

Endodontically Treated Maxillary Premolars Restored with Glass Fiber Post under All Ceramic Crown

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ABSTRACT

Glass fiber posts and core are increasingly used in order to restore severely damaged endodontically treated teeth and particularly maxillary premolars that are prone to fracture. Their low modulus of elasticity which is similar to that of dentin allows the post to absorb stress and prevent root fracture. In addition, the glass fiber posts provide a natural hue by integrally bonding to the composite, thereby improving the aesthetics without compromising much on the strength.

Various factors are involved in the longevity of such treatment option, remaining tooth structure seems to be the most important.

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INTRODUCTION

For many years the restoration of endodontically treated teeth (ETT) with extensive loss of coronal tooth structure consisted in stereotyped procedures systematically using post and core followed by the cementation of a full crown. Frequent longitudinal root fractures were observed because of their high elasticity modulus.

Recently, clinicians are increasingly opting for fiber post materials that have biomechanical characteristics similar to those of dentin. The main objective of this paper is to discuss the various factors involved in the longevity of maxillary premolars when restored with glass fiber post (GFPs) under all ceramic crown.

tooth is discolored with a large composite filling and the periapical radiograph shows a good root canal treatment.



Figure 1 : Upper left second premolar discolored after root canal treatment

CASE PRESENTATION

A 26-year-old patient consult with a main chief complaint the restoration of the upper left second premolar (Figure 1). The

Step by step treatment:

After tooth preparation caries and an extended composite filling still to be

removed (Figure 2). As a result, only the buccal wall still sound as well as 1/3 of each other walls. In view of the significant tissue loss, a glass fiber post and core followed by a zirconia crown is indicated to meet the high aesthetic requirements of the patient.

First, post selection (Rely X Fiber Post No.2, 3M ESPE) is done according to the retroalveolar x-ray (Figure 3), root canal preparation is done with the corresponding drill (figure 4) and retaining an apical seal of 4 mm.



Figure 2 : After tooth preparation caries and an extended composite filling still to be removed

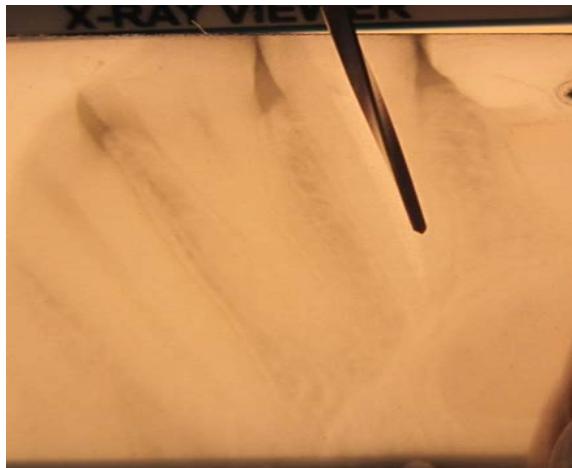


Figure 3:Selection of the GFP



Figure 4: GFP+corresponding drill

Using a diamond disc the post is cut in such a way that its occlusal end is located 2 mm from the occlusion plane (Figure 5) then it is tried on in the post space to verify its passive insertion (Figure 6).

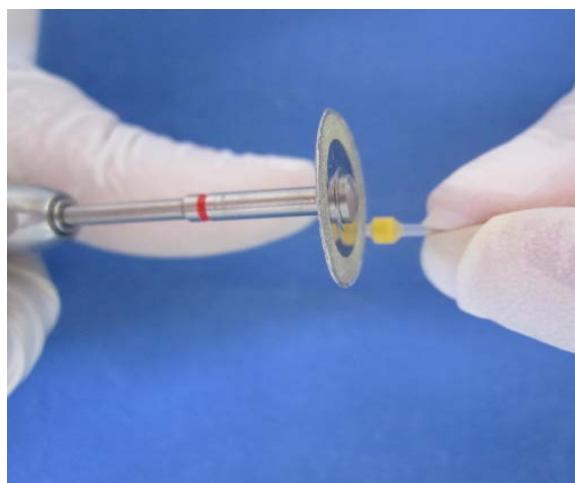


Figure 5 : Cutting the GFP using a diamond disc so to not alter the fibers



Figure 6 : The post is tried on in the post space to verify its passive insertion

