

Obturation of the Root Canal System: cold and warm techniques

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CHAPTER OUTLINE

IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVELY SEALING THE ROOT
CANAL SYSTEM

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

TIMING OF OBTURATION

Vital Pulp Tissue

Necrotic Pulp Tissue

LENGTH OF OBTURATION

PREPARATION FOR OBTURATION

THE IDEAL ROOT CANAL FILLING

TYPES OF SEALERS

Zinc Oxide and Eugenol

Calcium Hydroxide Sealers

Noneugenol Sealers

Glass Ionomer Sealers

Resin

Silicone Sealers

Bioceramic

Medicated Sealers

SEALER PLACEMENT

CORE MATERIALS

Silver Cones

Gutta-Percha

Activ GP

Resilon

Custom Cones

METHODS OF OBTURATION

Lateral Compaction

Warm Vertical Compaction

Continuous Wave Compaction Technique

Warm Lateral Compaction

Thermoplastic Injection Techniques

Carrier-Based Gutta-Percha

Thermomechanical Compaction

Solvent Techniques

Pastes

Immediate Obturation

CORONAL ORIFICE SEAL

The necessity of obturation

- Pulpal remnants, necrotic tissue, bacteria, and bacterial by-products remaining - initiate a lesion
- Cannot be completely cleaned and disinfected



- Obturation reduces coronal leakage
- seals the apex
- entombs the remaining irritants

Ideal root canal filling

- Core material + sealer
- obturated root canal should reflect the original canal shape
- Radiographic interpretation

Function of the Sealer

- to seal the space between
 - the dentinal wall and the obturating core
 - gutta-percha points
- To fill voids and irregularities in the root canal, lateral and accessory canals
- Lubricants

Ideal sealer (Grossman)

At present no sealer satisfies all the criteria.

Properties of an Ideal Sealer

- ◆ Exhibits tackiness when mixed to provide good adhesion between it and the canal wall when set
- ◆ Establishes a hermetic seal
- ◆ Radiopaque, so that it can be seen on a radiograph
- ◆ Very fine powder, so that it can mix easily with liquid
- ◆ No shrinkage on setting
- ◆ No staining of tooth structure
- ◆ Bacteriostatic, or at least does not encourage bacterial growth
- ◆ Exhibits a slow set
- ◆ Insoluble in tissue fluids
- ◆ Tissue tolerant; that is, nonirritating to periradicular tissue
- ◆ Soluble in a common solvent if it is necessary to remove the root canal filling

Types of Sealers

- zinc oxide–eugenol
- calcium hydroxide sealers
- glass ionomers
- resins

Zinc Oxide and Eugenol

- Long time usage, still on the market
- slow setting time, **shrinkage** on setting, solubility, discoloration
- antimicrobial activity



Calcium Hydroxide Sealers

- ? Antimicrobial activity, osteogenic–cementogenic ?
- Solubility

Glass Ionomer Sealers

- dentin-bonding – difficulties to treat apical and middle thirds with preparatory bonding agents
- Retreatment?
- minimal antimicrobial activity

Resin

- AH-26 (Dentsply), epoxy resin with formaldehyde, slow-setting
- AH Plus, no formaldehyde, 4 hours.
- Diaket, a polyvinyl resin (3M ESPE)



AH Plus (gold standard)

- ([http://www.dentsply.ch/bausteine.net/f/7299/SCAHPlus050419rMV\(Germanmarket\).pdf?fd=2](http://www.dentsply.ch/bausteine.net/f/7299/SCAHPlus050419rMV(Germanmarket).pdf?fd=2): upgrade of the AH26: shrinkage, discoloration, formaldehyde, powder-liquid
 - Low solubility
 - High stability
 - Slightly Thixotrop
 - Adhesion to dentin, good penetration
 - Good sealing
 - Slight expansion
- Disadvantage:
 - No bonding to guttapercha



EndoREZ (Ultradent Products, South Jordan, UT),
methacrylate resin, hydrophilic properties. EndoREZ
resin-coated gutta-percha cones



Epiphany/resilon RealSeal (Kerr?) 2004



“monoblock”

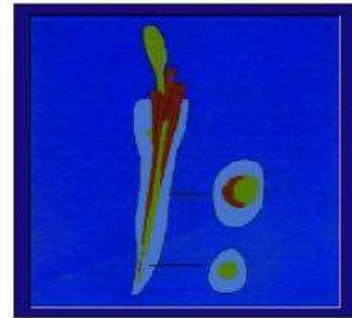


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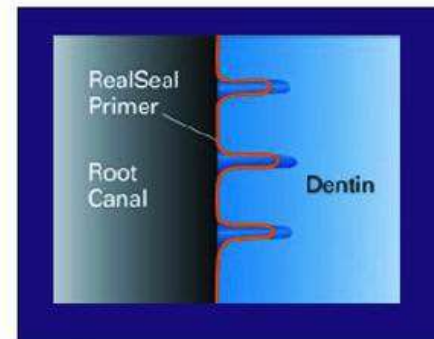


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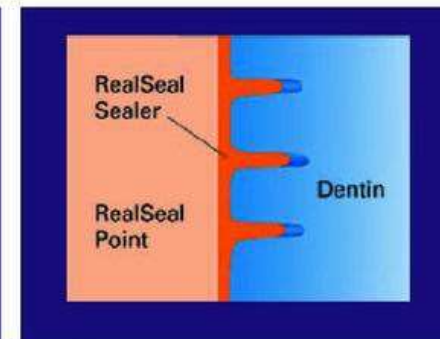


Figura 3

Silicone Sealers

- RoekoSeal (Coltène/Whaledent, Germany) is a polyvinylsiloxane, expand slightly on setting
- GuttaFlow (Coltène/Whaledent) cold flowable gutta-percha added to RoekoSeal, single master cone, 25 to 30 minutes, .

