

Case Report

Healing Of Previously Treated Tooth with Periradicular Lesion without Surgery: Retreatment Case Report

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ABSTRACT:

This case report describes endodontic treatment of a large periradicular lesion in a 46 year old male with spontaneous intermittent pain in relation to his lower left back tooth region presented into private practice, accompanied with a restoration, which is tender on percussion and poorly root treated with incomplete obturation, missed mesiolingual canal and mesial root perforation. Re-root canal treatment had been done on involved tooth along with perforation closure followed by permanent coronal restoration in multiple appointments. Postoperative examination during further follow-ups showed complete healing of periradicular lesion. The proper diagnosis of apical periodontitis and appropriate treatment plan of infected root canal system of previously treated tooth allowed complete healing of this lesion without endodontic surgery.

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INTRODUCTION

Endodontic retreatment is a modality, which is carried out when primary root canal treatment fails. Sometimes treated tooth fails to heal or gets an infection again. It can be either after months or years of treatment. Factors contributing to failure of endodontically treated tooth are the persistence of bacteria either in intracanal or extra canal, inadequate obturation, overextensions of filling materials, microleakage in coronal seal, missed canals and iatrogenic errors. Treatment methods to handle large periradicular lesion varies from non-surgical endodontic therapy with or without surgery to extraction of the tooth. Appropriate anatomical knowledge and evaluation of pre-operative radiograph also contribute to a desirable outcome.

CASE REPORT

A 46-year-old male presented to a private clinic in Qatar, with a chief complaint of intermittent spontaneous pain in the mandibular back tooth region. He had no history of trauma in the region and his medical history was noncontributory. Extraoral

examination shows normal lymph node, TMJ and no facial swelling. On intraoral examination, tooth 37 with a restoration was tender on percussion and palpation shows small firm swelling of the buccal vestibule in the tooth 37 region. The periapical radiograph shows RCT treated tooth with a periapical lesion of 6 mm along with inadequate obturation, a missed mesiolingual canal and suspected mesial root perforation (figure 1).

During the first visit, the tooth was isolated with a rubber dam, and the former coronal post endodontic restoration was removed to facilitate entry into the pulp chamber using tungsten carbide bur. Access cavity was refined to expose the pulp chamber using Endo Z bur. Previous obturation material was removed with gates glidden drills and retreatment files (D1, D2, D3 Dentsply) using GP solvent(Septodont Endosolv) and saline irrigation. Suspected perforation was confirmed using k-file number 10 (figure no:2). After copious irrigation, a temporary dressing (MD Temp) was placed.



Figure 1: Preoperative radiograph

On the next visit, after scouting for the canals and doing coronal pre-flaring, radiographic working length determination was done, which was confirmed using an electronic apex locator (Figure 3). The root canals were prepared in rotary crown down motion using Wave One files and RC Prep was used as a lubricant. Master cone was selected (Figure 4) and final Irrigation was done with sodium hypochlorite solution (2.5%) , 17% EDTA, saline. And intracanal medicament calcium hydroxide was placed. During the following visit, the Root canal was obturated with gutta-percha along with sealing of perforation site with Bio Root RCS (Figure 5). Bio Root RCS was used as a canal sealer. The coronal seal was obtained with a flowable composite(3M) and post endodontic composite restoration(Dentsply) was given (Figure 5). A full-coverage zirconium crown was given after 2 weeks (Figure 6). The patient was recalled after 3 months, but he couldn't come due to personal reasons. A teleconsultation confirmed his symptoms had been subsided. On 6 month (Figure 7) and one-year follow-up (Figure 8), the patient had no signs and symptoms, the periapical radiograph illustrated complete regression of the lesion. Clinical examination revealed no tenderness to percussion.



