

# **Endodontics I.**

**Case selection and treatment  
planning**

# Common medical findings that may influence endodontic treatment planning

- Pregnancy
- Cardiovaslular disease
- Cancer
- HIV and acuired immunodeficiency syndrome
- End stage renal disease
- Dialysis
- Diabetes
- Prosthetic implants
- Patients with anticoagulation therapy
- Behavioral and psychiatric disorders

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- Psychosocial evaluation
- Recent medical research: Dental implications

- Pregnancy is not a contraindication to endodontics but it does modify treatment planning. Consult a physician if you are not sure.

- Ragiography

If possible NO!!!

*Lead apron and thyroid collar*

- Drugs

Antibiotics (penicillin, cephalosporin, clarithromycin - all with caution !)

Analgetics (paracetamol – with caution!)

Local anaesthetics (first if possible no in emergency with caution yes, second trimesters YES, third trimester with caution – a risk of contractions).

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## ■ Cardiovascular disease

- Vulnerability to emotional and physical or stress during dental treatment including endodontics.
- Consultation with the patient's physician is mandatory before the initiation of endodontic treatment if within 6 month after the attack.

- Patients who have had heart attack (myocardial infarction) within 6 month should not have elective dental care.

*Medication can potentially interact with vasoconstrictors in LA*

*Increased susceptibility to repeat the heart attack.*

## ■ Risk of vasoconstrictors

### No administration:

- Patients with non stable angina pectoris
- Uncontrolled hypertension
- Refractory arythmia
- Recent myocardial infarction (less than 6 month)
- Recent stroke (less than 6 month)
- Recent coronary bypass graft (less than 3 month)
- Uncontrolled congestive heart failure
- Uncontrolled hyperthyreoidism

# Risk of bacterial **endocarditis**

Caused by a bacteremia – can be associated with endodontic treatment.

It is **potentially fatal**.

- Patients who have a history
- of murmur or mitral valve prolapse with regurgitation
- Rheumatic fever
- Congenital heart defect
- Artificial heart valves

# Risk of bacterial **endocarditis**

Must be minimized using

## **ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS**

*Short term administration of antibiotic in high dosage – according to recent recommendation.*

# Cancer

- Risk of metastasis in jaws. Careful examination, OPG.
- Cancer in orofacial region - all potential focuses must be removed, no endodontic treatment during and after radiotherapy. Risk of radionecrosis – radioosteomyelitis.

*Radiotherapy - decreasing number of osteoblasts, osteocysts, endothelial cells and blood flow.*

*Routine dental procedures can be done if granulocysts counts is grater than  $2000/\text{mm}^3$  platelet count grater than  $50.000/\text{mm}^3$ .*

*Consultation with responsible specialist.*

# HIV and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

- HIV patients do not have an increased risk of postoperative pain or inflammation.

## Precautions of infection of dental team.

Generally – number of CD4 lymphocytes is important (less than  $200/\text{mm}^3$  higher risk of opportunistic infections).

# Renal disease and dialysis

- End stage renal disease – best way hospital setting.
- Dialysis – consultation with the specialist
- (some drugs are eliminated by dialysis, the treatment is best scheduled a day after dialysis since on the day of dialysis patients are generally fatigued and have a bleeding tendency)

# Diabetes

- Patients with well medically controlled diabetes and free of serious complications (renal disease, hypertension, coronary atherosclerotic disease) is a candidate for endodontic treatment.
  - *Non insulin patient may require insulin*
  - *Insulin patient may require hihger dosis of insulin*
  - *Source of glucosa should be available*
  - *Appointments should be scheduled with consideration given to the patient's normal meal and insulin schedule.*

Especially when surgical endodontics is indicated – consultation with specialist is useful.

# Prosthetic implant

- Can require antibiotics prophylaxis depending on time after implantation and other patient's diseases.

**Consultation with patient's physician.**

*Endodontic is an unlikely cause the bacteremia in comparison with extractions, scaling, periodontal surgery.*

# Patients with anticoagulation therapy

- Risk of bleeding from dental pulp and root canal
- Risk of haematoma when nerve blocking anaesthesia is used.

*Treatment depending on laboratory tests, consultation with specialist.*

# Behavioral and psychiatric disorders

- Patient's ability of cooperation and drug interaction (local anaesthetics)

*Consultation of physician usefull and sometimes necessary.*

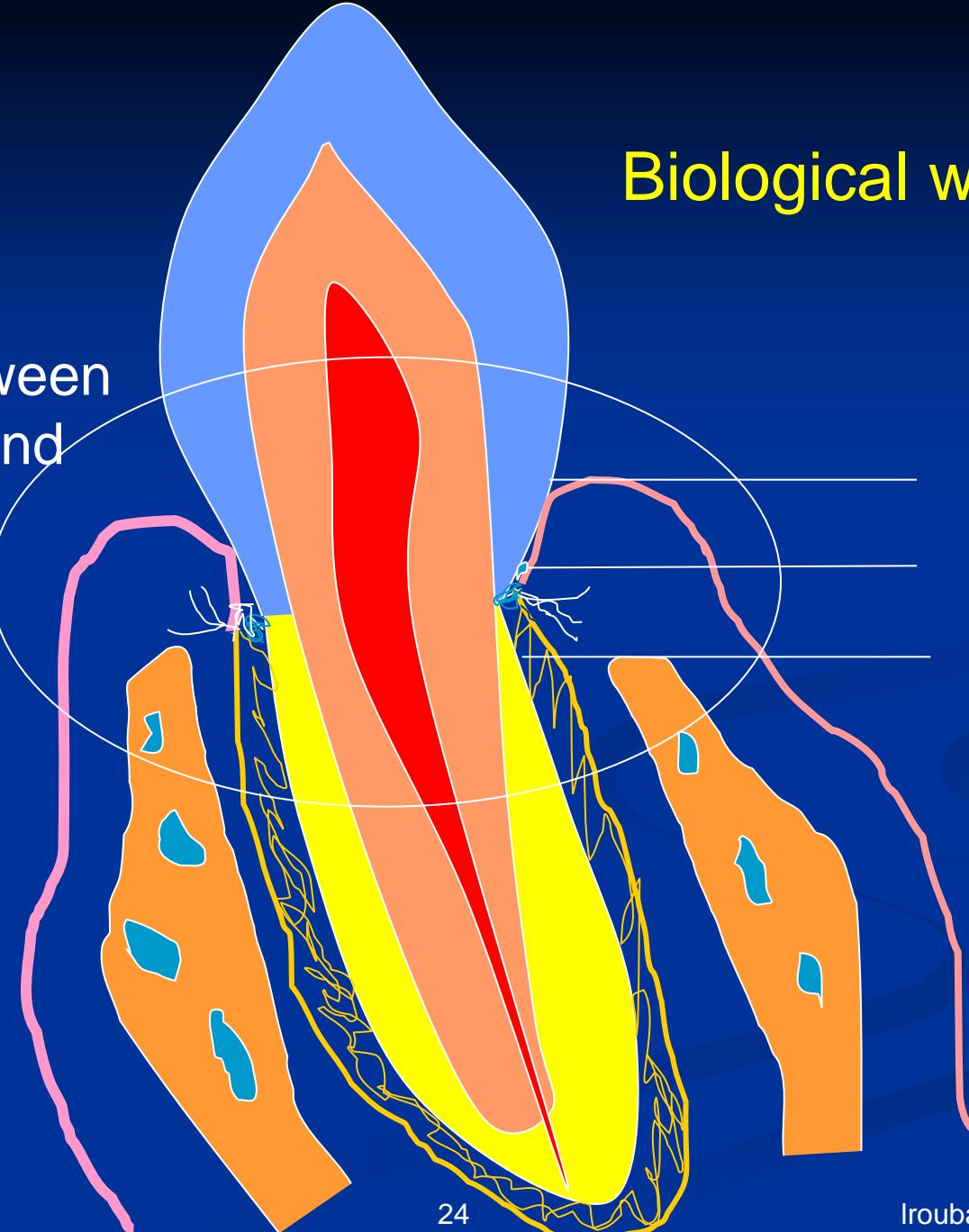
# **Regional factors that influence endodontic case selection**

- Position of the tooth and its importance for function
  - The tooth must be valuable for the function (dystopic teeth, third molars etc..)

# **Local factors that may influence endodontic case selection**

- Periodontal consideration  
(poor periodontal prognosis – no endodontic treatment)
- Surgical consideration (some lesions are nonodontogenic)
- Restorative consideration (root intraosseus caries, poor crown/root ratio, extensive periodontal defects)
- Others (calcification, obliteration, root resorption, dilaceration etc.)





Distance between  
free gingiva and  
alveolar bone

Biological width

cca 2 mm

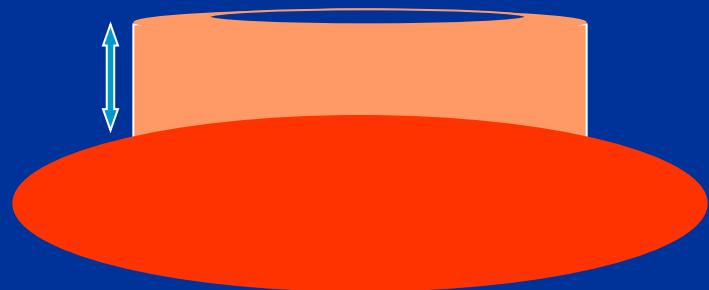
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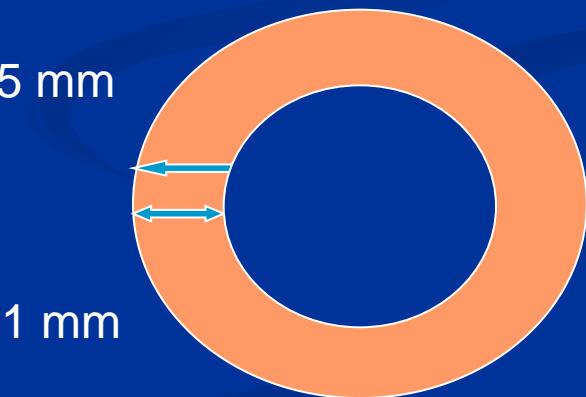


## Ferrule effect

1,5 – 2 mm



1,5 mm



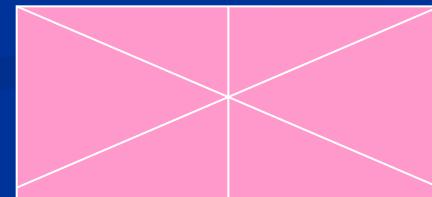
1 mm

# Rest of hard dental tissues – tooth restorable index

Score	Description
0	<b><math>\geq 1/3</math> no supragingival dentin dentin</b>
1	<b>Width of remaining dentin is <math>\leq 1,5</math> mm</b>
2	<b>Supragingival dentin width and height is app.1 mm <math>\geq 2/3</math></b>
3	<b>Sufficient amount od dentin – more than <math>1,5 \times 1</math>mm</b>

Sextant:

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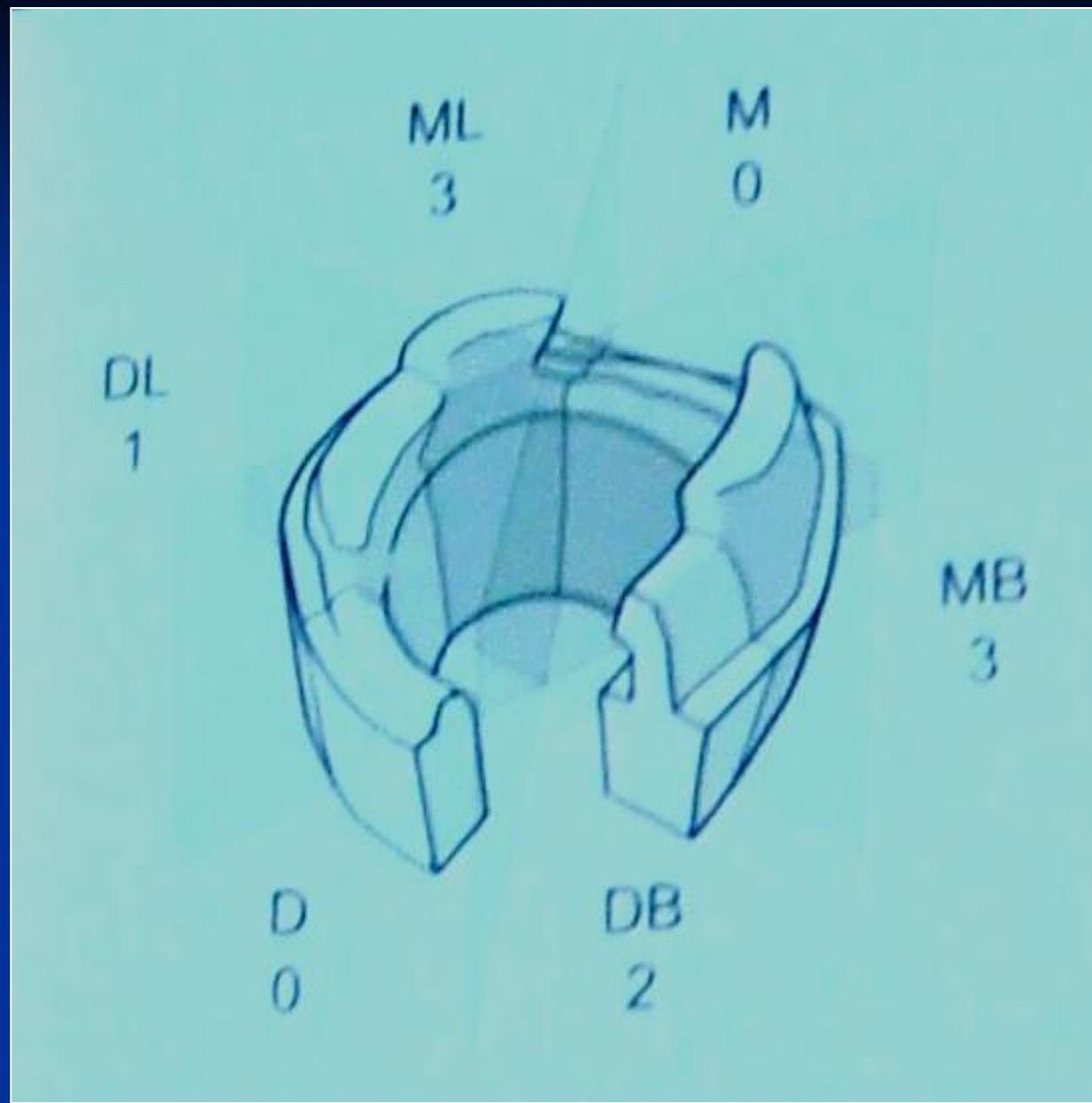


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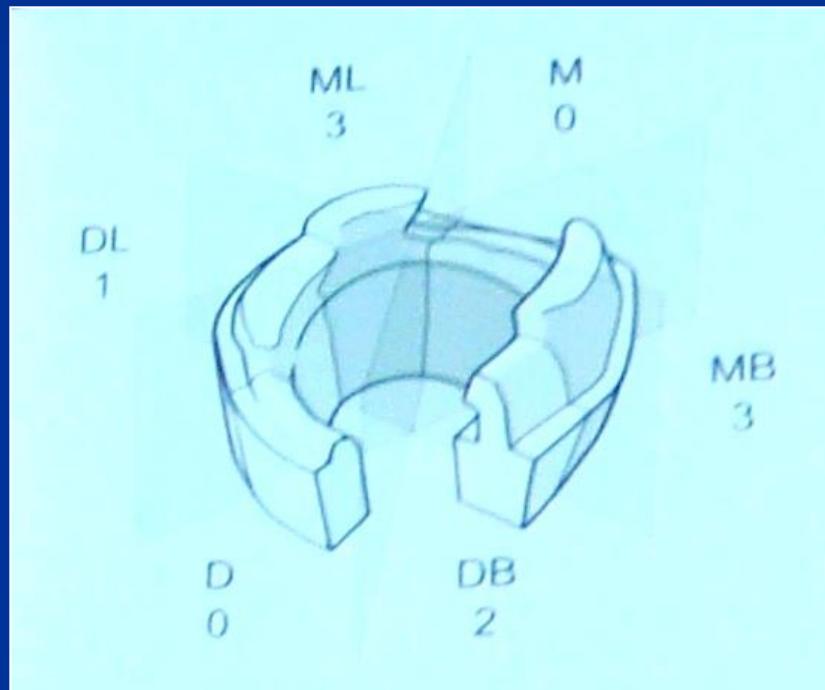
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Minimal height 1mm