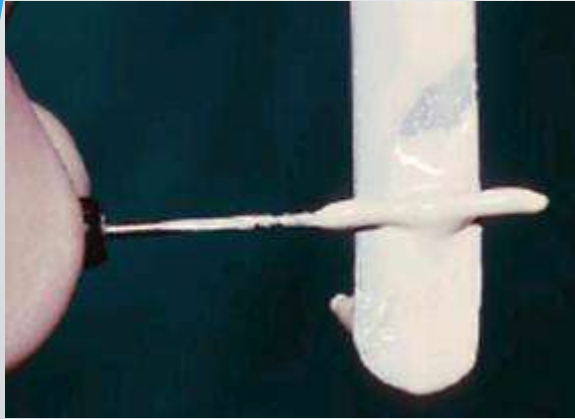


Bioceramic, calcium silicate-based endodontic sealers

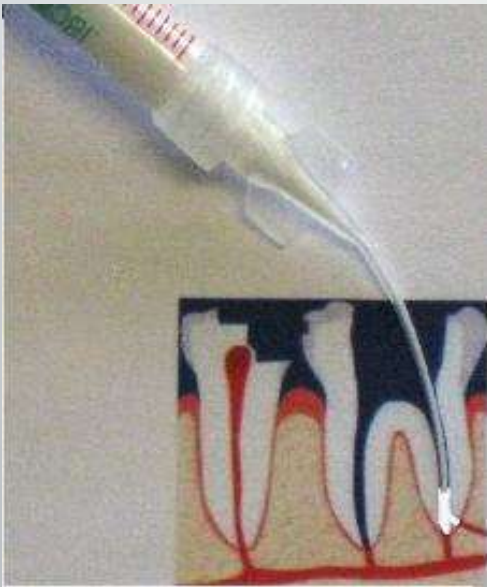
- zirconium oxide, calcium silicates, calcium phosphate monobasic, calcium hydroxide, and various filling and thickening agents.
- hydrophilic sealer it utilizes moisture
- within the canal to complete the setting reaction
- no shrinkage
- biocompatible
- antimicrobial
- master guttapercha cone (piston, synchronized)



Sealer Placement



- master cone, files, reamers
- lentulo spirals
- injection
- ultrasonics.

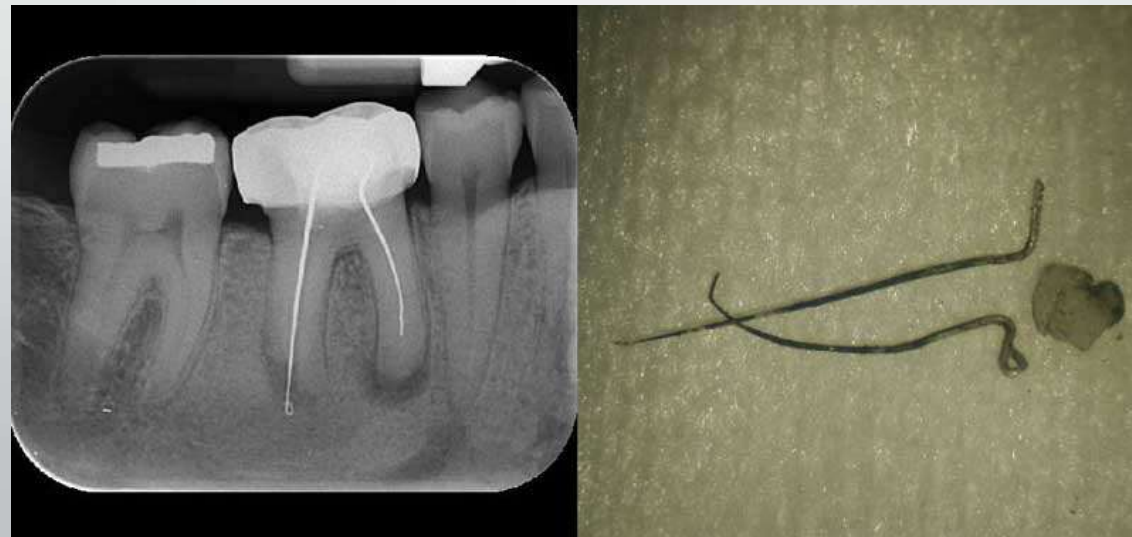


Core Materials

- Silver Cones
- Gutta-Percha
- Activ GP
- Resilon
- Custom Cones

Silver Cones

- Rigidity - easy to place, predictable length control
- Difficult to remove
- inability to fill the irregularly shaped root canal
- Corrosion - cytotoxic
- today is considered to be below the standard of care



GUTTA-PERCHA – AN UNTOLD STORY

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ABSTRACT

“GUTTA-PERCHA” was first introduced as a restorative material and later developed into an indispensable endodontic filling material. It has become the “soul” of endodontics, in its development as a specialty.

Many articles have dealt about the various techniques of usage of Gutta-percha, but the present article deals briefly with its history, sources, chemistry, commercial manufacture, its evolution

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(Sapotaceae család,

Palaquium gutta, Isonandra gutta, Dichopsis gutta)

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are t “PERTJA”- fa neve (Maláj nyelven)

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1656 - John Tradescant hozta először Angliába távol keletről

1867 - Bowman - gyökértömés.