Figure 2: Suspected perforation confirmed using k file number 10

DISCUSSION

This case describes endodontic retreatment for the previously root-treated tooth with periradicular lesion which may be due to missed canal, root perforation and inadequate obturation. An accurate diagnosis can be done by microscopic examination. However, the clinical diagnosis seemed rational. Various treatment options for large periradicular lesions vary from root canal treatment to surgical procedures. Proper chemo-mechanical cleaning of the root canal and proper disinfection is phenomenal for the success of treatment. About 74% of 42 endodontically treated teeth in one study have shown bony healing of large periradicular lesions(1). According to Caliskan, large periradicular lesions have a poor prognosis. Missed canals have been linked with approximately 40%endodontic failures(2).In this case report, the mesiolingual canal had been missed during primary Endodontic treatment and was detected and properly treated. The other factors like inadequate obturation of mesiobuccal canal(3) and mesial root perforation (4)further contributed to the failure of primary endodontic treatment, which are carefully resolved during retreatment.

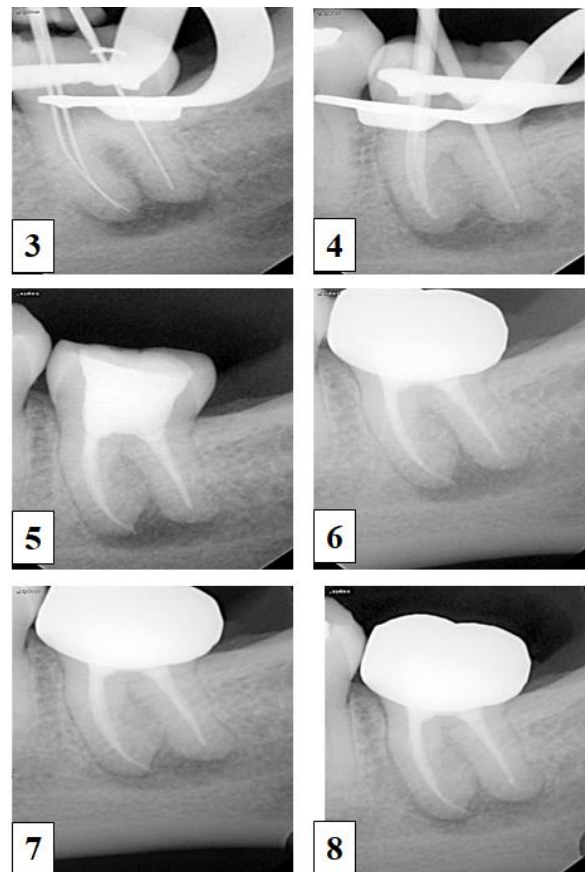


Figure 3: Working length determination using apex locator, Figure 4: Master cone selection, Figure 5: Obturation using gutta-percha, perforation sealed using Bio root RCS and post endodontic restoration given, Figure 6: 2 week follow up, Figure 7: 6 Months follow up, and Figure 8: 1 year follow up

In the studies which accessed teeth with endodontic failures, 65% of cases shown inadequate obturation whereas 42% had missed canals(3). Post endo restoration placed immediately also contributes to the success rate. Many studies have shown that an adequate post endorestitution placed immediately has a role in success rate(5) In this case, composite restoration was given immediately after obturation and coronal seal placement.

The number of visits for endodontic treatment is a topic of controversy in endodontics. A systematic review in 2008 revealed that there is no significant difference between single and multiple visits in the outcome of endodontic treatment(6) This retreatment case was done in three visits which confirms three visits endodontic treatment can result in successful treatment.

The calcium hydroxide paste is used as an antibacterial dressing in this case. The complete mechanism of action for this dressing is still unclear. The calcium hydroxide paste can accelerate periapical repair and eliminate residual microorganisms by reducing inflammation, stimulation of calcification and endotoxin neutralization(7). In favor of these studies, in this case, periapical healing occurred in a 6-month visit and progressed in 9-months and almost regressed in one year follow up.

The medical history of the patient was non-contributory, which may be contributed to the success of clinical and radiological healing of the periapical lesion. Previous studies have shown that the general health of the patient may contribute to the healing of periradicular lesions (8). An increase in the density of lesion and trabecular regeneration in the radiograph and absence of signs and symptoms confirmed healing. However, conventional techniques are not completely reliable.

CONCLUSION

This given case, multiple visit root canal retreatment without any surgery, proved successful in healing periradicular lesions. Proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment plan of the infected root canal of the previously treated tooth helps in the complete healing of periradicular lesion.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared

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