Minimal width before the treatment  
1,5 mm



# Posouzení zbývajících zubních tkání - TRI



Minimální skóre 0

Maximální skóre 18

*Bandlish DB, Mc Donald AV,  
Setchel DJ  
Assesment of the amount  
of remaining coronal dentine  
in root treated teeth  
Journal of Dentistry 2006;9:699 - 708*

# **Non restorable teeth**



**Elongation of clinical crown surgically**

**Orthodontic extrusion**

**Extraktion**





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# Diagnosis in endodontics

- Chief complaint
- Medical history
- Dental history
- *History of present dental problem*
- *Dental history interview*

## Questionnaire

# Examination and testing

- Extraoral examination

(inspection – facial symmetry, loss of definition of the nasolabial fold, palpation of the cervical and submandibular lymph nodes)

- Intraoral examination

- Soft tissue examination
- Intraoral swelling
- Intraoral sinus tract
- Palpation
- Percussion
- Mobility
- Periodontal examination

# Examination and testing

- Pulp test
  - Thermal
  - Electric

Radiographic examination

# Intraoral radiography

Film or sensor placed in oral cavity

Special apparatus

- Teeth
- Alveolar bone
- Periodontal space
- Fillings
- Caries
- Impacted teeth
- Level of endodontic treatment



# Position of the tubus

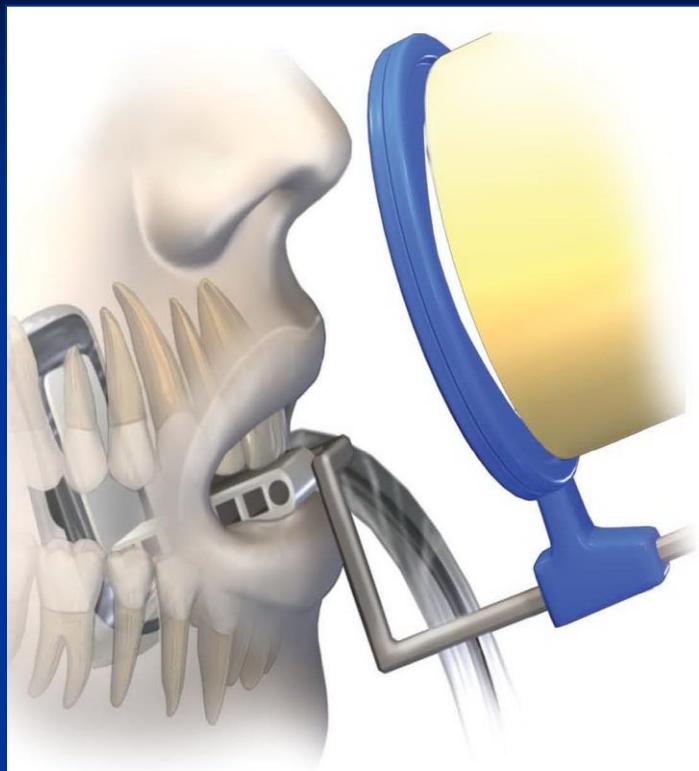
- In vertical plane
- In horizontal plane

Parallel technique

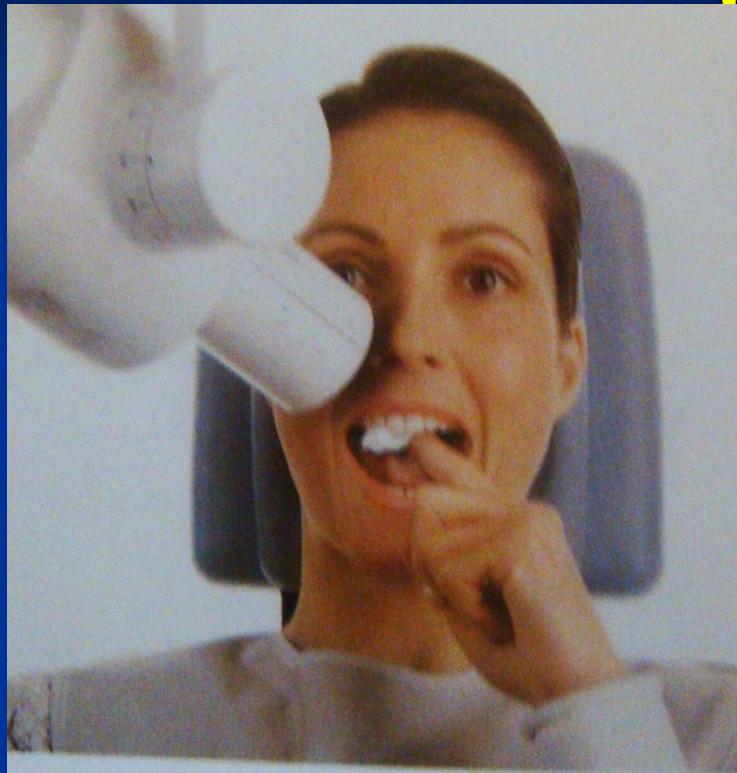
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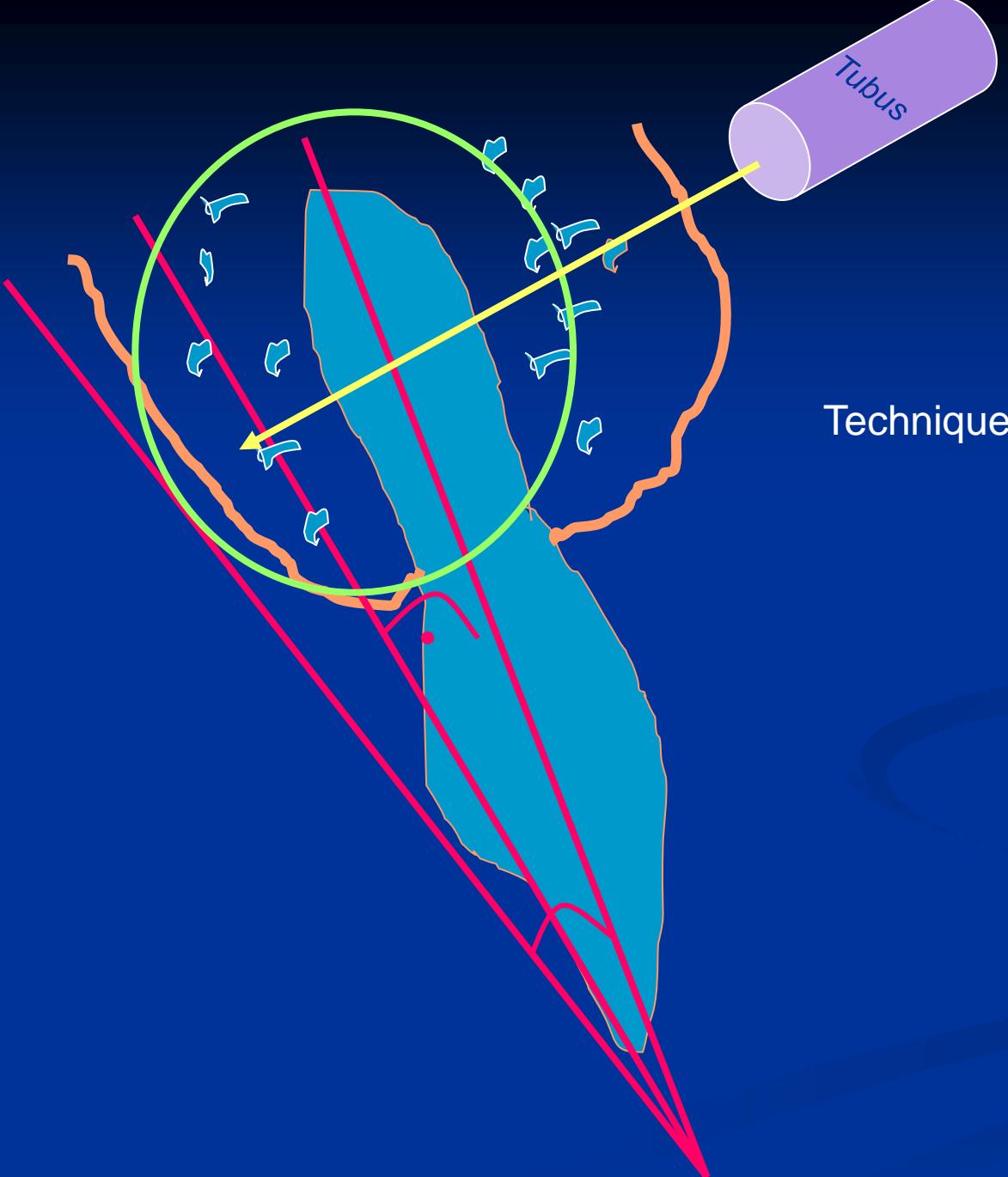
Technique of bissecting angle

In vertical plane



If parallel technique is not  
possible



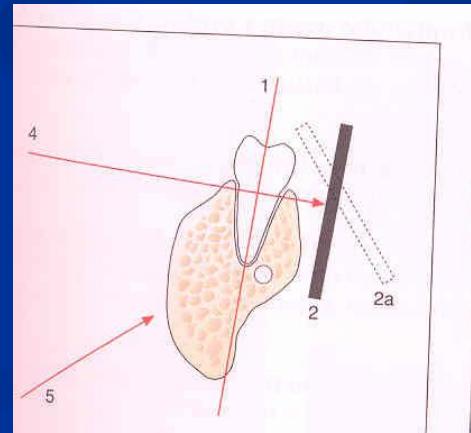
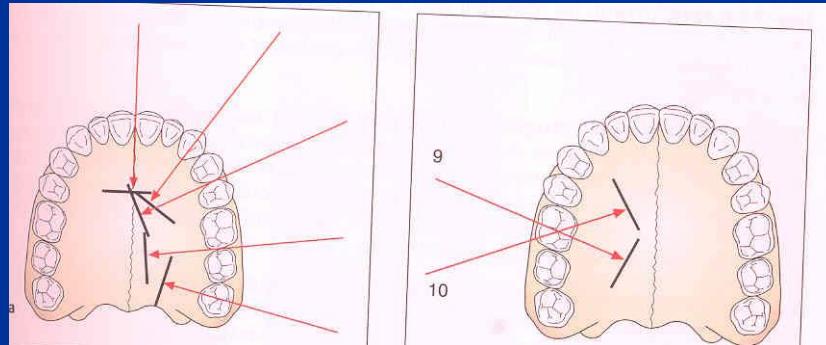


Technique of bissecting angle

# In horizontal plane

# Orthoradial and excentric projektion

- Orthoradial – the central beam goes parallel to interdental septa
- Excentric – the central beam goes from distal or mesial side.





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# Clinical classification od pulpal and periapical diseases

## Pulp diseases

- Normal pulp
- Reversible pulpitis
- Irreversible pulpitis
- Necrosis

## Periodontal diseases

- Periradicular periodontitis (chronic apical periodontitis)
- Periradicular abscess (acute apical periodontitis)

# Pulpal disease

- Normal pulp – no spontaneous symptoms, the pulp respond to pulp tests, symptoms are mild, do not cause patient's discomfort.

Transient sensation reversing in seconds.

- Reversible pulpitis

Stimulation is uncomfortable, sharp pain, revers quickly after irritation. (dental caries, recent dental treatment , exposed dentin, defective restoration).

# Pulpal disease

## ■ Irreversible pulpitis

### Symptomatic

- Intermittent spontaneous pain
- Pain on stimuli asp. cold – stimuli can cause an attack of pain.
- Pain is sharp or dull, usually referred
- Patient can hardly recognise which tooth is causative.

# Pulpal disease

## ■ Irreversible pulpitis

### Symptomatic

- pain during the night
- during the time the attacks are longer
- the stimuli are less on cold but more on hot
- during time the patient can recognize the causative tooth
- X ray negative or widened periodontal ligament space. (Thickening of periodontal membrane)

# Pulpal disease

- Irreversible pulpitis

Asymptomatic

Can become symptomatic or necrotic

# Necrosis and gangraena

- Necrotic pulp become very often gangrenous
  - no symptoms
  - no response on vitality tests
  - pain on hot
  - typical smell (gangraena can be open or closed)
  - no radiographic finding or widened of periodontal ligament space.

# Periapical diseases

- Apical periodontitis (periradicular periodontitis)

- Chronic

No symptoms, no response on vitality tests, periapical radiolucency. Can become acute (exacerbation)

- Acute

Symptomatic, pain on percussion, bite, hot, palpation, mobility. No response on vitality tests. X ray – periapical radiolucency, or widened periodontal ligament space.

# Periapical diseases

- Can propagate intraorally or/and extraorally
  - Subperiostal abscess
  - Submucous abscess
  - Abscess in surrounding tissues
  - Non limited inflammation - cellulitis

# Endodontic treatment

- Irreversible pulpitis
- Necrosis, gangreana
- Apical periodontitis

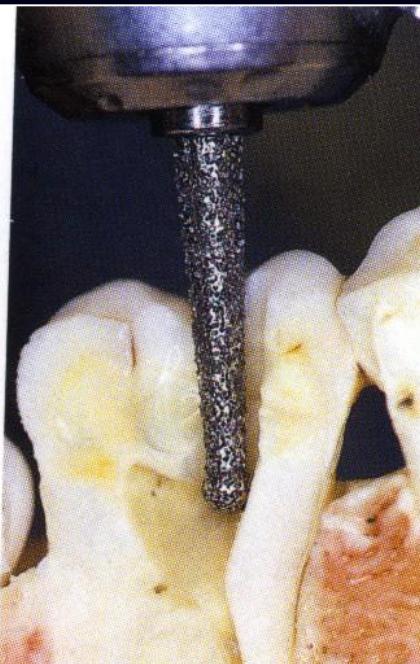
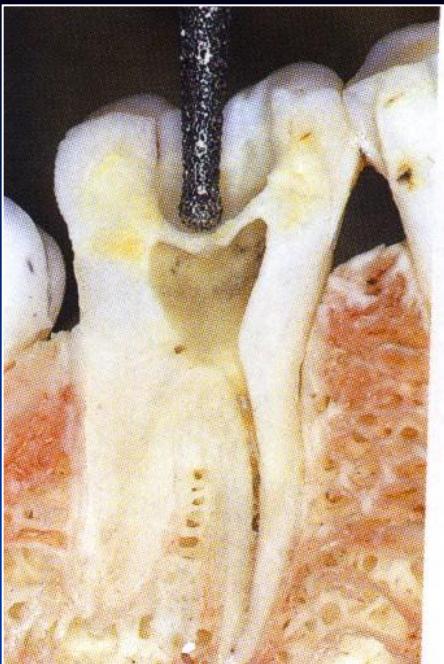
*Conservative, conservative/ surgical approach, surgical approach.*