1887 - S.S White cég – első guttapercha poén

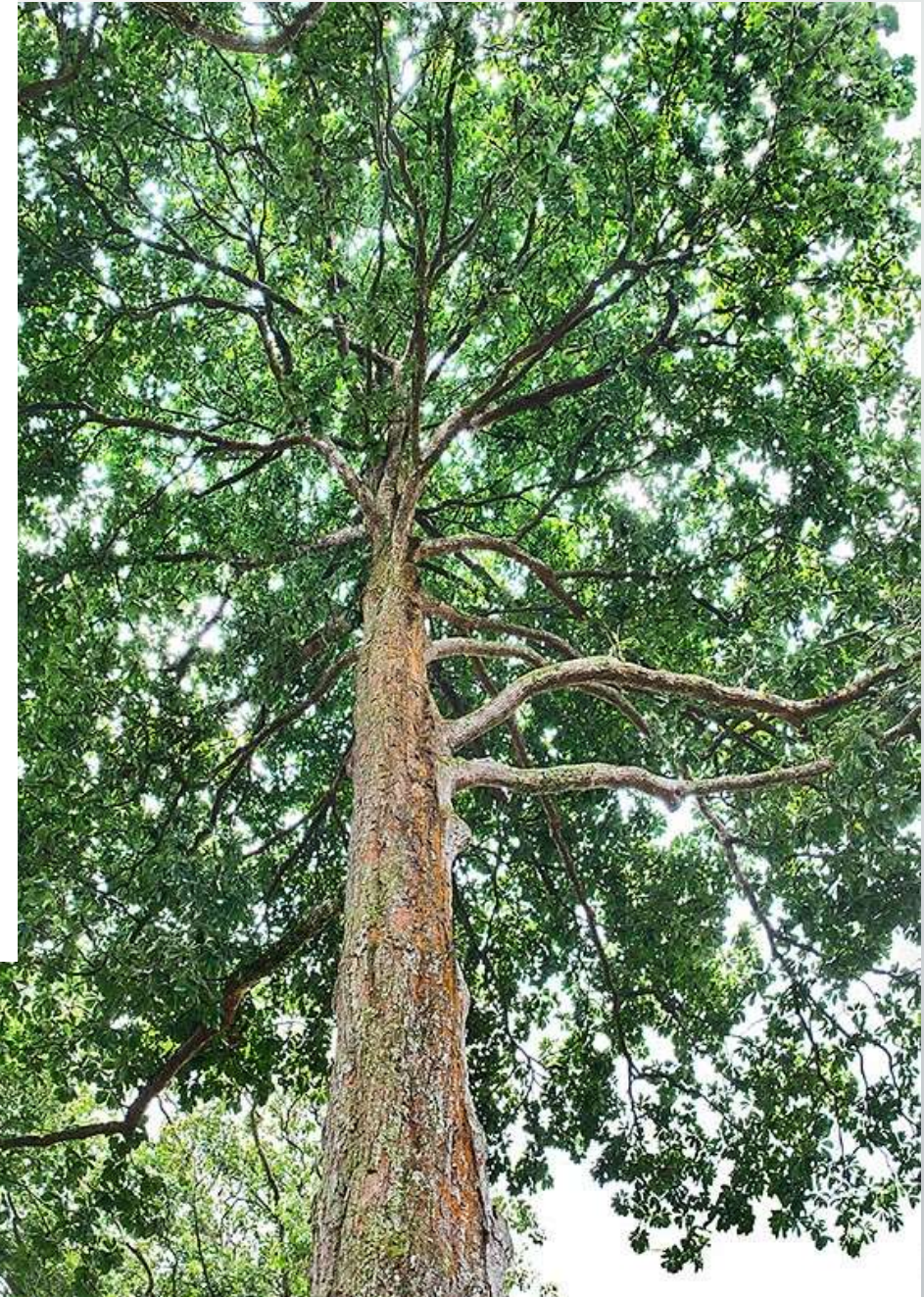
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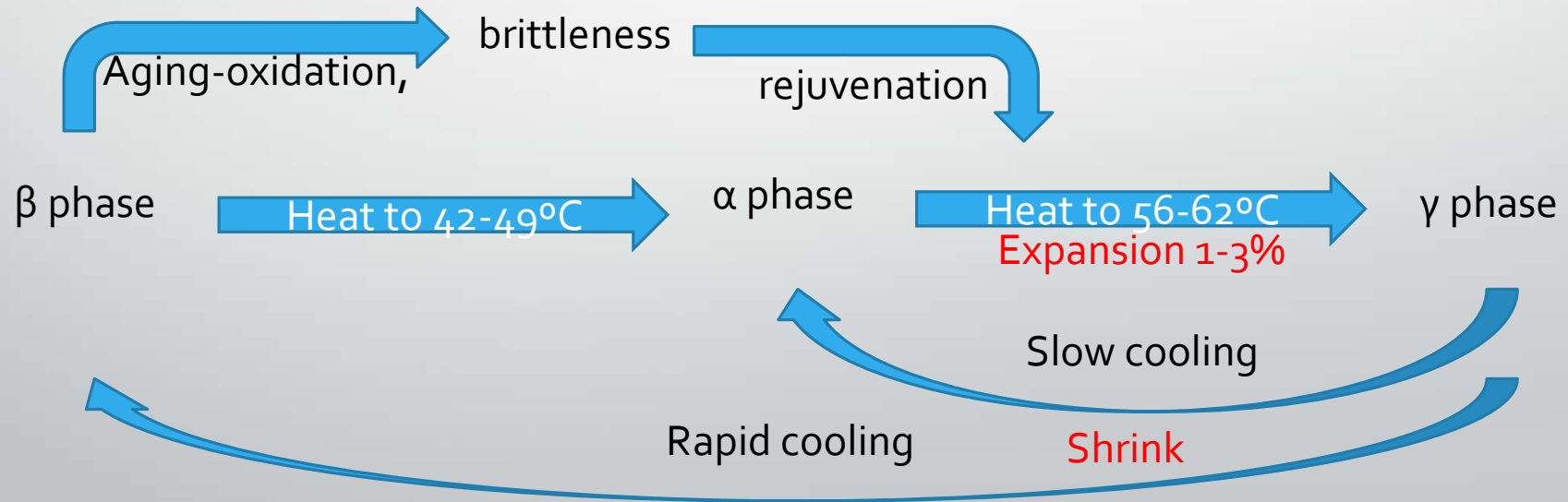
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Gutta-percha