Second, the post is cleaned with ethanol and the canal is disinfected with a sodium hypochlorite solution. Rubber dam is placed in order to prevent moisture after what the post is cemented with RelyX™ Unicem (3M ESPE, USA). The thin tip allows the composite to be brought back to

the bottom of the canal and to avoid air bubbles (Figure 7,8, 9). The post is inserted slowly, making a slight withdrawal before

placing it. The coronal part is restored with the same composite (Figures 10,11).



Figure 7: The thin tip allows the composite to be brought back to the bottom of the canal and to avoid air bubbles.



Figure 8 :GFP bonding



Figure 8 :Lightcuring



Figure 10,11: Clinical views after Glass fiber post and core

The final result is satisfactory thanks to the aesthetic properties of the layering ceramic and the power of light

transmission of the (GFP) and composite (Figures 12 ,13,14).



Figures 12,13,14 : Clinical views after cementation of all ceramic crown

DISCUSSION

Fracture resistance is the most frequent failure mode of teeth restored using fiber posts. Longevity of treatment depends on several factors:

Post length:

Increasing the post length inside the root of endodontically treated premolar teeth restored with GFPs increase the fracture resistance to non-axial forces. Short GFPs seemed to adversely affect the fracture resistance of ETT (6).

Number and location of posts:

No significant difference was observed between the fracture resistance of endodontically treated maxillary first premolars restored with size 3 single post of longer length and size 1 double posts of shorter lengths. Thus, two shorter and thinner post can be considered as an alternative to the use of a broader and longer

post in teeth with shorter and curved root as well as to preserve more tooth structure (9).

Fiber post location has a significant effect on fracture resistance of severely damaged, endodontically treated maxillary premolars with two roots.

Post placement in the palatal root is preferred, as it maintains the restorability of the tooth (11).

Remaining tooth structure:

The remaining bulk of tooth structure plays a vital role in terms of strength and resistance to root fracture (9). It has been clearly shown that the survival rates of ETT are strongly related to the preservation of tooth structure. Regardless of the restorative procedure, the preservation of at least one coronal wall significantly reduced failure risk (12).

Mohamed Mohey Eldin Mohamed considered that under the limitation of his study, the thickness of remaining coronal

dentin significantly affects the fracture resistance of endodontically treated teeth restored whatever by casted metal or fiber post and core(7).

Abutment height is another factor to consider, a number of studies recommended a minimal height of 2mm of intact tooth structure above the crown margin for 360 degrees around the circumference of the tooth preparation as a rational guideline for the ferrule effect. Jie lin concluded in his study failure that mode is more favorable with reduced abutment height (6).

Fiber post and core Vs Ni-Cr post systems and zirconia post-and-core systems

Compared to zirconia post-and-core systems and cast Ni-Cr post systems, fiberglass posts with composite cores showed the highest fracture resistance values under all-ceramic crowns in endodontically treated premolars. (5)

Fiber post and core composite restorations without any post

Recently, an increasing number of papers have been advocating the use of direct composite restorations without any post for ETT. The greatest advantage of this « simplified » approach is that all the dental substrates remaining after caries removal and root canal treatment can be easily preserved. This specific research issue still partially controversial.

CONCLUSION

Fiber posts, used in combination with adhesive techniques, allow for the creation of a homogeneous and integrated unit, involving the restorative materials, the dental substrates, and all the interfaces.

Compared with the premolars restored with a metallic post, the fiber post generates lower stress along the interface and higher stresses in the root. However, with the fiber post, fracture is less likely to occur in the root since its core and post fracture indices are higher (1).

Preservation of sound coronal tooth structure and the presence of ferrule are

important factors to decrease the wedging force of posts (7).

Abbreviations: ETT for endodontically treated teeth; GFPs for glass fiber posts

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