# Acces

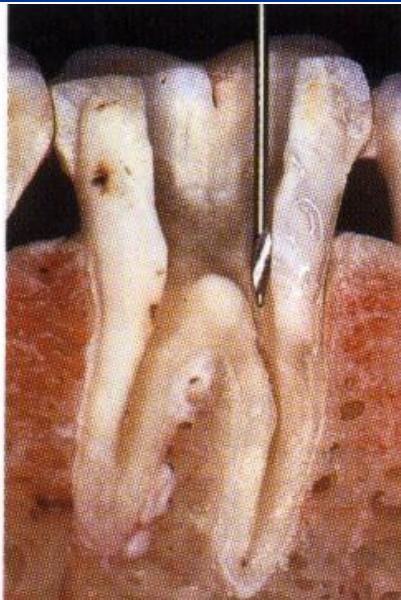
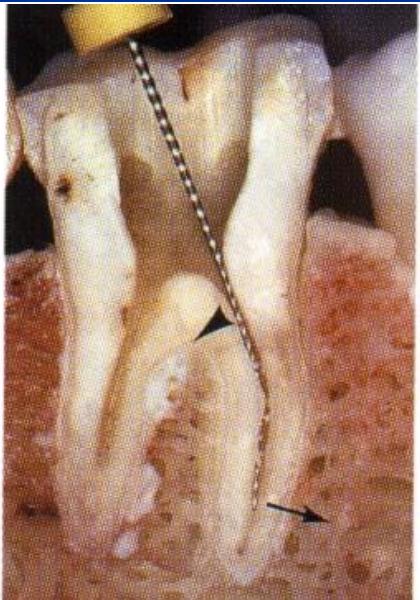
## ■ Access to the pulp chamber

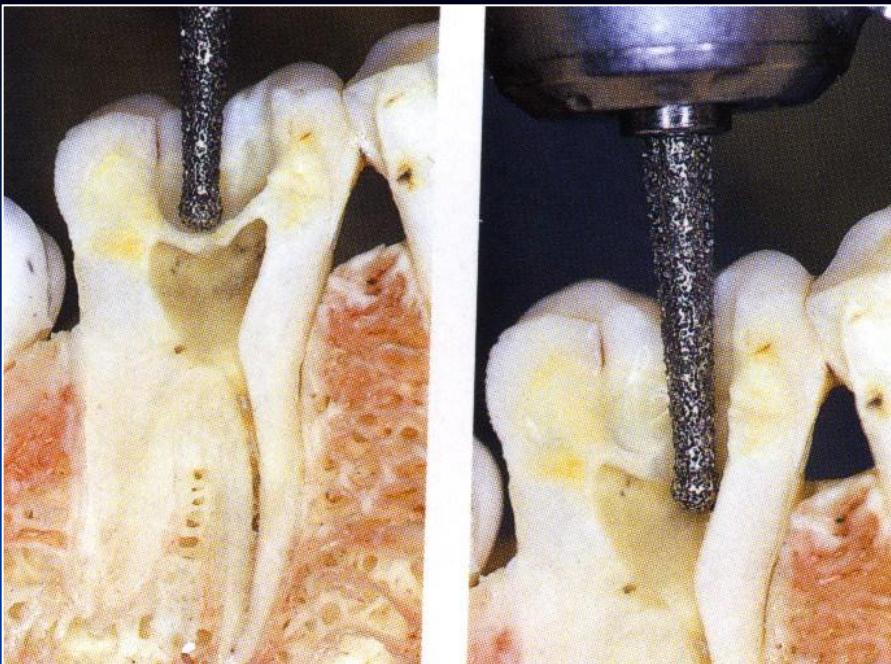
Penetration to the pulp chamber and removal of its roof

- *Orifices of root canals must be seen clearly*
- *The instrument goes through to the root canal without bending*
- *Walls of the endodontic cavity are divergent*



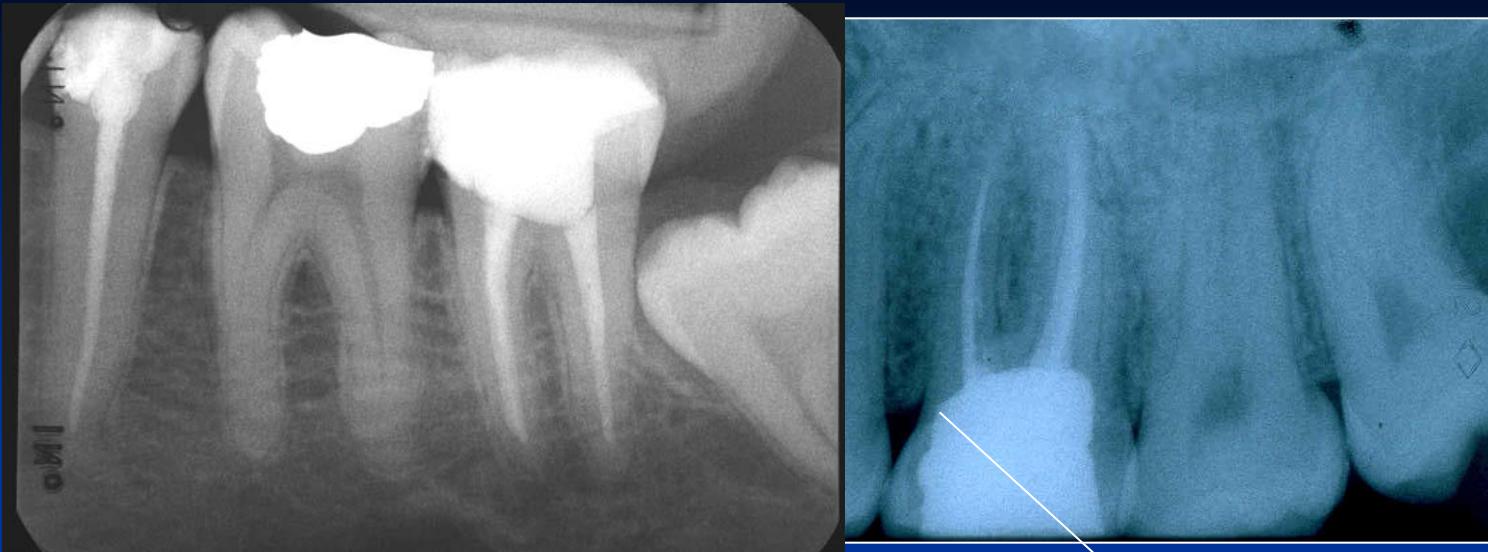
# Access





# Access





The wall is weakened

## Opening of the pulp chamber



Dia trepan



Dia round burs –  
balls



Steel round burs

## Removal of the roof of the pulp chamber



Dia trepan

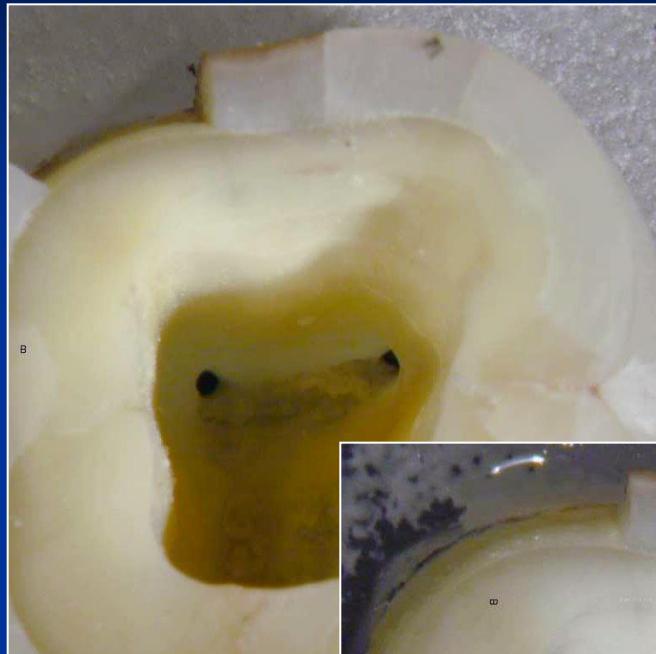


Safe ended tips  
Batt's instruments

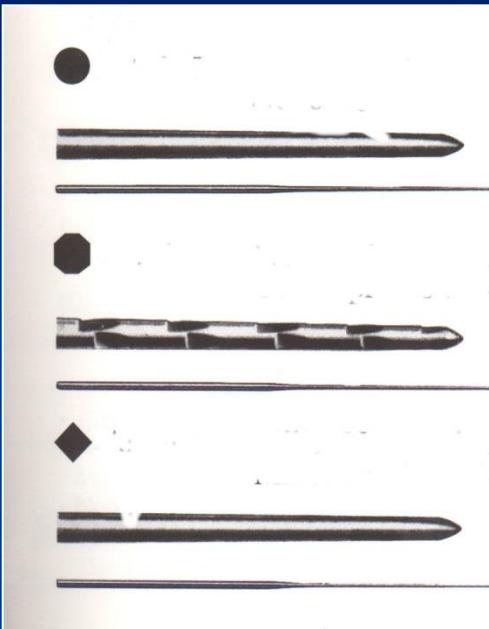


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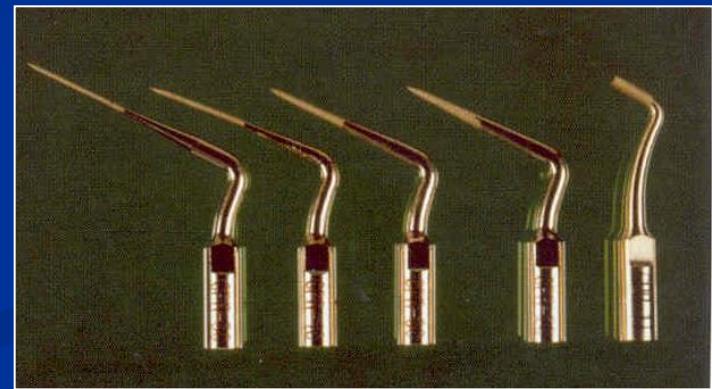
## Finding of the root canal orifice



# Finding and opening of root canal orifices



Endodontic probes  
Microopeners



Ultrasound tips



Dye

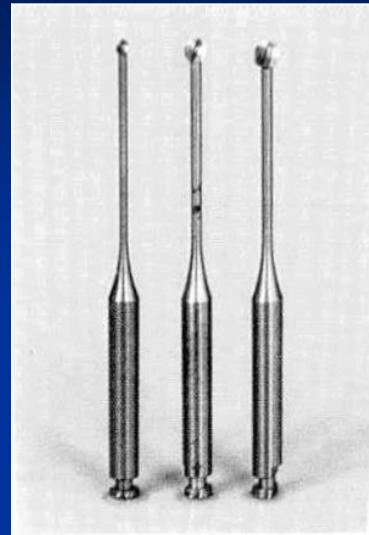
Ultrasound tips can be covered with diamond or smooth or bladed



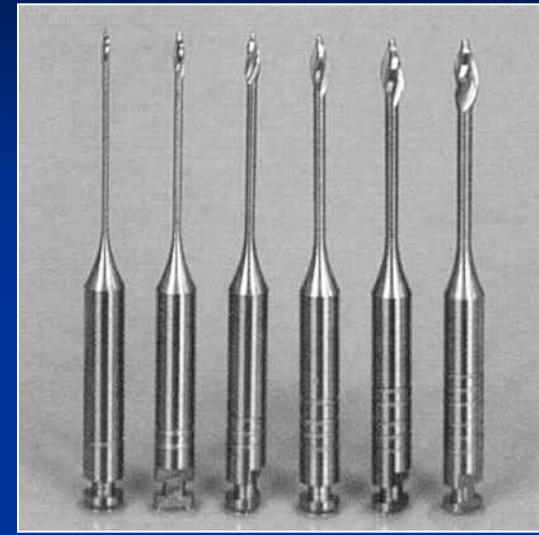
# Finding and opening of root canal orifices