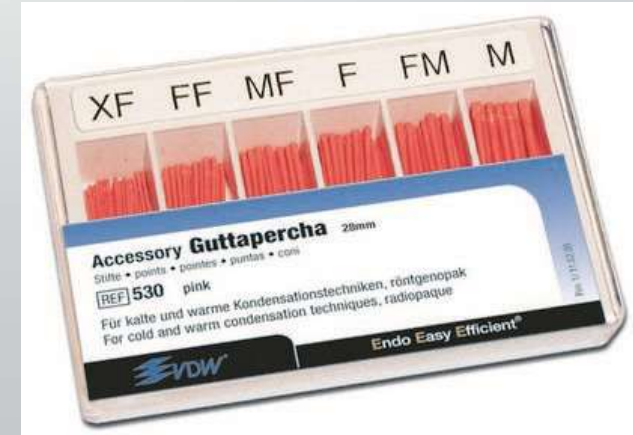
- *trans* isomer of polyisoprene (rubber)
- Gutta-percha cone: 20% guttapercha, 65% zinc oxide, 10% radiopacifiers, 5% plasticizers
- two crystalline forms
 - αnatural form, runny, tacky and sticky, lower viscosity, THERMOPLASTIC FILLING
 - βmost common commercial form solid, compactible and elongatible, higher viscosity
 - γ phase - amorphous
 - Slow cooling result in α form rapid cooling result in β form



Gutta-percha

- plasticity,
- Ease of manipulation
- minimal toxicity
- Radiopacity
- ease of removal with heat or solvents.
- Disadvantages: lack of adhesion to dentin
- shrinkage on cooling

Gutta-percha





alpha Guttapercha .04 und .06

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Standardised Gutta-Percha Cones

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Conventional Gutta-Percha

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Gutta-percha

- Sterilization before use: placing the cones in 5.25% NaOCl for 1 minute

Activ GP

Activ GP (Brasseler USA, Savannah, GA)

glass ionomer-impregnated gutta-percha cone + glass ionomer external coating + a glass ionomer sealer



Resilon

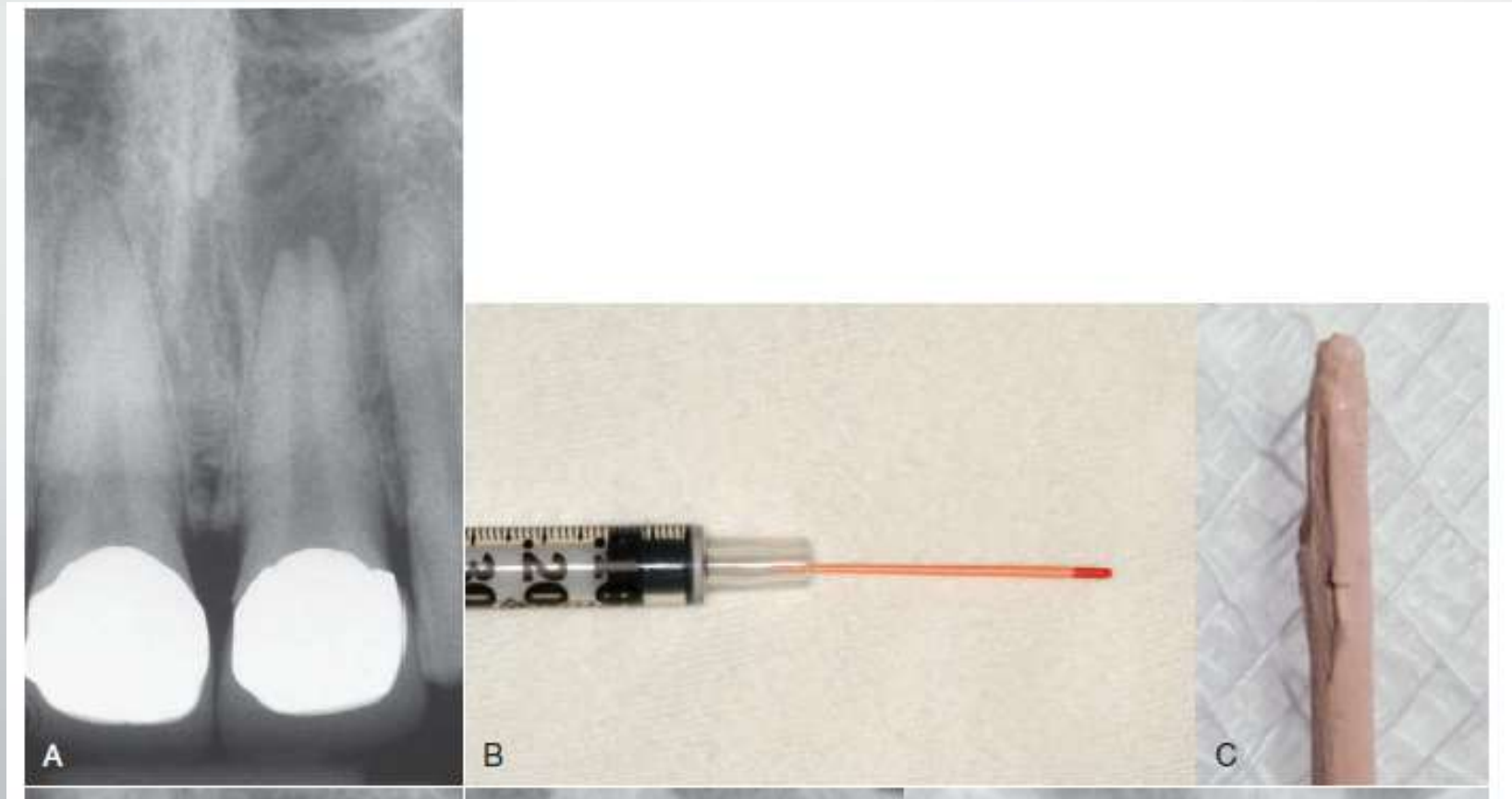
resin matrix of bisphenol A-glycidyl methacrylate [Bis-GMA], ethoxylated Bis-GMA, urethane dimethacrylate [UDMA], and hydrophilic difunctional methacrylates and fillers [70%] of calcium hydroxide, barium sulfate, barium glass, bismuth oxychloride, and silica).



