Later types cemented to teeth and removed
- Contemporary types *may* use the permanent restoration to gain the space

These were made to obtain space for the restoration of worn teeth
“Dahl” appliance (cemented) 2.5mm thick, is used for obtaining space for restorative materials on palatal of anterior teeth where posterior teeth are satisfactory.
Dahl Appliance

- Eruption: 60% of cases
- Intrusion: 35% of cases
- Intrusion/eruption: 5% of cases
An alternative treatment in cases with advanced localised attrition.


“In an effort to avoid capping a great number of teeth, with its many jeopardising consequences, a technique has been developed by which the necessary space for the crown material has been obtained by orthodontic measures”.
An alternative treatment in cases with advanced localised attrition.

“Male aged 18 years. Pink hue from underlying pulp apparent. Casts mounted on a Dentatus articulator.

Removable CoCr splint, approx 2mm thick fitted to cover the palatal surfaces of the upper front teeth

Patient instructed to wear the splint day and night.

Tantalum needles implanted near the midline of the basal portions of the upper & lower jaws”.
An alternative treatment in cases with advanced localised attrition.

“Lateral head plate radiographs taken after 2, 5 and 8 months.

After 4 weeks a space could clearly be observed between the upper and lower incisors when the splint was removed.

The heavily worn palatal surfaces of the upper incisors were protected by means of gold pinlays.

The patient did not complain of any discomfort.”
The effect of a partial bite raising splint on the occlusal face height

An x-ray cephalometric study in human adults

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20 patients (18-56 years) with pathological attrition of upper and/or lower anterior teeth were treated, as a temporary measure, by means of a partial chrome-cobalt splint covering the palatal surfaces of the six upper front teeth. Tantalum implants to provide reference points were placed in the basal portion of upper and lower jaw bones. Lateral cephalometric radiographs were taken with and without the splint at the beginning of treatment and thereafter every two months till the difference between measurements was as small as possible. Changes in the occlusal face height were evaluated. Measurement reliability proved to be very high. Continuous use of the splint caused intrusion of the front teeth and eruption of the others in all patients. The intrusion was on an average 1.05 mm and the eruption 1.47 mm after 6-14 months, indicating a possible potential for tooth eruption in human adults. Moreover, the youngest age of the splint use was 18 years. The eruption of human teeth. The use of such a splint both day and night caused only short and transient discomfort for the wearer. This observation indicates that an increase of the occlusal face height, if necessary, is well tolerated in most cases.

Keywords: Cephalometry

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The work was approved by the University of Oslo many years ago, standing on the principles of human ethics, the face. The occlusal face height was increased against (8) tension, however, the changes are not permanent as a function of the splint. Report by Bjorn L. Dahl & Karen KroGSTad that the anterior region increases without being specified.
Effect of placing intentionally high restorations: Randomized clinical trial

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The aim of this study was to examine the behavior of posterior teeth restored with single-tooth restorations with intentionally high occlusal contacts.

Methods: Consent was obtained from 17 patients who were seen a total of 5 times over 3.5 years. The restorations placed were all full occlusal coverage gold restorations. Tooth mobility was recorded using the Periotest device and tooth movement was determined from impressions and 3D imaging. Patients were randomly assigned into two groups, the control group which received restorations with no intentional increase of the occlusal vertical dimension; or the treatment group where they received intentionally high restorations in 0.5 mm supraocclusion.

Results: Statistical analysis showed no significant difference in mobility between visits for both the control and the treatment groups while a significant dependency and difference in tooth movement was observed between the subjects of the two groups. Most patients from the treatment group reported discomfort but no pain for the first 7–10 days after the restoration was fitted, which subsided over a period of several weeks. At review, 3 years later, no mobility or additional movement was observed.

Conclusions: Cementation of an intentionally high single-tooth restoration causes no increase in tooth mobility while occlusal adaptation re-establishes and restores the occlusal plane.
In conclusion, the cementation of a single-tooth fixed restoration with cuspal coverage at an increased vertical dimension of 0.5 mm does not cause a statistically significant increase in tooth mobility. A combination of intrusion of the restored tooth and its opposing tooth combined with extrusion of other teeth restores the occlusal plane. Subjects who received high restorations reported a discomfort that lasted up to 10 days. The study supports this treatment option where occlusal space is required and tooth reduction is not desirable.