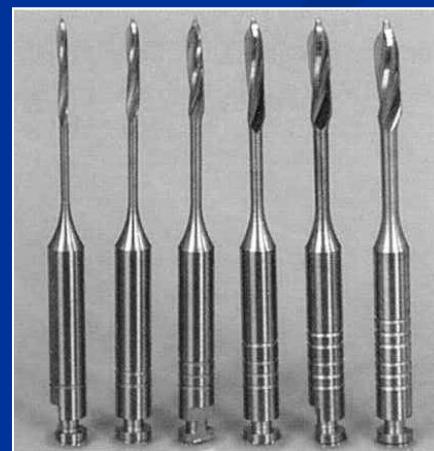
Rounded burs - balls



Miller's burs



Gates Glidden's burs



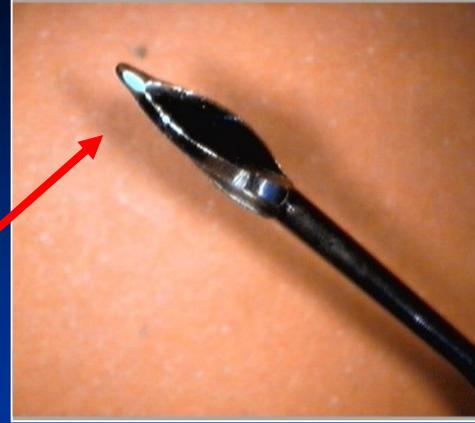
Peeso – Largo



Gates - Glidden

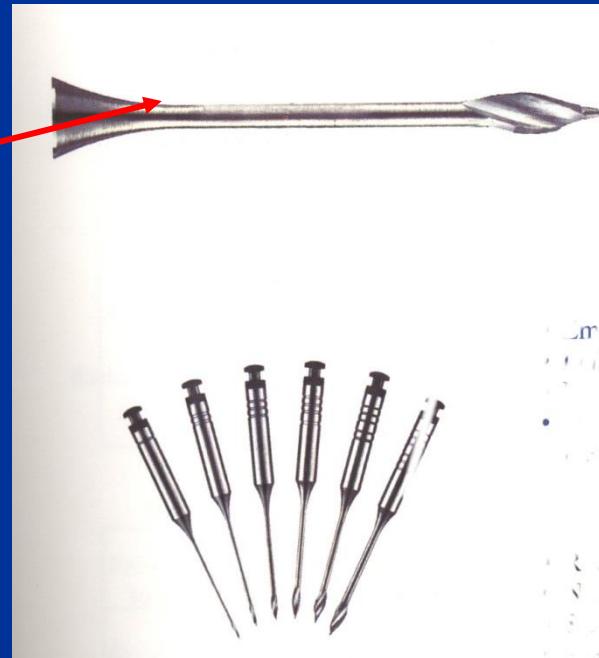


Peeso-Largo



Gates – Glidden:  
Blunt, non active tip

Programm point of breakage



# X-GATES

Tip size : Gates 1

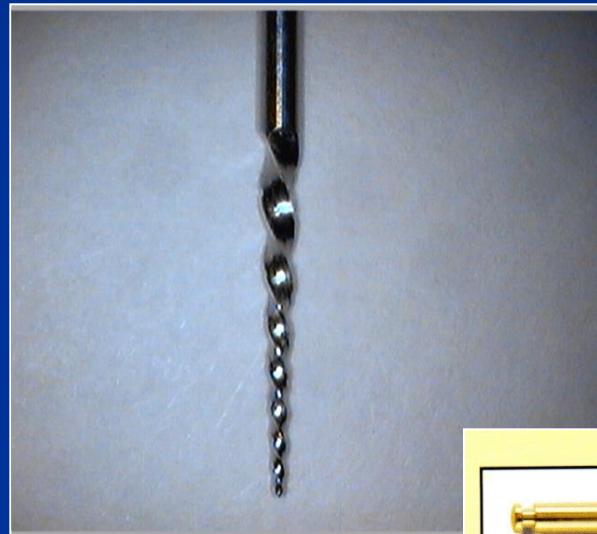


Shank : Gates 3

Max Diameter :  
Gates 4

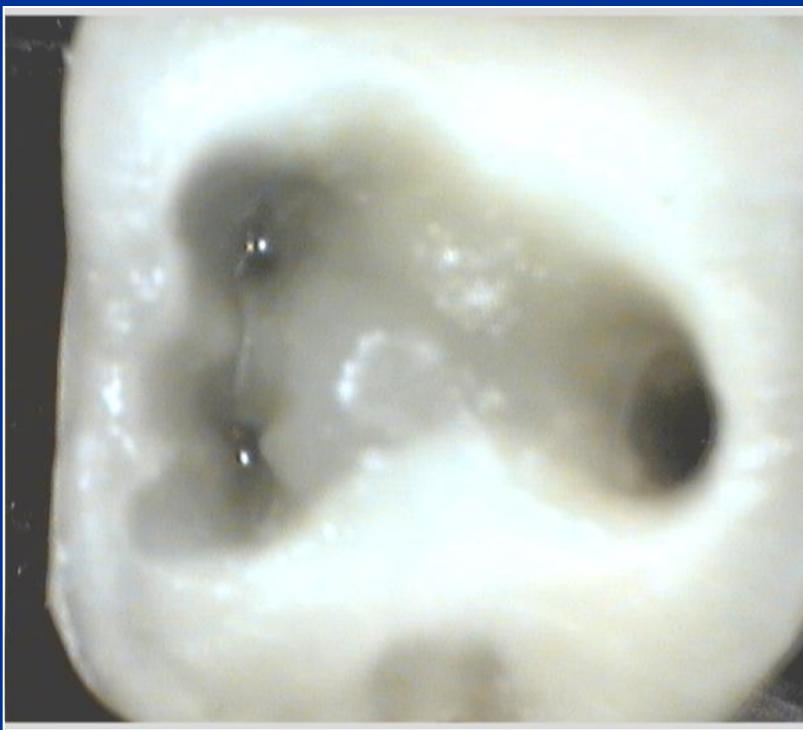
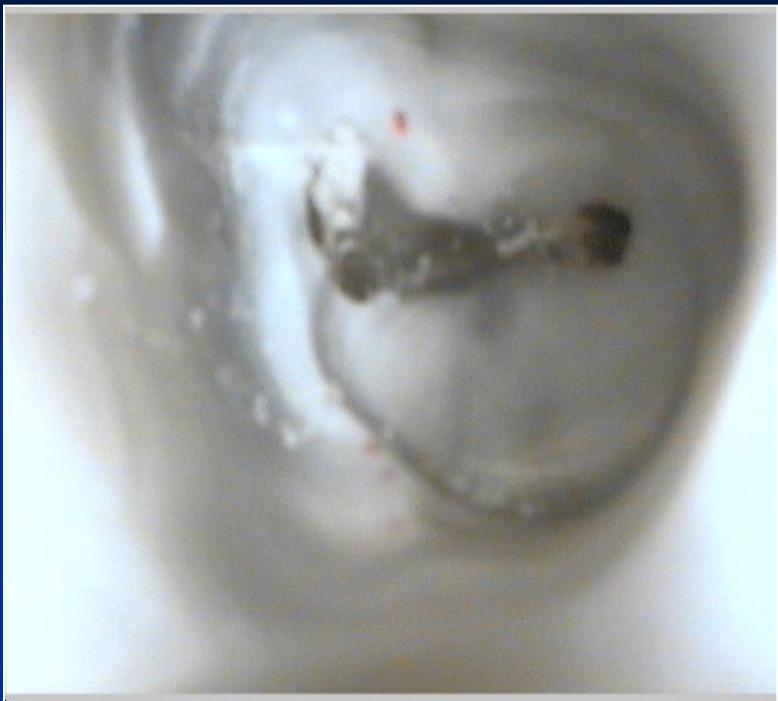
# Opening of the root canal orifice

Ni-Ti instruments



E.g: Profile O.S., ProTaper SX, IntroFile etc.







# ACCESS Kit

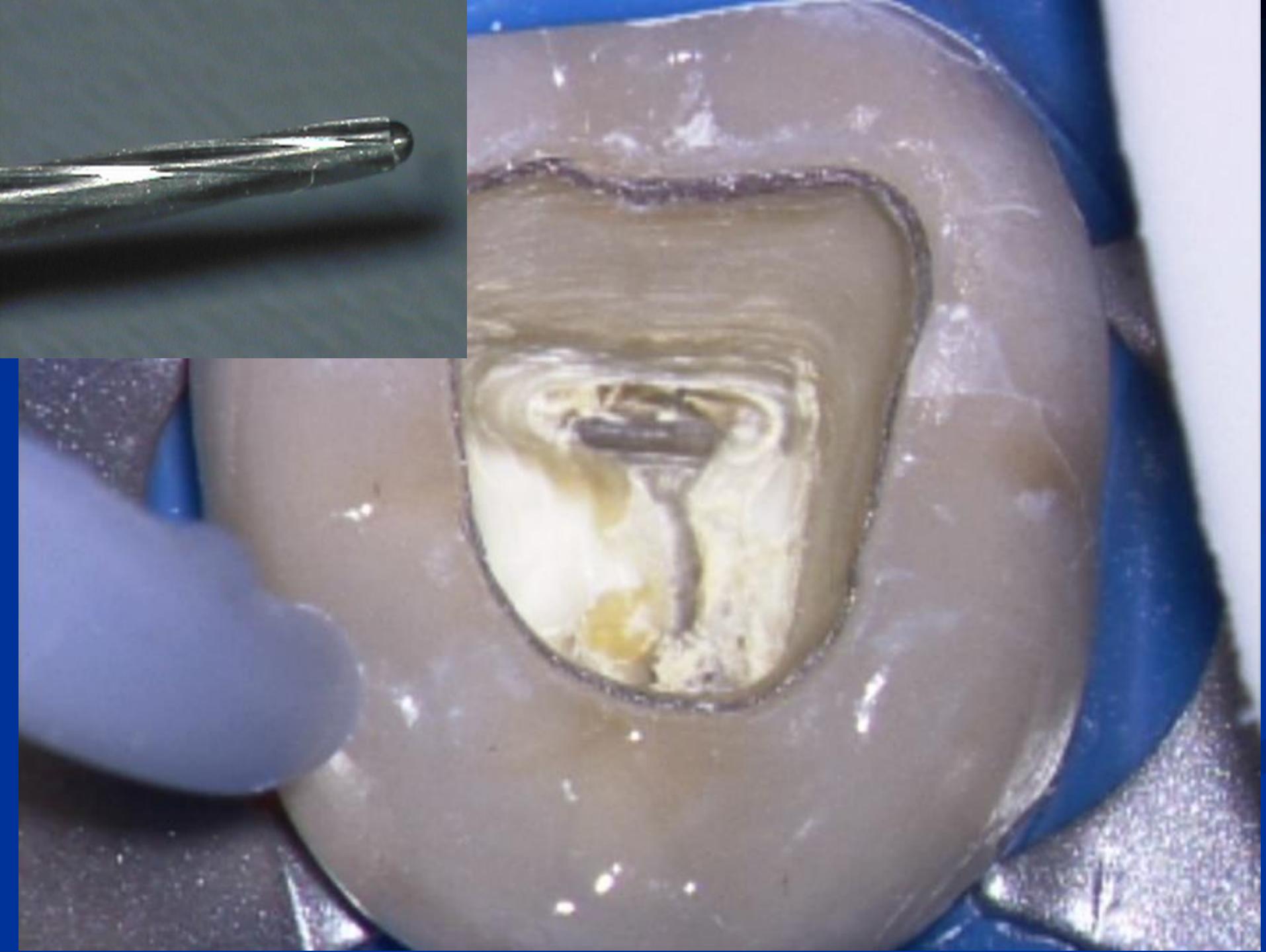








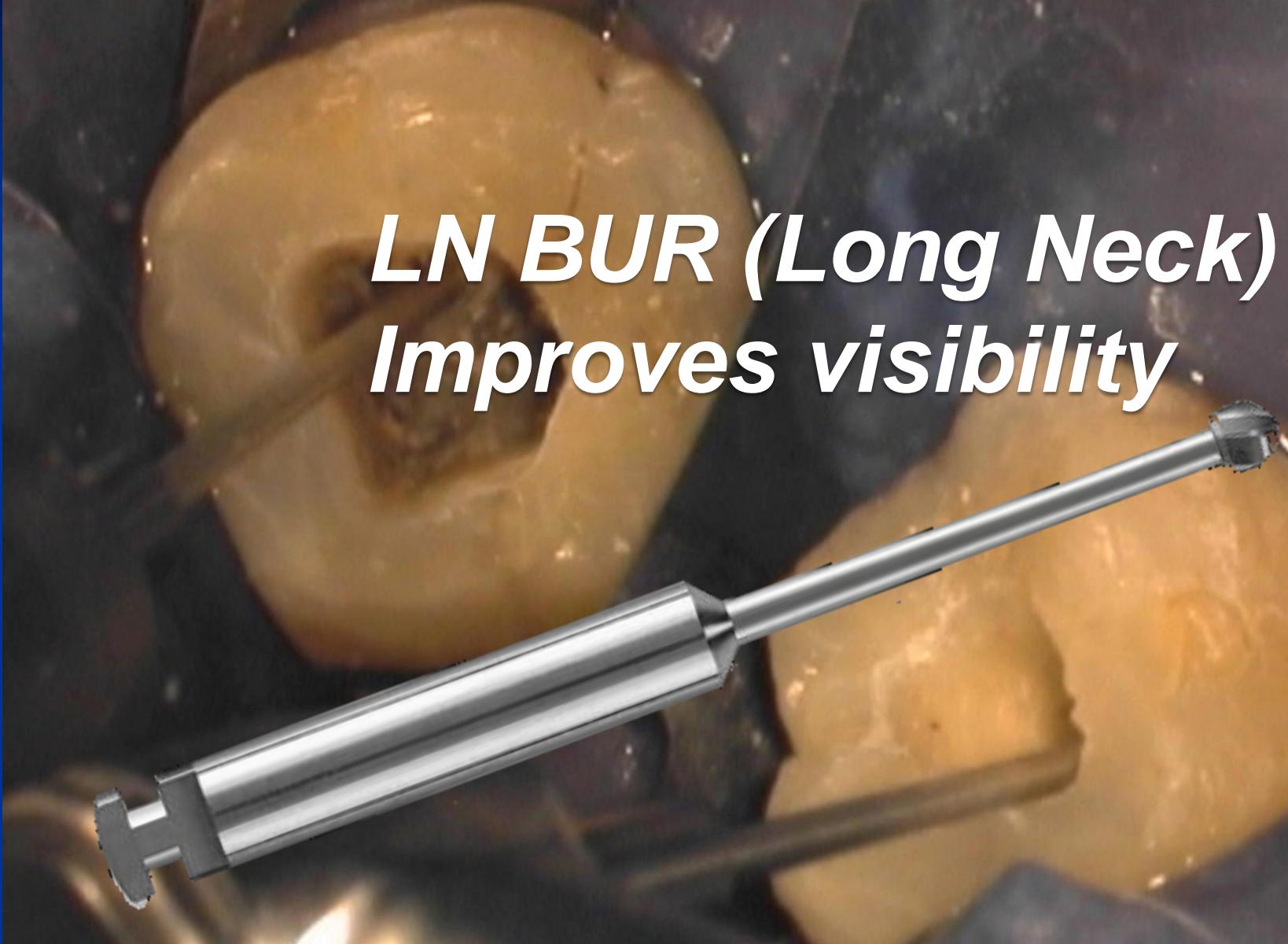




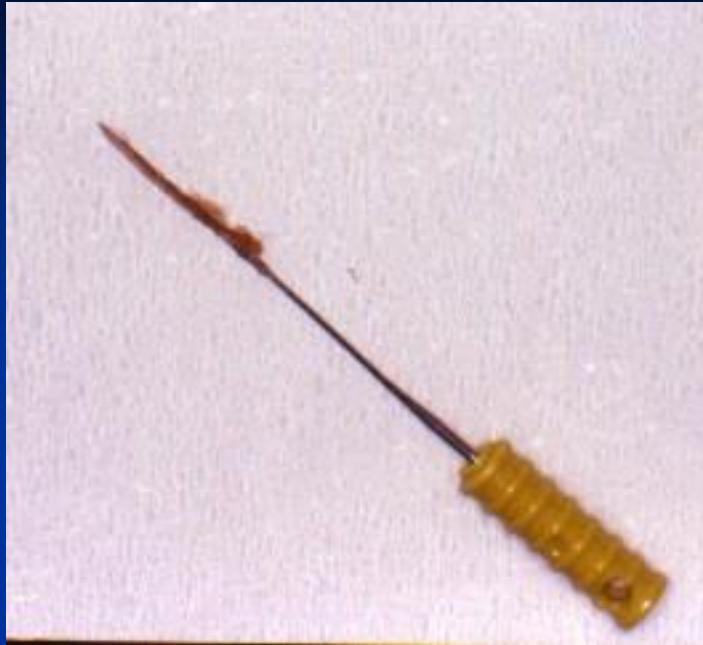




# Tungsten Carbide Burs



*LN BUR (Long Neck)  
Improves visibility*



## Removal of contents of root canal

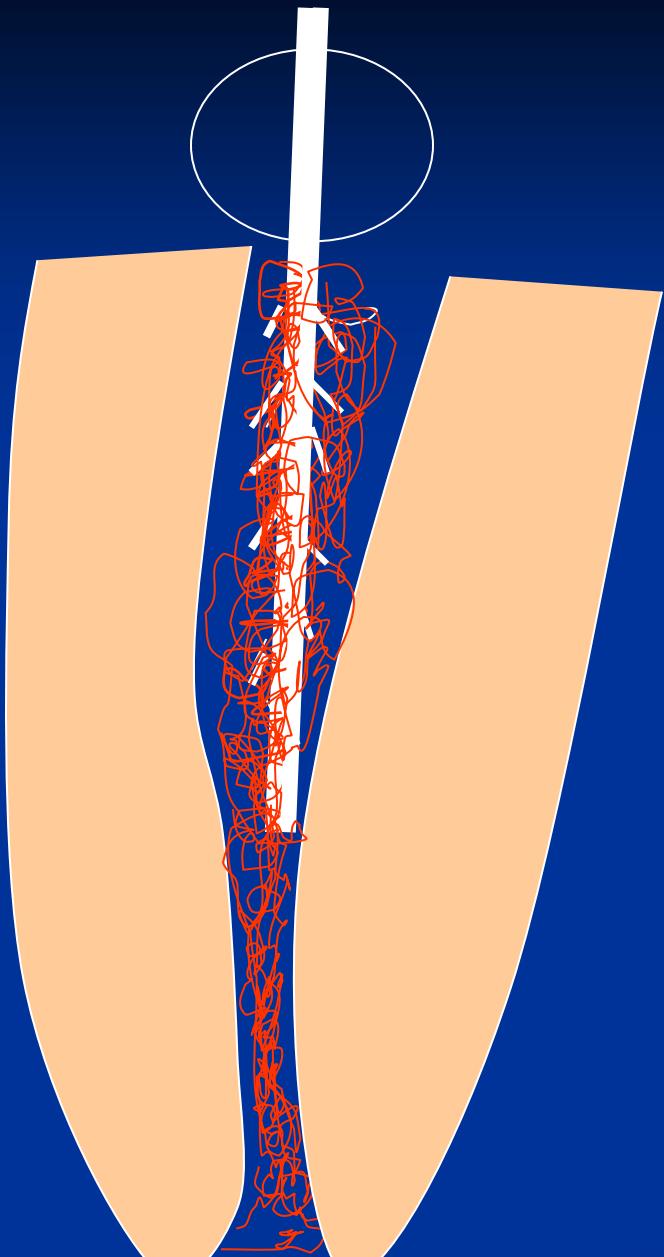
Pulpextractor

*Emoval of soft content  
– pulp, cotton,paper point*

*Wider canals only!!!*

*Risks: breakage of the instrument  
Breaking of spurs and their pushing out*





- Access !
- Size !
- mode of use !