- Self-etch primer
- Resin sealer (25 minutes, +light cured)
- Lateral compaction or warm vertical compaction, or thermoplastic injection
- Excellent sealing, resistant to fracture, „prevent“ periodontitis versus GP+Ahplus
- biocompatible

Custom Cones

- open apical foramen or large canal




Obturation technique

- To date little evidence exists to support one method of obturation **as being superior to another** and the influence of treatment technique on success/failure has yet to be determined.
- *Aqrabawi JA: Outcome of endodontic treatment of teeth filled using lateral condensation versus vertical compaction (Schilder's technique). J Contemp Dent Pract 7:17,2006*
- *Ng YL, Mann V, Rahbaran S, Lewsey J, Gulabivala K: Outcome of primary root canal treatment: systematic review of the literature. 1. Effects of study characteristics on probability of success. Int Endod J 40:921, 2007.*

Lateral Compaction

- most clinical situations
- length control during compaction
- with any of the acceptable sealers
- Only a few instrumentum (cheap spreaders)
- may not fill canal irregularities



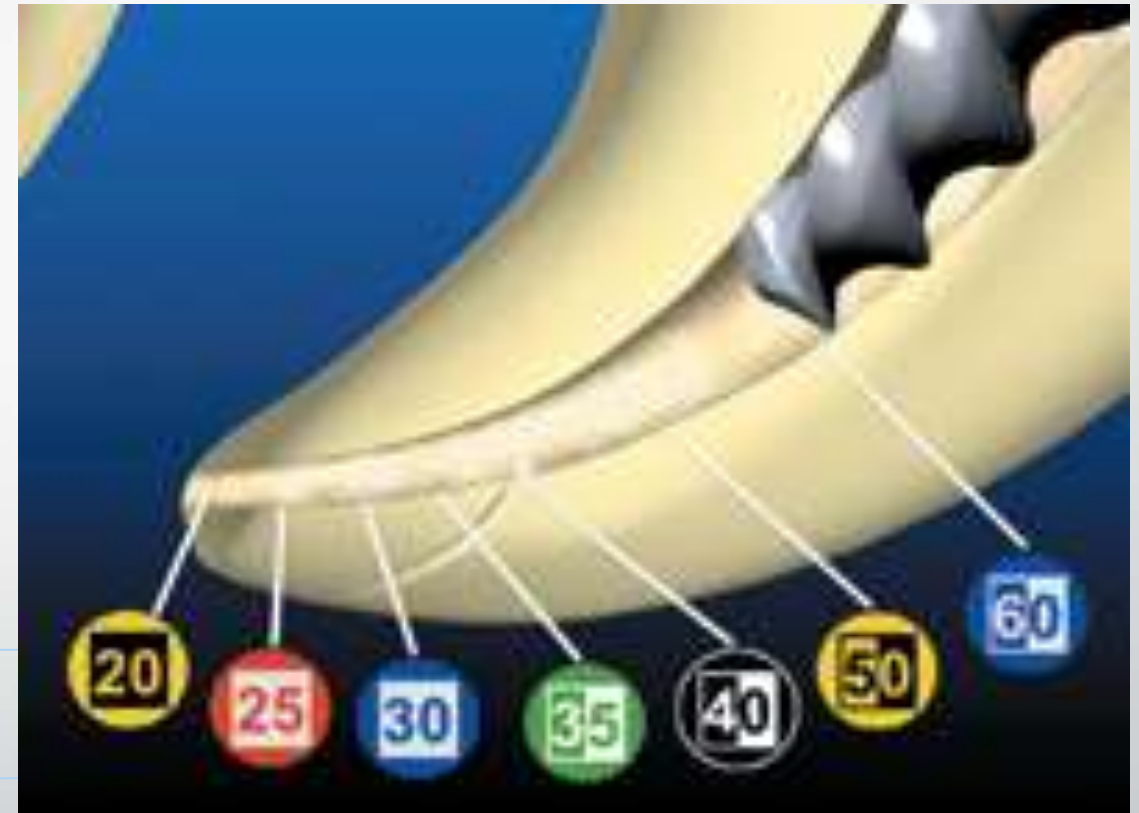
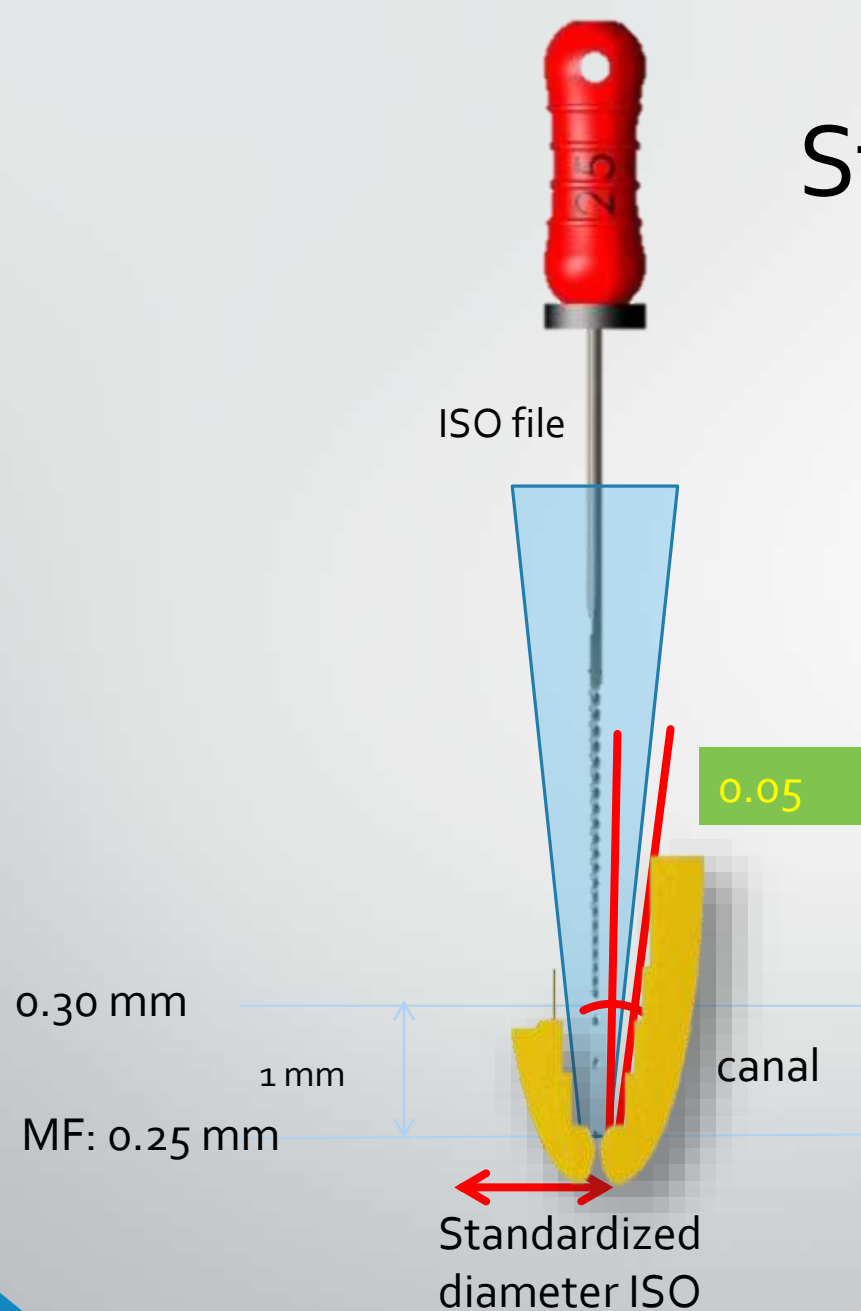
Lateral compaction
Step by step