- One patient in the control group had mild discomfort while chewing
- 6 of 8 patients in “high” group reported discomfort but no pain for 7 days, subsiding after 2 weeks
- The occlusion had “adapted” after one month
…after treatment with the “Dahl appliance”: types of permanent restoration

- Oxidised gold castings
- Gold pinlays (Dahl, 1975)
- Palatal porcelain laminate veneers
- Palatal indirect composite veneers
- Directly placed resin composite
Preventive advice for patients with an erosive element to their diet

- Reduce the amount & frequency of intake
- Avoid “frothing” or swishing drinks
- Avoid brushing teeth at least 30 mins after drinking
- Chill the drink
- Avoid such drinks before bedtime or during the night
Preventive advice for patients with an erosive element to their diet

- Explain that there is increasing evidence that some toothpastes may help
pragmatist
Noun:
Taking a practical approach to problems
Being concerned with the success or failure of one’s actions
Concerned with making decisions which are useful in practice and not just in theory
A Dental Update

Durbar UR, Hemmings KW. Treatment of localised anterior toothwear with composite restorations at an increased occlusal vertical dimension. Dent. Update. 1997; 24: 72-75.
Using the restoration as the appliance

But, patients must be advised that treatment is to protect their worn and wearing dentition, not necessarily to improve the appearance of their teeth.
33 year old female

Filtek Supreme XT
If treatment of tooth wear is new to you, start with a case like this.
How to do it!

Filtek Supreme XTE A2 Enamel/Scotchbond Universal

Diagnosis: erosive TW – patient was a bulimic
Polydent strips (£9 for 3 metres) come in two thicknesses/stiffnesses. The stiffest is most useful for interdental separation.
A week later: occlusal adjustment in ICP, lateral & protrusive excursions

Filtek Supreme XTE A2 Enamel/Scotchbond Universal
Polish with Hi-Luster (Kerr)

Blue (aluminium oxide) first, then grey (plastic impregnated with diamond powder)
Final polish with Soflex discs (all grades except black) and Kerr Hi Luster

Mycerium Shiny paste also does a good job
Pink soft brushes from Henry Schein
I think that the Soflex Diamond Spiral is terrific!
At what stage should we treat bulimic patients?

Suggestion:
Before the enamel is lost
It’s not perfect, it’s pragmatic aesthetics!
The paper contains the PIL.
Information sheet for patients receiving resin composite restorations for treatment of tooth wear

Your anterior teeth will receive adhesive resin composite restorations to cover the exposed dentine and prevent it from wearing further: this is the principal reason for treatment. An improvement in appearance of your teeth will be effected if possible.

You will not be able to chew on your back teeth for a period of 3 to 6 months, and you should therefore cut your food into small pieces to avoid intestinal symptoms. Your back teeth will eventually erupt so that you will be able to chew on them again after 3 to 6 months. The change in shape of your upper anterior teeth might cause lisping for a few days.

Your front teeth may be a little tender to bite upon for a few days. Your “bite” will feel very unusual for several days and you may find difficulty in chewing for this period, as you will be unsure exactly where to place your jaw to get tooth to tooth contact: however, you should become accustomed to your new “bite” after a few days.

The procedure will normally be carried out without the need for local anaesthesia as there will be no, or minimal, need for tooth reduction.

If you have crowns, bridges or a denture in the posterior part of your mouth, it is likely that these will require replacement.

Regarding the longevity of the restorations:

The reliability of the restorations should be good, but that there was a small potential for restorations to de-bond, since bonding, albeit better than 15 years ago, was still not as good as dentists might wish. The margins of the restorations may require occasional polishing. Occasionally, chipping of the restorations may occur.
Chronology of tooth wear treatment

Decision to treat

“Live” mock up if appearance to be changed

Patient understands treatment, inc. disadvantages

Composite build ups

1 week later, occ. Adjustment/polish

Review after 3 months
At three month review

Ask if comfortable and happy with appearance

If yes,

If no, consider crown lengthening surgery and crowns
Choice of patient for “Dahl” technique