# Canal shaping

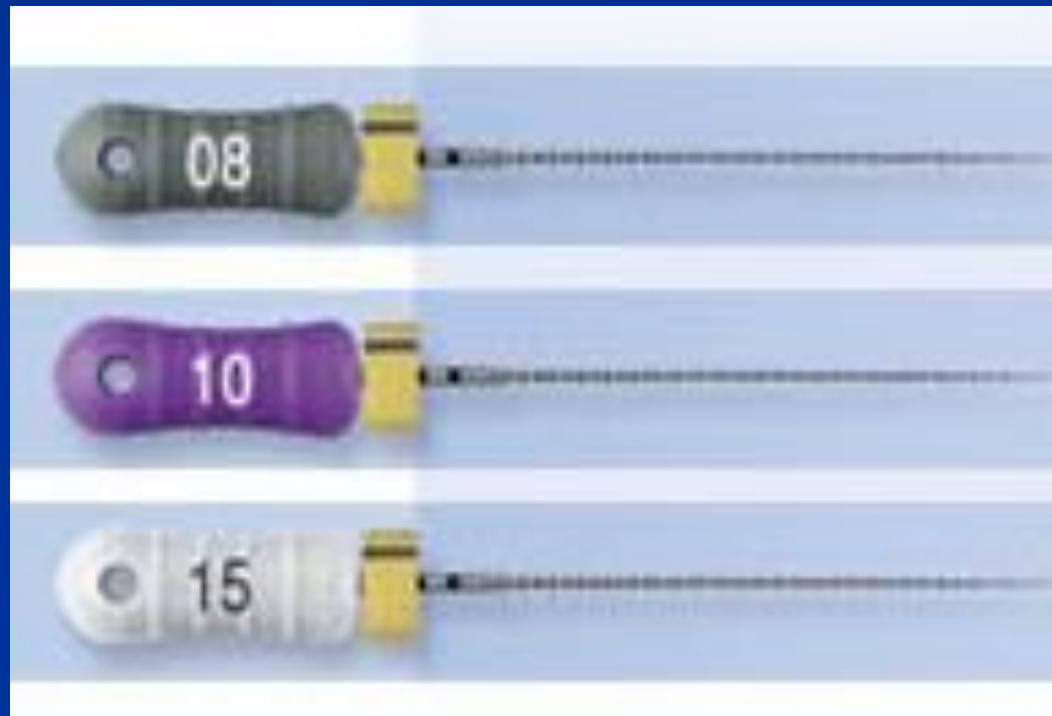
- Reamers (penetration)
- Files (shaping)

# Iniciální flaring – katetrizace

## Glide path

- Seznámit se s průchodností a anatomií kanálového systému
- Vytvořit cestu pro strojové opracování
- Snížit riziko zalomení kořenových nástrojů

# C+ file



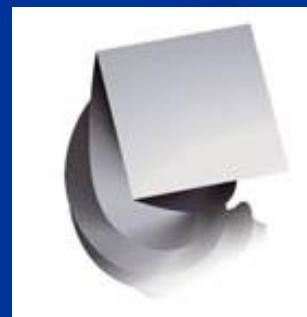
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Ostrý hrot

Čtvrtcový průřez – stabilita

Flexibilita

Vhodný pro kalcifikované  
kanálky

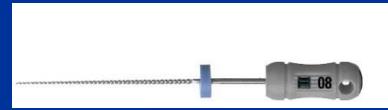
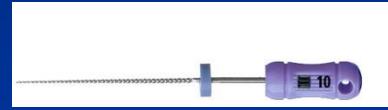
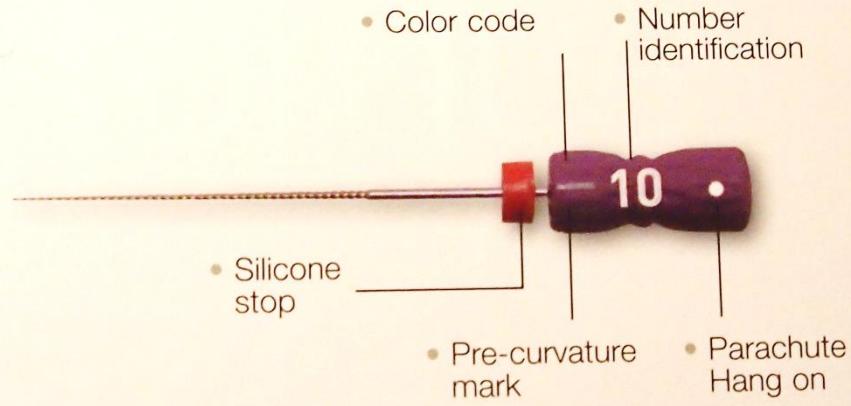


# ProFinder File

Regresivní kónus

Silikonové držátko





Ověření průchodnosti

První zprůchodnění

Úhel vstupu do kanálku

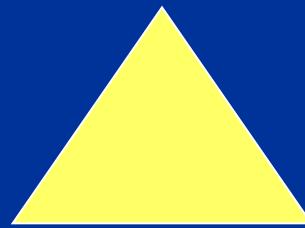
Místo pro strojové nástroje



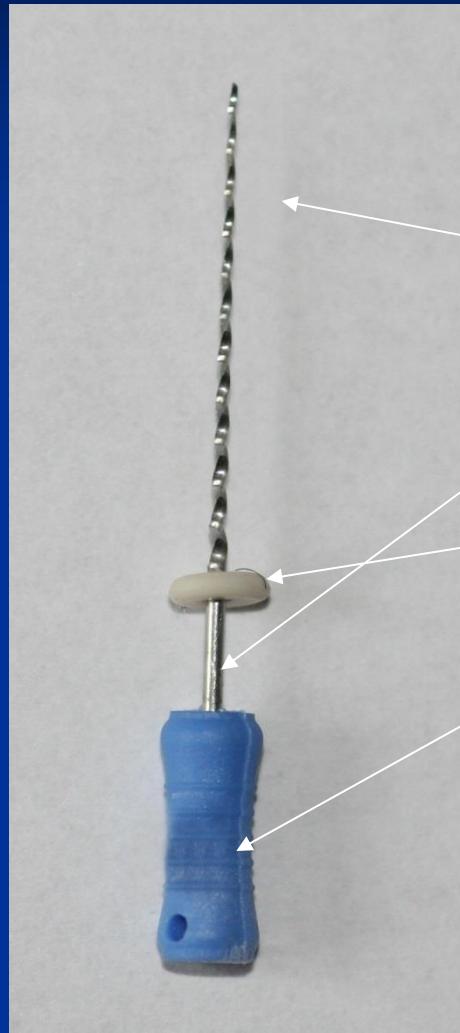
# Reamer

**K -reamer = Kerrův pronikač**  
**Triangl or square wire spun**

**Symbol**



# Reamer

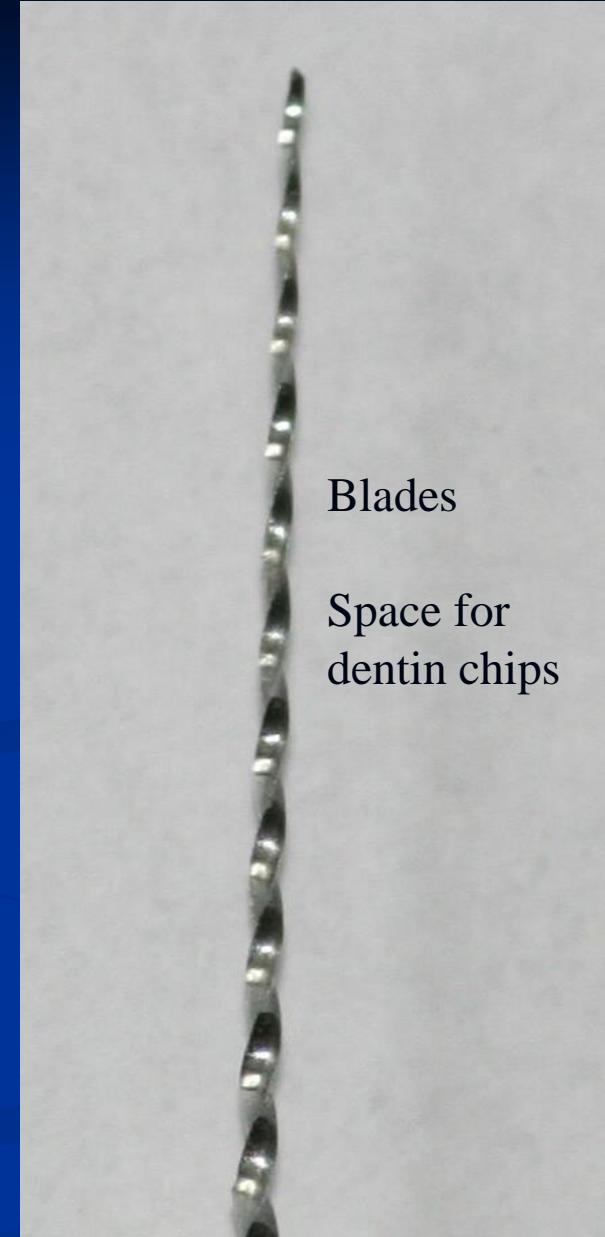


Bladed part

Shank

Stopper

Grip



Blades

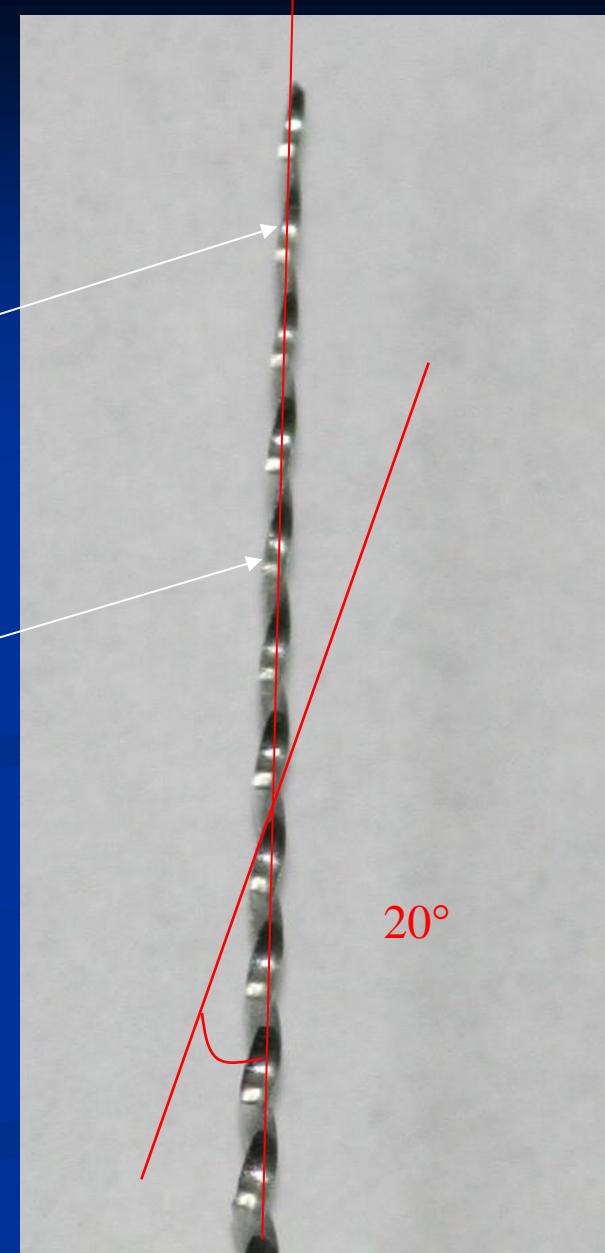
Space for  
dentin chips

# Reamer

Blades

Space for dentin chips

*Rotation – reaming action - penetration*



# Reamer

Rotation (clockwise) – penetration

Application of plastic material  
(counterclockwise)

# Files

1. **K-file**
2. **K-flexofile, flexicut, flex-R**
3. **K-flex**
4. **H-file, S-file**

# K file

Wire triangl or square

Symbol is always square

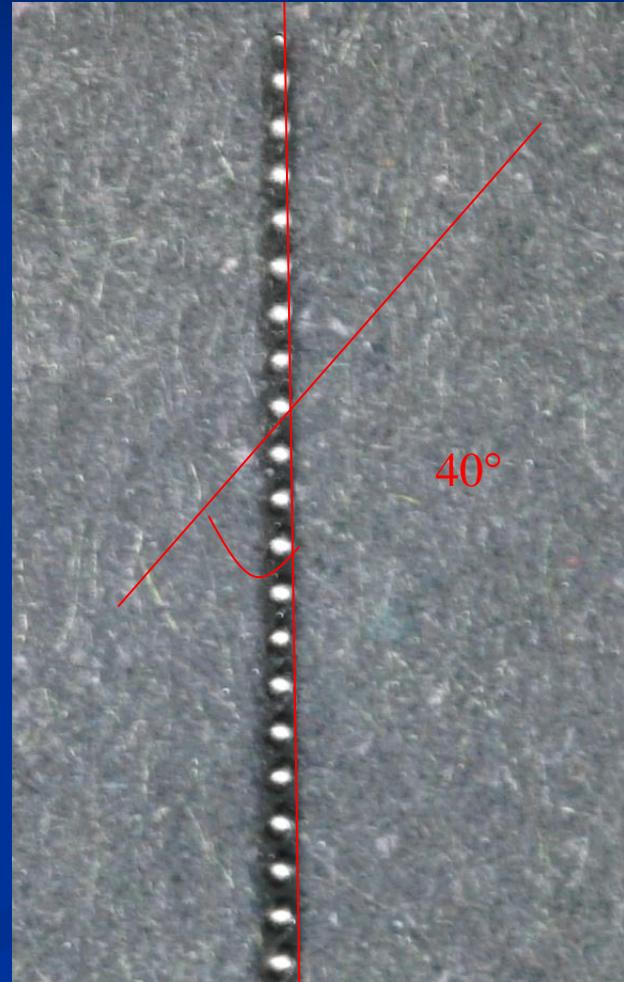


# K-file

*Filing*

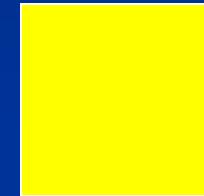
*Also rotation*

$45^\circ - 90^\circ$



# K-flexofile, flexicut, flex-R

- Triangle wire always

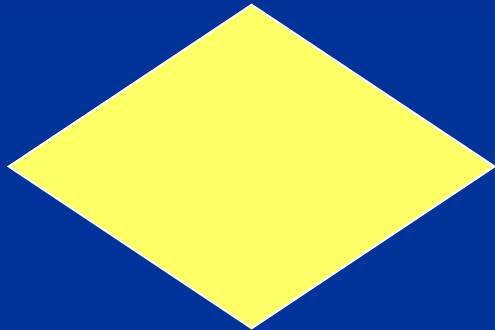


Flexibility

K- flexofile a flex – R file: non cutting tip and first blades are blunt

Like K-file

# K- flex



Rhombus

Two blades in action

Enough space for dentin chips  
Flexibility, effifacy

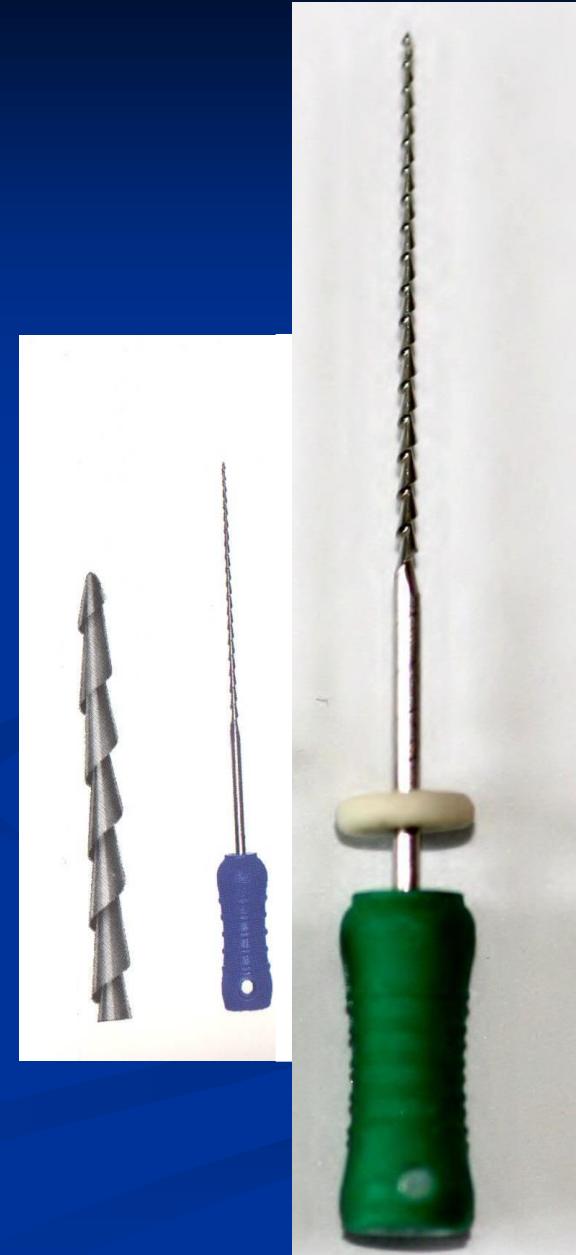
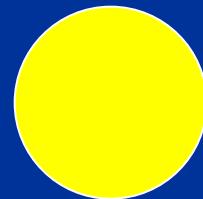
## K-file and reamer: difference