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Step-back technique



1. LATERAL COMPACTION OF GUTTA-PERCHA

Objective: fill the canal with gutta-percha points (cones) by compacting them laterally against the sides of the canal walls.

Two main types of spreading instruments

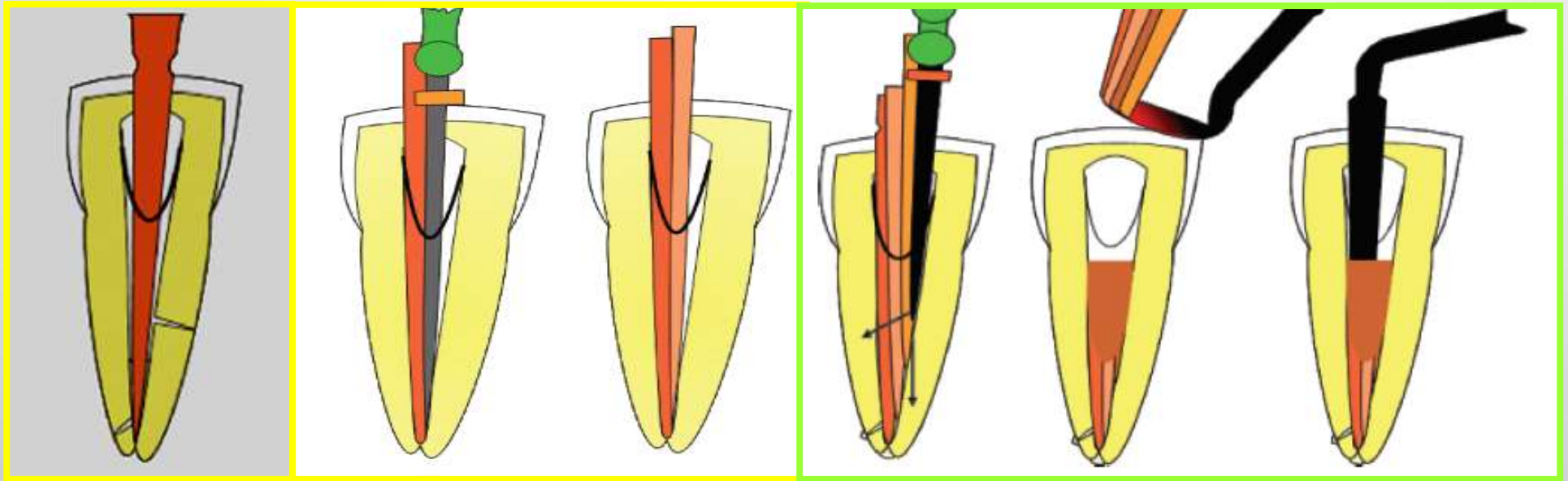
- long handled spreaders
- finger spreaders



•Finger spreaders provide: better tactile sensation & less likely to induce fractures



SUMMARY



Efficacy of Lateral Compaction

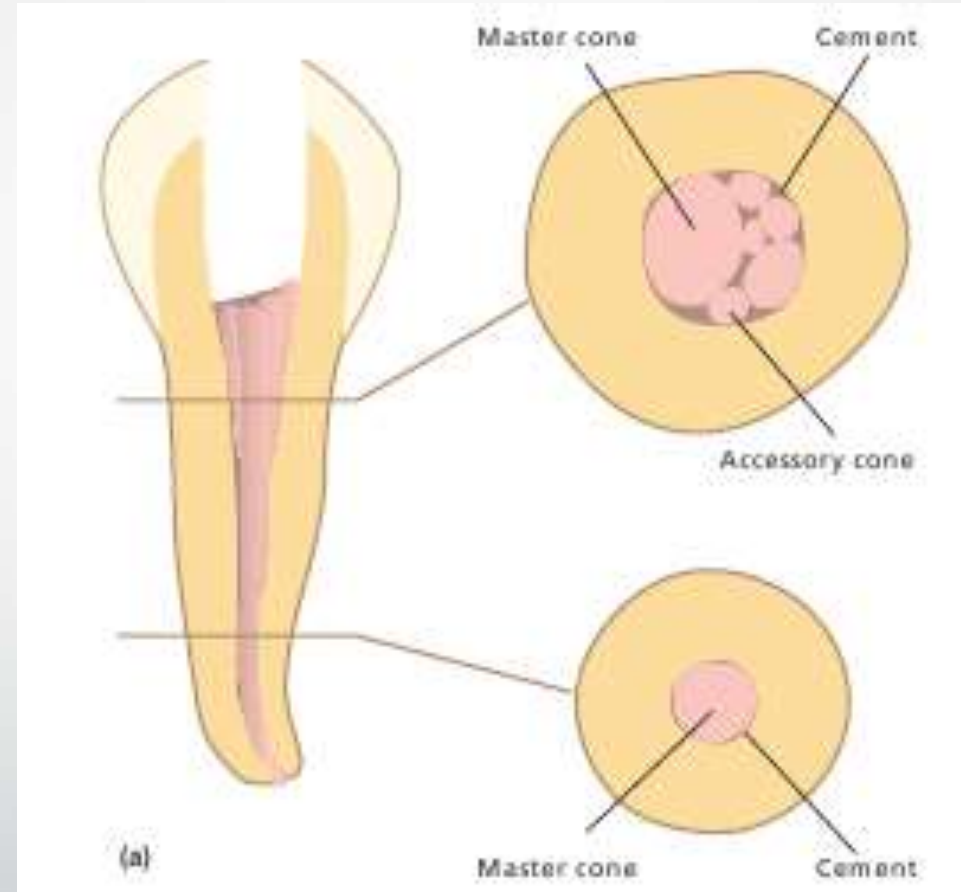
- “Gold standard”