- Worn anterior teeth, space needed for restorations to cover dentine
- Treatment is to prevent further wear, not necessarily to improve appearance
- Capable of opening the OVD on minimum of 4 (??3) teeth
- Patient accepts short-term disadvantages
- Patient accepts that crowns may be indicated later for aesthetic reasons
Choice of patient for “Dahl” technique

♦ Patient requests treatment of wear, and/or improvement in appearance and/or function
♦ There are no TMJ problems
♦ There is **NO** periodontal disease/teeth have no mobility
♦ OH satisfactory
♦ Sufficient tooth substance (enamel) for bonding
Information for Dahl technique patients

May cause lisping
Teeth may be painful
No posterior occlusion, so food must be cut into small pieces
Time for re-establishment of occlusion =??
Information for Dahl technique patients

At first visit ask patient to check restorations with tongue.
Warn that will not be able to eat, chew etc.
Final occlusal adjustment will be done second visit.
Information for Dahl technique patients

For patients with bridges, warn that the bridge may not erupt into position:
Ditto implants.
The cost implications must be discussed.
Advice for patients with large anterior composite Restorations:

Restorations may need occasional refinishing and polishing

Incidence of pulp death nil

Incidence of debonding is approx 2%

Bond strength will be better in 10 years time!

Composite wears at the same rate as enamel
Information for patients receiving extensive composite restorations:

Restoration may require maintenance, for example, finishing and polishing (patient should expect to pay for this!!)
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CONCLUSIONS from Poyser et al.

“Direct composite restorations have distinct biological advantages compared with crowns, and for the majority of patients they perform well, offer a high degree of patient satisfaction & require an acceptable level of maintenance. Patient accommodation to the technique was good. No detrimental effect on TMJ, periodontal or pulpal health. Bulk fracture and failure were uncommon.”

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The survival of direct composite restorations in the management of severe tooth wear including attrition and erosion: A prospective 8-year study

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: Survival of directly placed composite to restore worn teeth has been reported in studies with small sample sizes, short observation periods and different materials. This study aimed to estimate survival for a hybrid composite placed by one clinician up to 8-years follow-up.

Methods: All patients were referred and recruited for a prospective observational cohort study. One composite was used: Spectrum\textsuperscript{R} (DentsplyDeTrey). Most restorations were placed on the maxillary anterior teeth using a Dahl approach.

Results: A total of 1010 direct composites were placed in 164 patients. Mean follow-up time was 33.8 months (s.d. 27.7). 71 of 1010 restorations failed during follow-up. The estimated failure rate in the
Composites placed in maxillary anterior teeth using the “Dahl approach”
1010 restorations, 164 patients
Follow up time was 34 months

71 of the 1010 restorations failed
More failures in the lower arch, in older patients,
patients with lack of posterior support and patients with class III occlusion
“Dental dam was not used, isolation with cotton rolls was adequate”

“The proportion of failures was greater in the attrition group (27.3%) was higher than in the erosion group (21.2%)”

“High load, whether in cases bruxers or cases with lack of posterior support, is likely to reduce survival”
“On an average follow up time of 33 months, only 71 of 1010 restorations failed. Directly placed composite restorations are a viable treatment modality to restore the worn dentition”
Resin composite restorations may provide a minimal intervention and predictable treatment for (moderate) tooth wear, particularly in anterior teeth, provided that the correct materials are employed.
TW Treatment: Clinical tips on wax up or direct placement

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Make thick or wide incisal edges, particularly in edge to edge occlusions, so that guidance is flat and composite is in compression

Bevel the incisal edge (where possible)

Roughen the dentine (and etch for 30 seconds longer)

Use available labial (enamel) surfaces of the upper incisors as a ferrule to improve resistance to torquing forces on the composite
Warn the patient that the build ups will be shorter than natural teeth.

Keep the palatal surface guiding surfaces shallow to minimise sheer forces on the composite.

Build one tooth at a time.

Dental dam not always indicated as upper anterior teeth can be kept dry with cotton rolls.
Don’t forget to ask patients about bleaching before you start the build-ups! Patients start being interested in how their teeth look!
There is no reason to fear that modest changes in OVD should cause muscle dysfunction problems provided that the occlusion is properly managed.

Dahl et al, 1993
Clinical experience has shown that increases in OVD necessary to accommodate material thickness of 1.5 to 2mm in either jaw are well tolerated.

Dahl et al, 1993
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