# H-file

= Hedstroem file

Ring

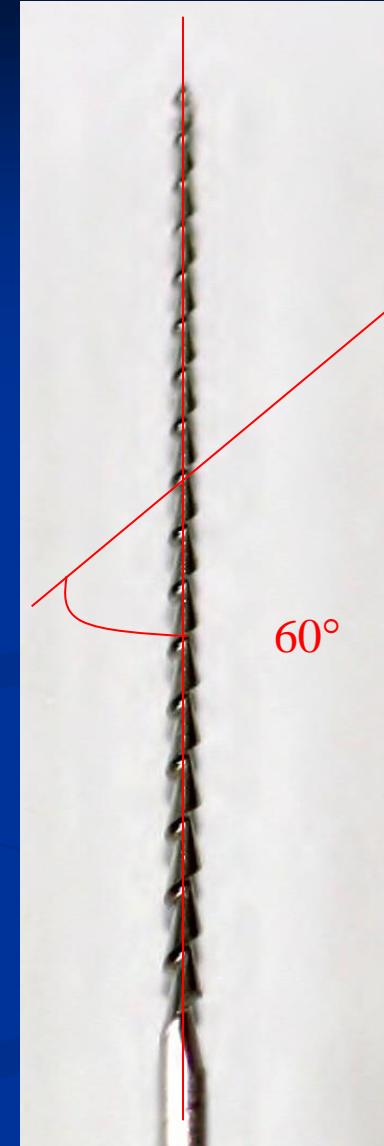
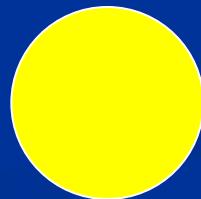


# H- file

No rotation!!

Pull motion only!!

Risk of breakage in small sizes



# ISO

- Diameter of the tip
- Length of the cutting part
- Taper



06	
08	
10	
15	45
20	50
25	55
30	60
35	70
40	80

Taper 2%

$d_2$

$$d_1 - d_2 = 16 \text{ mm}$$

$$d_2 = d_1 + 0,32$$

$d_1$

# Canal shaping and cleaning

## ■ Basic rules

- Elimination of infection
- Enlargement till the apical constriction – simplify the shape

Final result:

- 6% taper, 3 more in comparison to the apical size
- Gangraena – clean dentin chips

# Canal cleaning

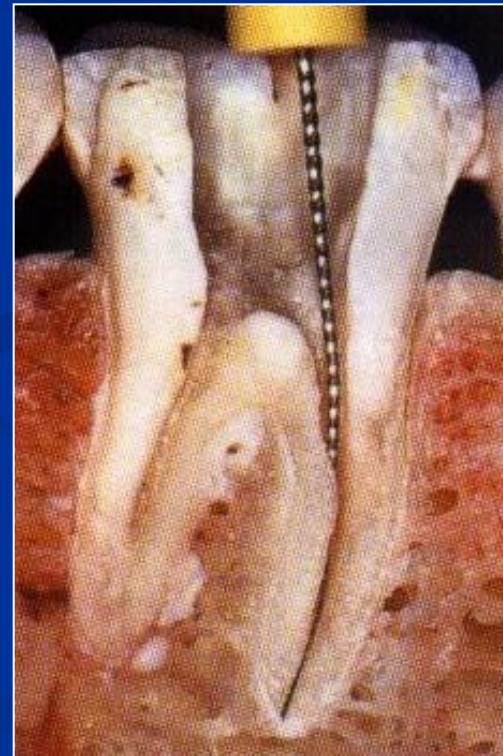
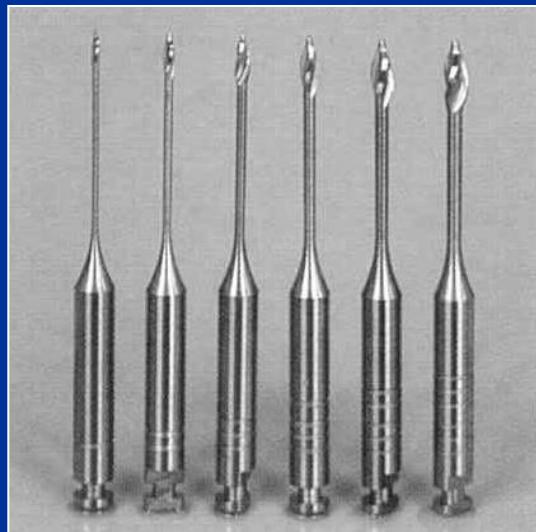
- Elimination of infection

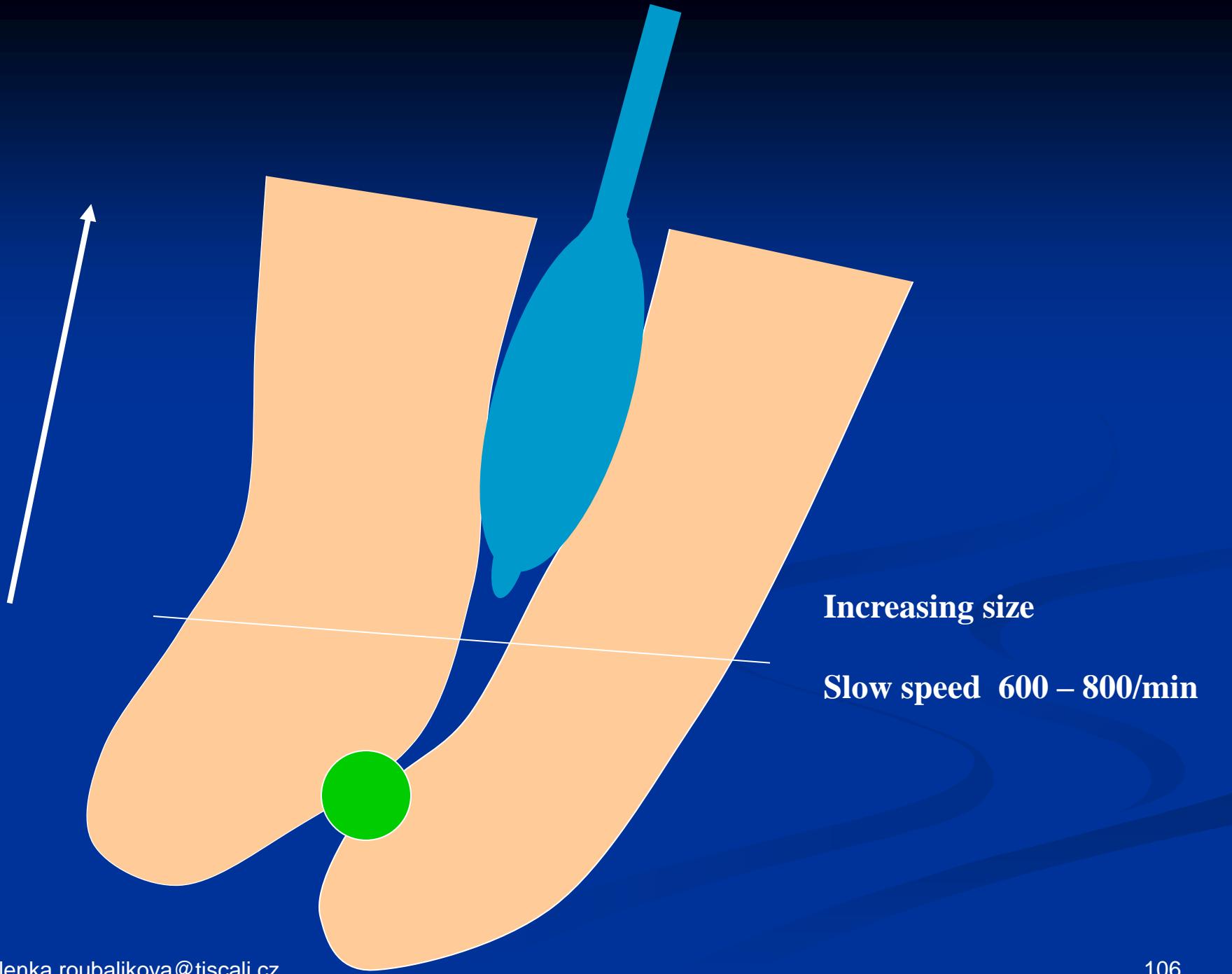
Mechanically – instrumentation, irrigation

Chemically – irrigation, temporary root canal  
filling

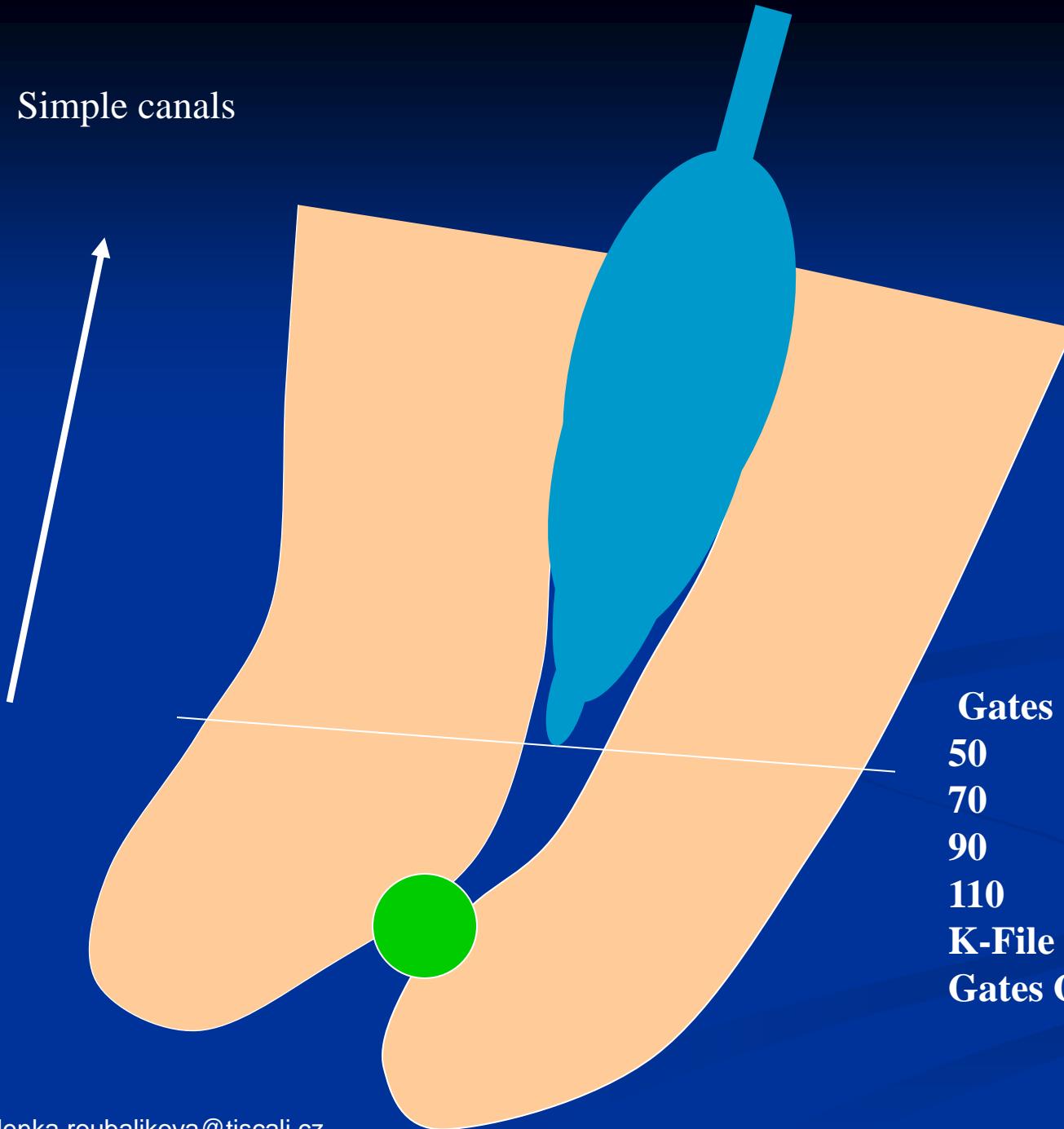
# Canal shaping

Coronal flaring (Weine 1982, Peřinka 2003)