Advantage :

- Excellent length control

Limitations:

- However, this technique may not fill canal irregularities
- Gutta-percha cones never merge into a homogeneous mass, but they slip and glide and are frozen in a sea of cement

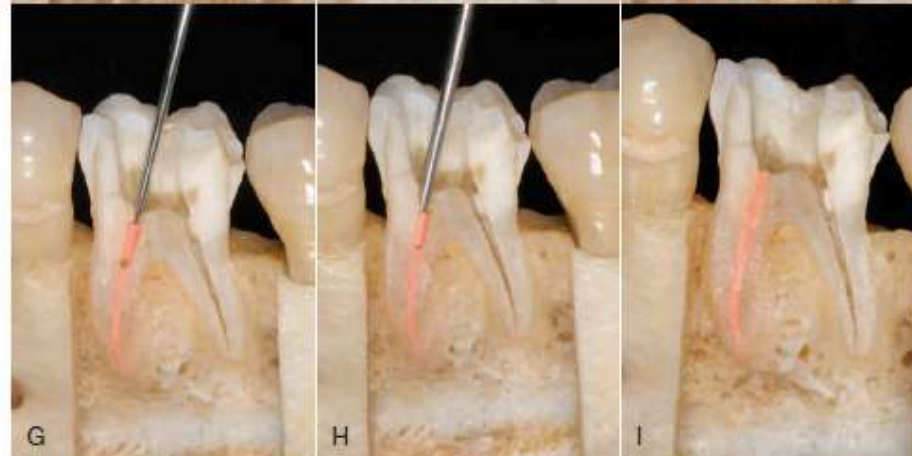
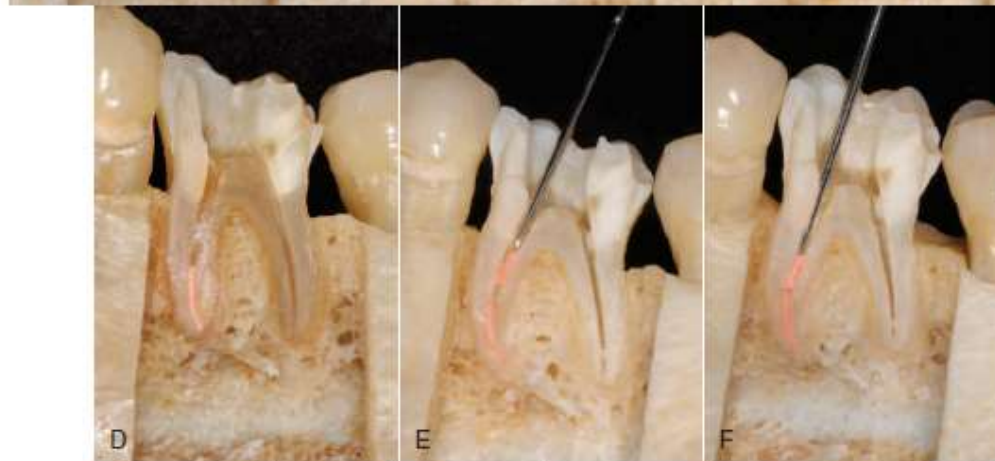
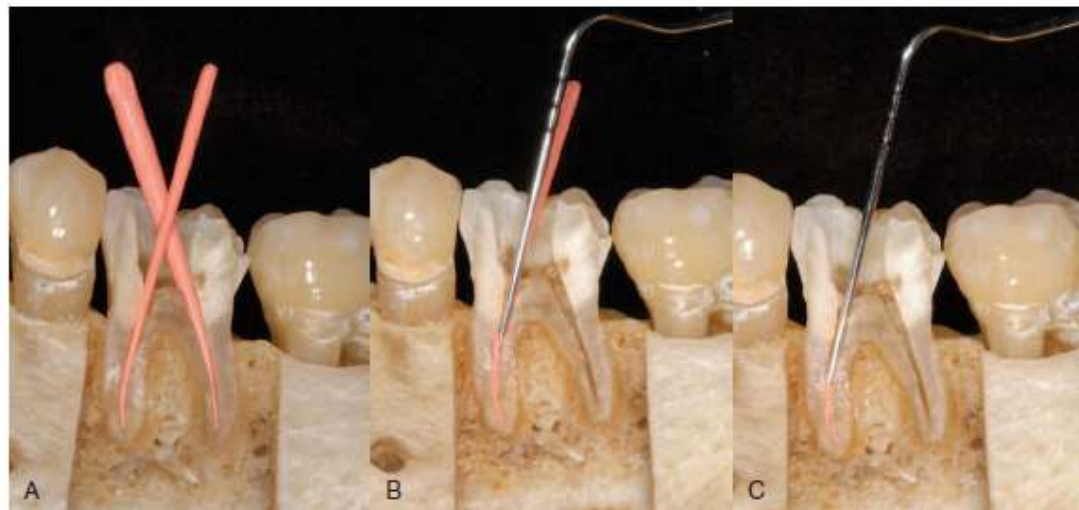


Warm Vertical Compaction

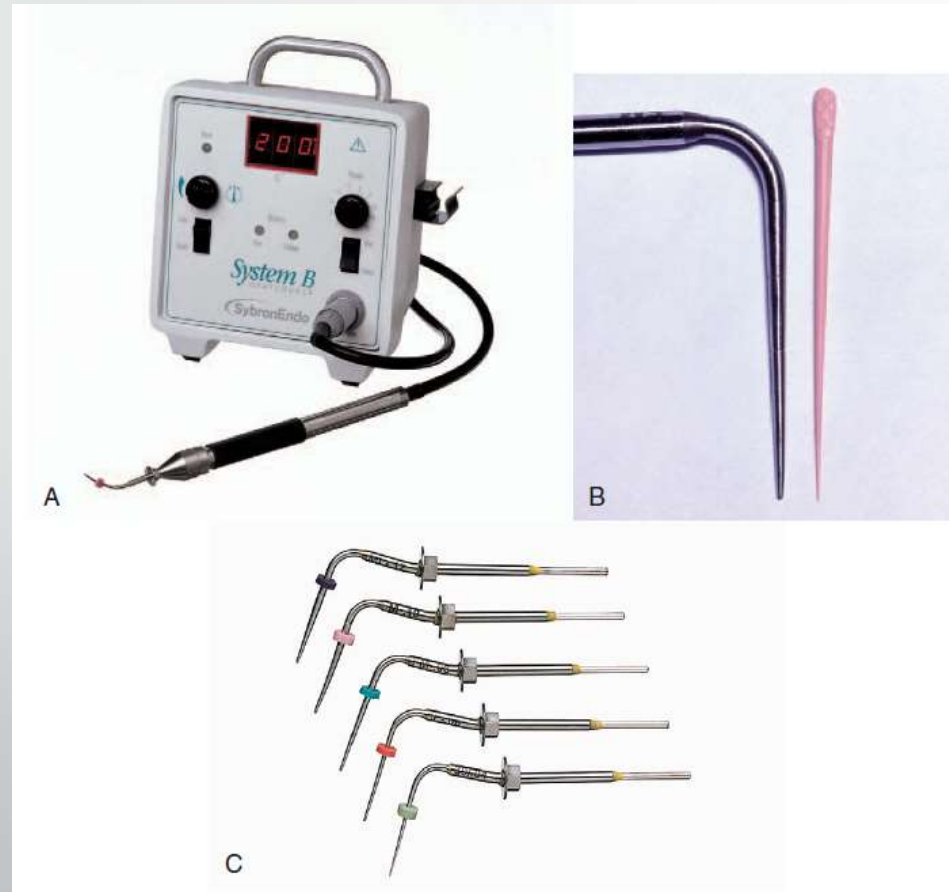
- Schilder introduced warm vertical compaction
- a continuously tapering funnel
- keeping the apical foramen **as small as possible.**

Pluggers





Continuous Wave Compaction Technique: Temperature control instruments



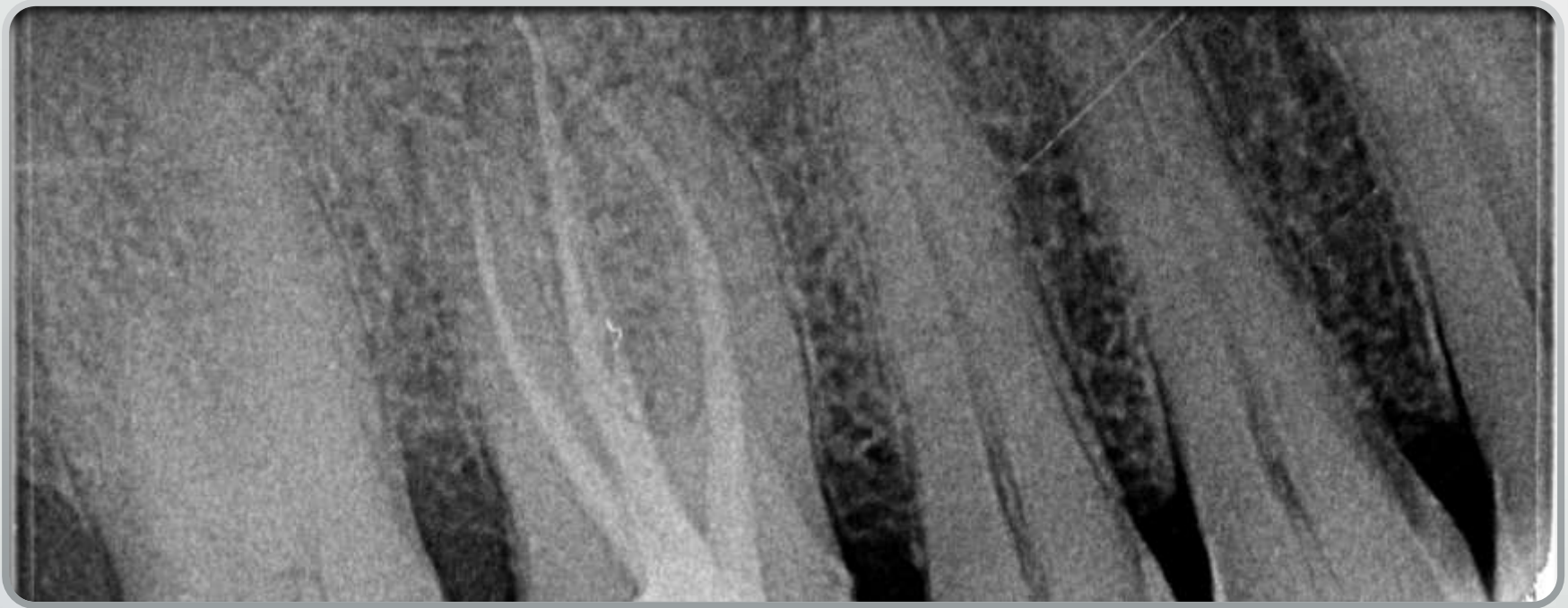
Thermoplastic injection technique: Backfill





Carrier-Based Gutta-Percha





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