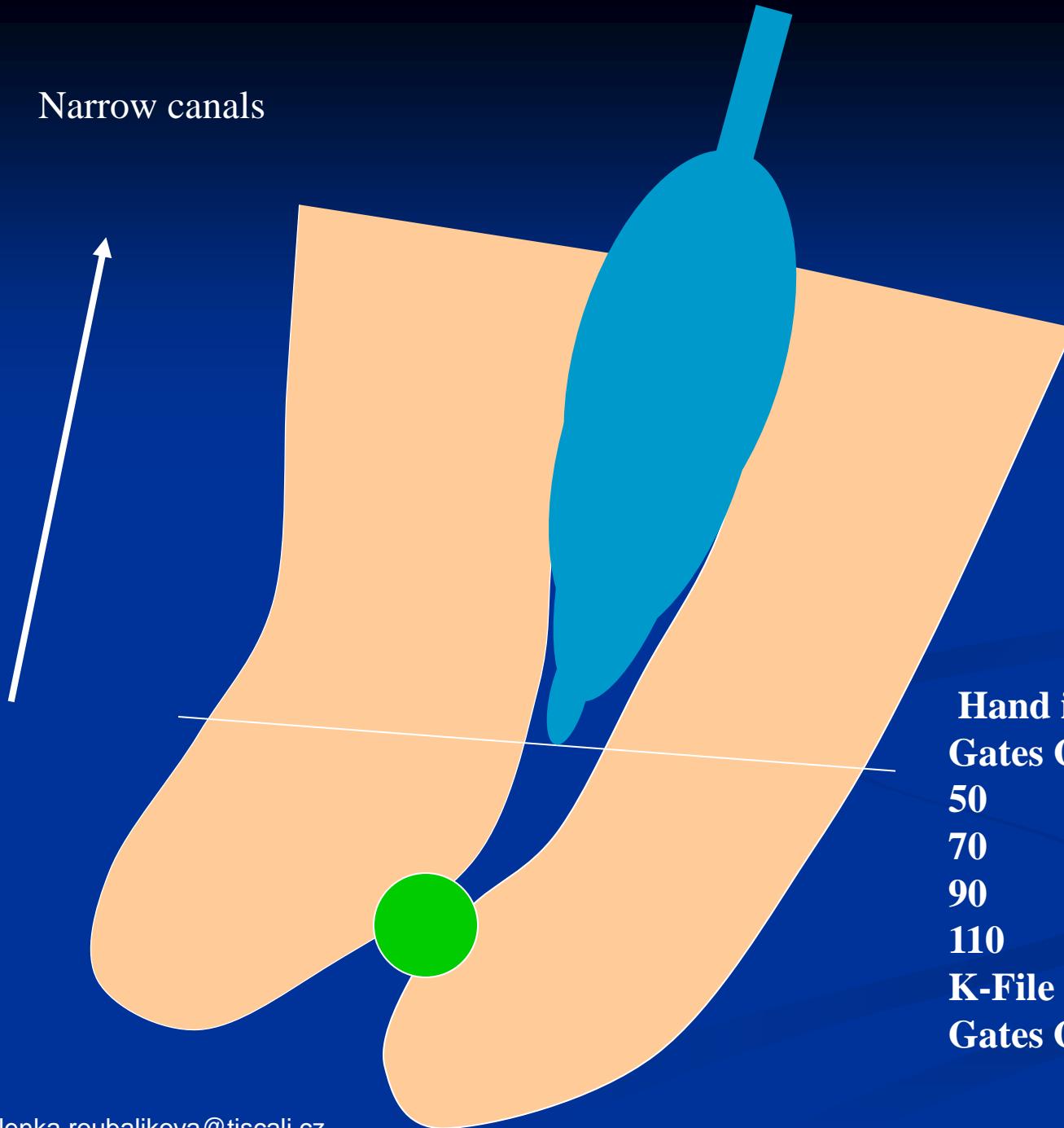




## Simple canals



Narrow canals



**Hand instruments till 30  
Gates Glidden**

**50**

**70**

**90**

**110**

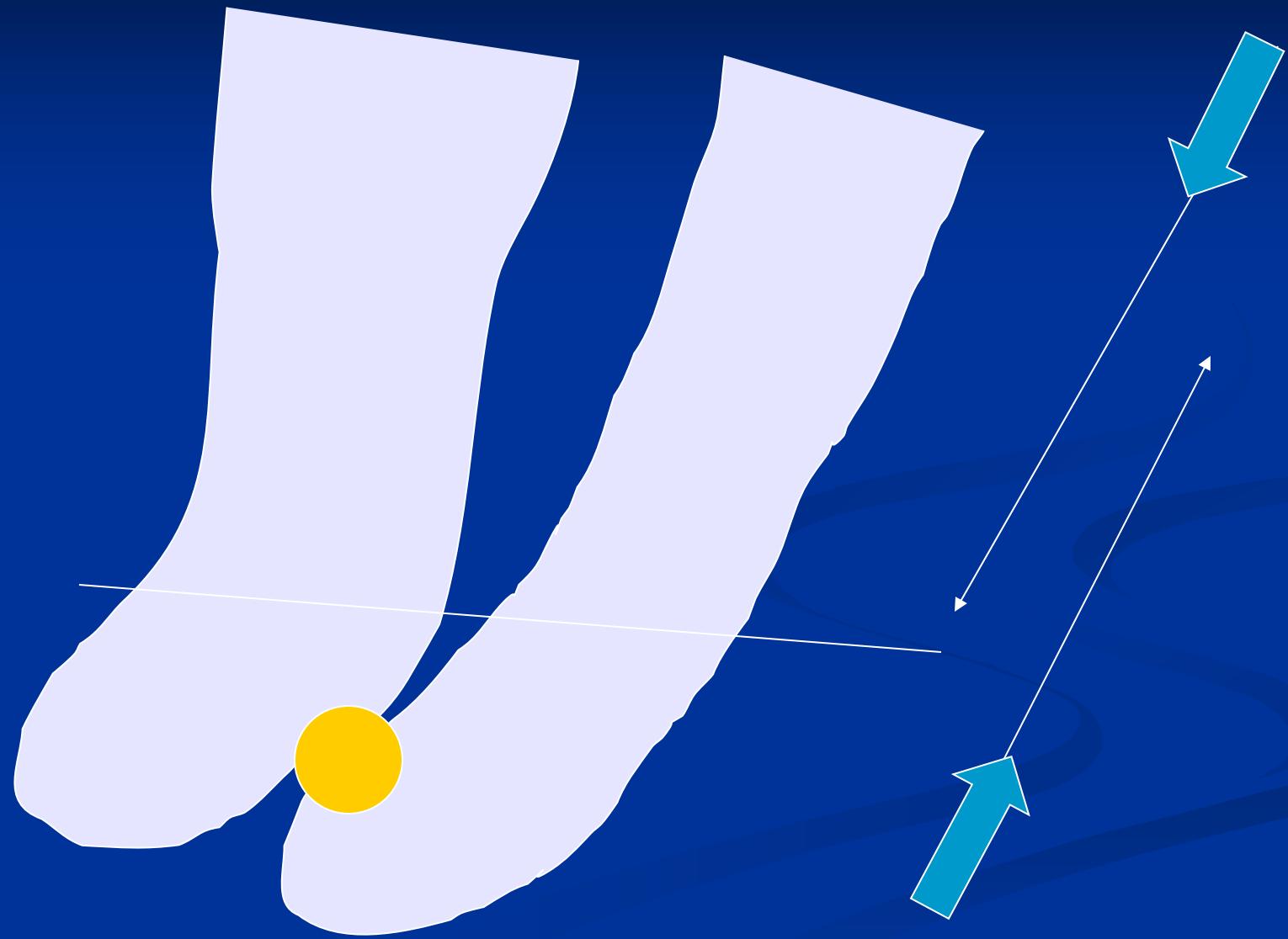
**K-File 15**

**Gates Glidden 50**



NiT<sub>i</sub> system  
– decreasing size

speed 250 - 300 rpm

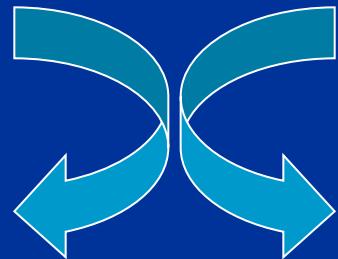


# Importance

- Protection against fracture of root canal instrument
- Better cleaning of coronal part
- Effective irrigation
- Better conditions for establishment of working length
- Better conditions for apical preparation
- Less risk of complication

# Shaping technique

- Rotation – 45° clockwise and contraclockwise

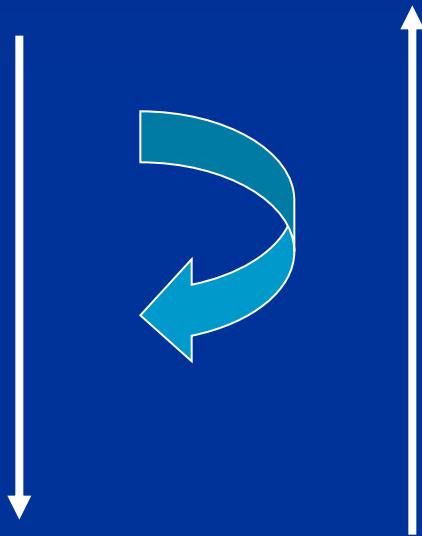


K – reamer

K- file

# Shaping technique

- Rotation 45° slight pressure and pull motion



K – reamer

K- file

*Risk of ledging  
Zip, elbow effect  
Via falsa*

# Shaping technique

## ■ Filing

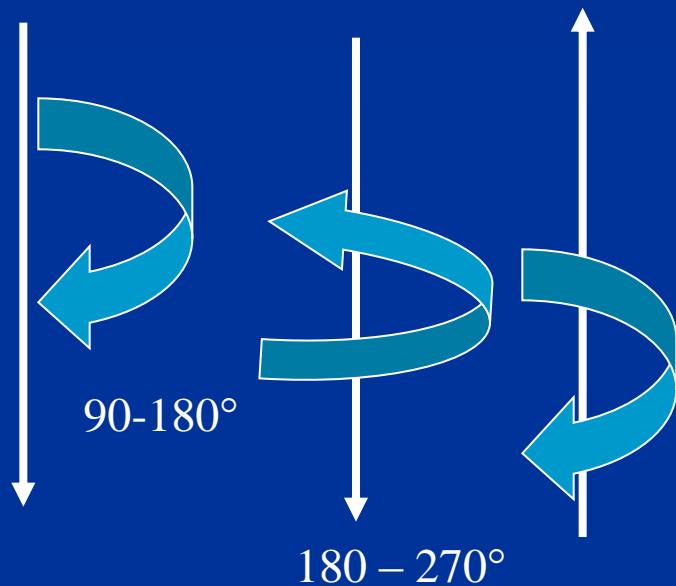


H- file

K – file

*Risk of periapical infection  
Risk of plug*

# Shaping technique



K- flexofile

K – file (?)

## ■ Balanced force-

1. Introduce instrument 1 size bigger than apical size,
2. Rotation clockwise with very slight pressure, 90 – 180°
3. Rotation contraclockwise, pressure forward,
4. Pull motion and clockwise rotation

# Methods of shaping

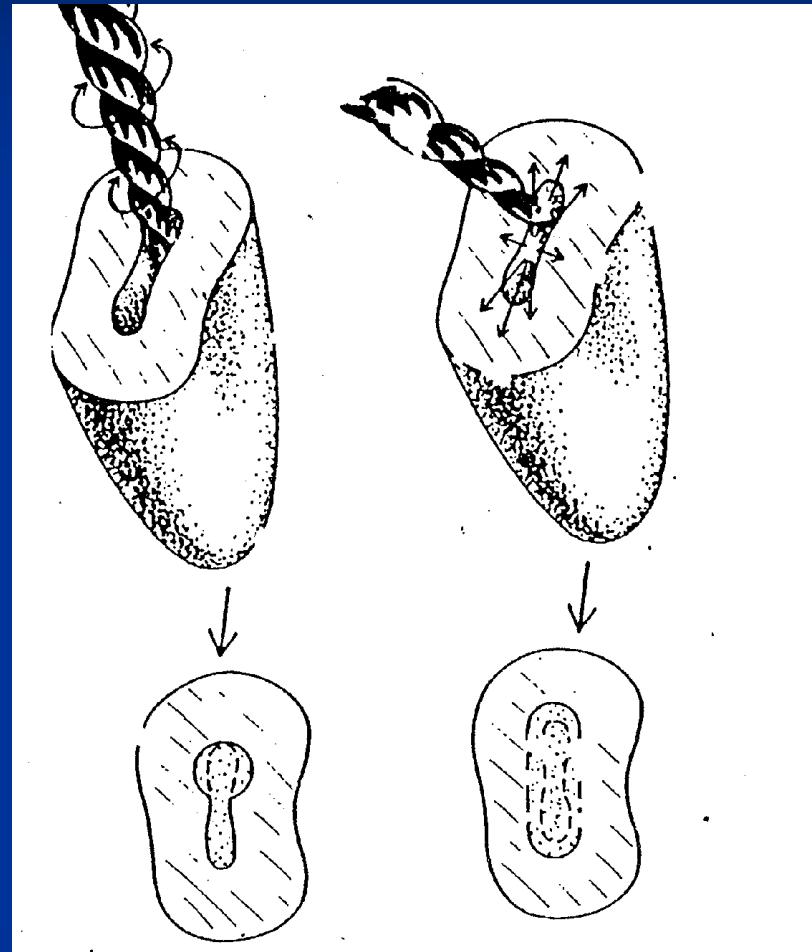
- Rotation and filing combined

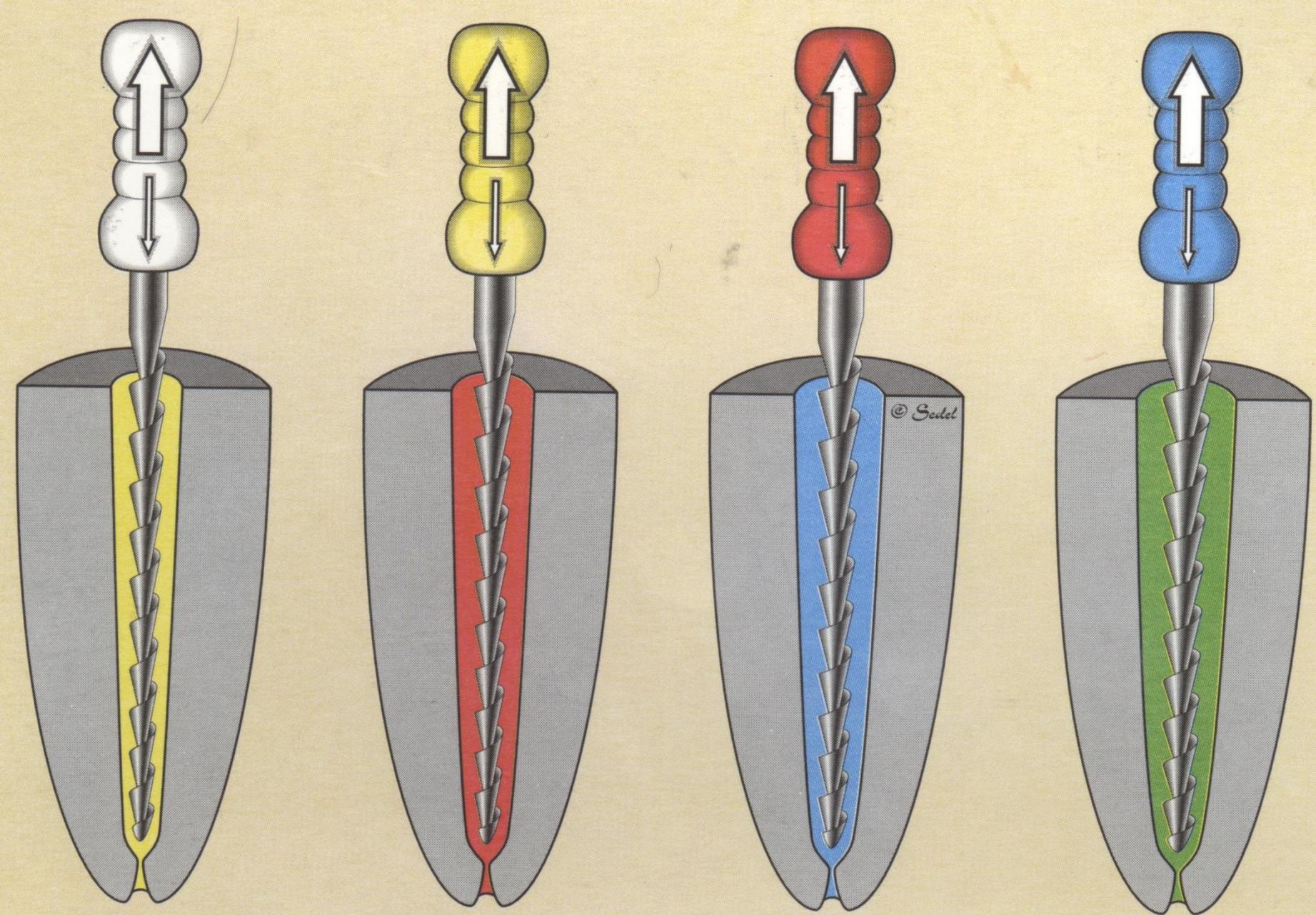
K - reamer

H- file

# Methods of shaping

- Circumferential filing

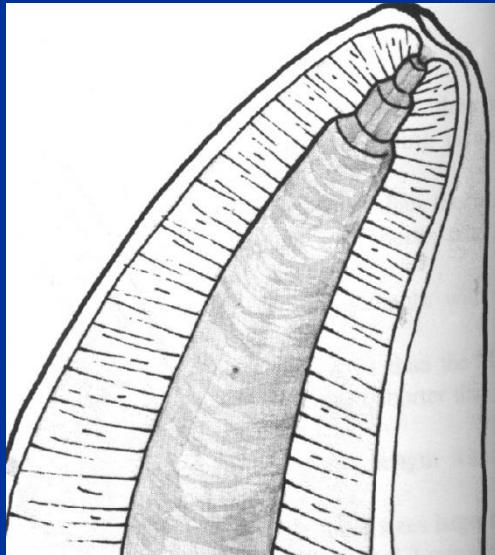




# Methods of shaping

## ■ Step back

Reduction of working length 1 mm after 3 sizes of root canal instrument.



*H-file*

*K-file*

*K-flexofile*

# Methods of shaping

- Modified double flared with balanced force
  - 1. *Coronal flaring*)
  - 2. *Apical preparation balanced force*
  - 3. *Step back*
  - 4. *Final flaring*

# Methods of shaping

■ Step down

H –file opening of root canal

Gates Glidden

Establishment of working length

H-file

GG- files

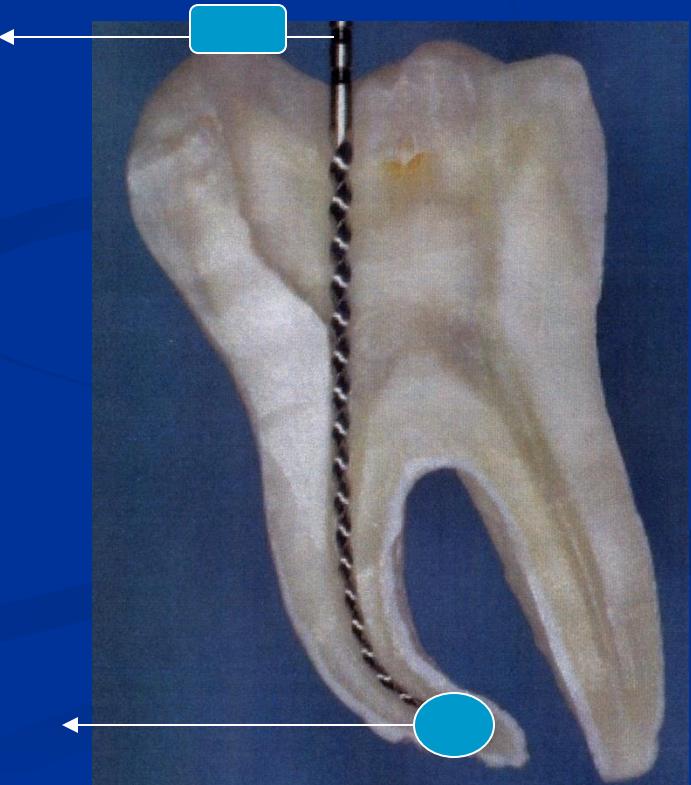
H-file step back

# Methods of shaping

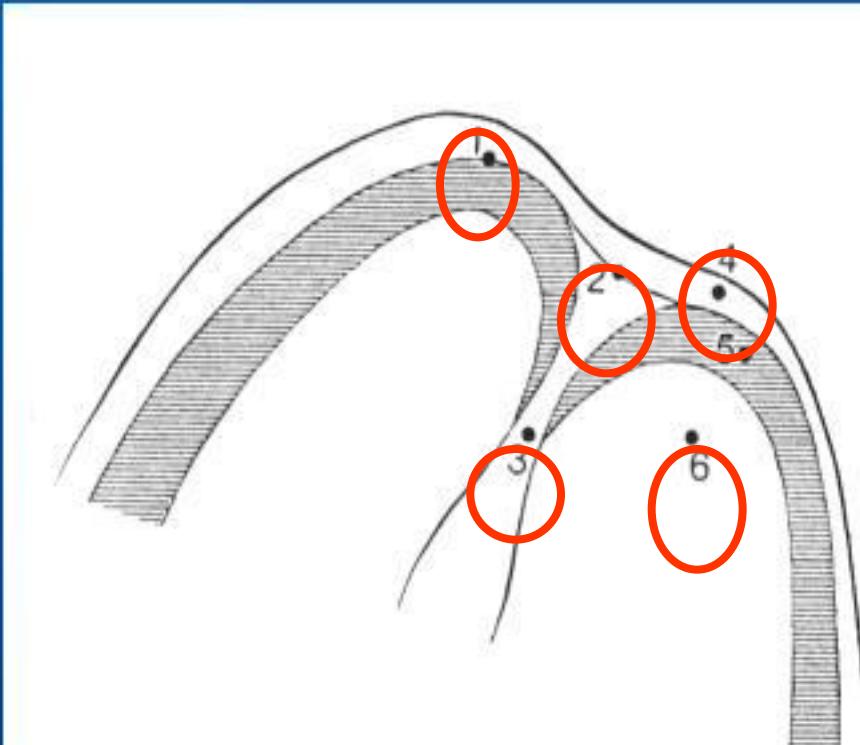
- Crown down pressureless  
Coronal flaring  
K –file contraclockwise only

# Working length

- Distance between referential point and apical constriction



# Apical morphology



1. X-ray apex
2. Foramen apicale
3. Apical constriction
4. Periodontal ligament
5. Root cement
6. Dentin

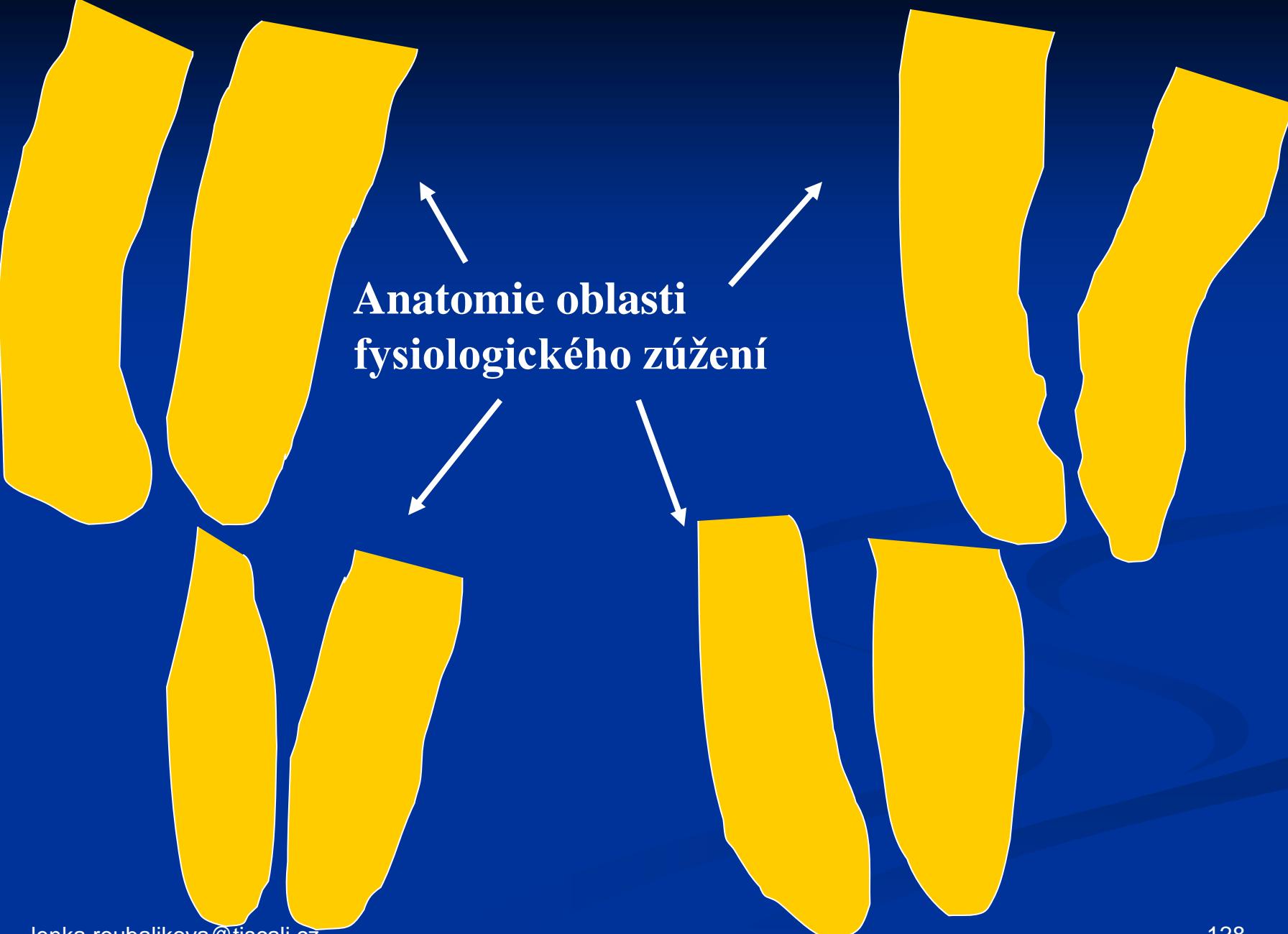
*Distance of apical constriction  
is 1 – 1,5mm from the apex.*

# Establishment of working length

- X-ray
- Apexlocators
- Combination

# X-ray

- Safe length
- I 20 C 22 – 24, P 20, M 18, 20
- I 18, C 20, P 18, M 18



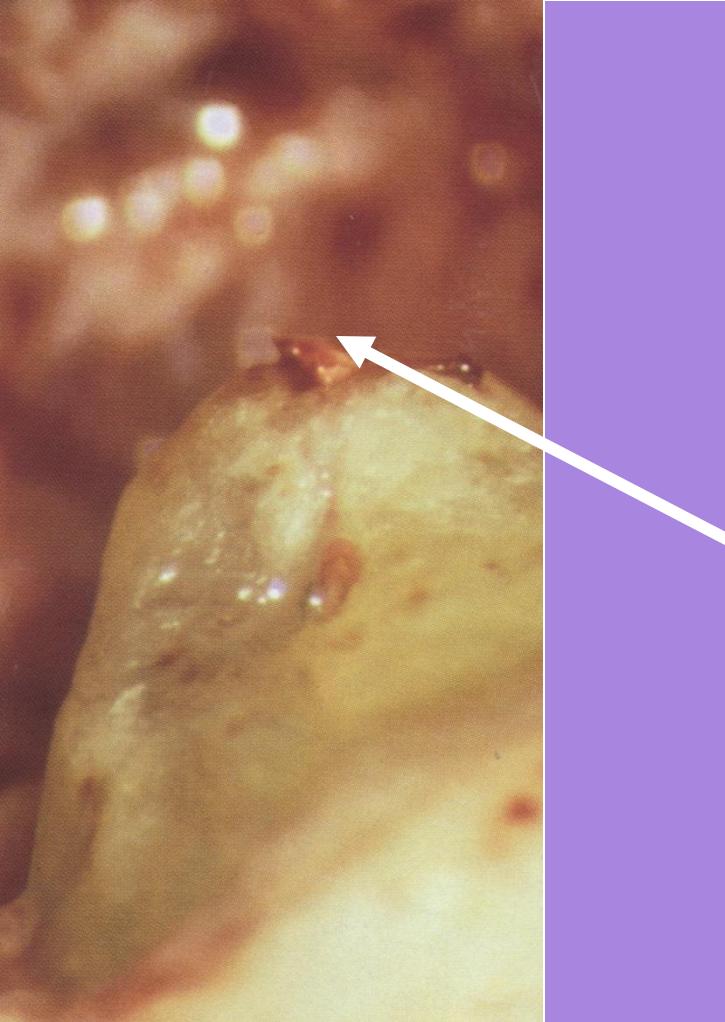
Anatomie oblasti  
fysiologického zúžení

# X-ray method

- Root canal instrument in root canal (ISO 15)
- Safe length
- X-ray
- Estimation – apical constriction

# Why apical constriction

- Small communication
- Less risk of damage of periodontal ligament
- Prevention of extrusion of root canal filling
- Good compaction of root canal filling (gutta-percha).



Real situation

X-ray apex



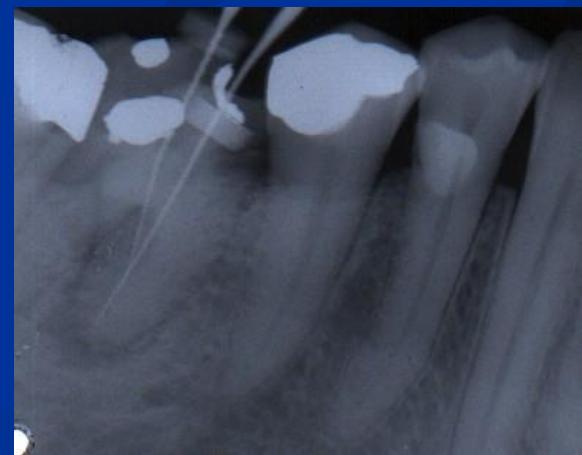
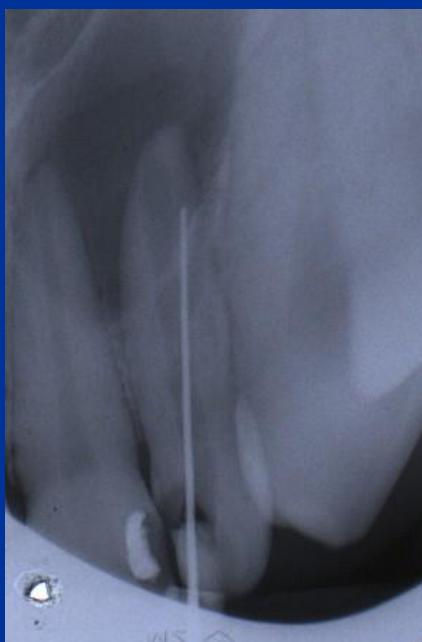
# Apexlocators

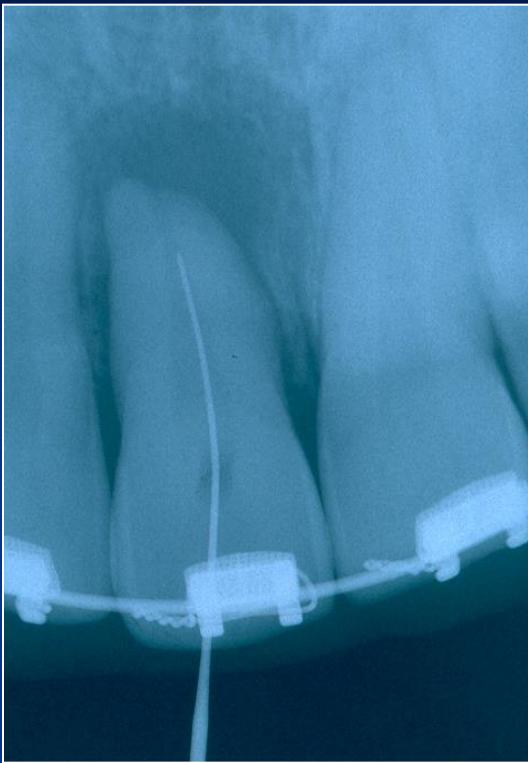
- Principle is based on measurement of electric resistance in root canal.
- Fast
- No irradiation
- Not always correct





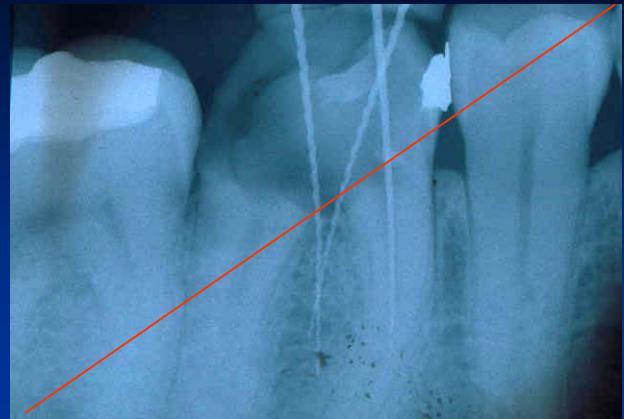






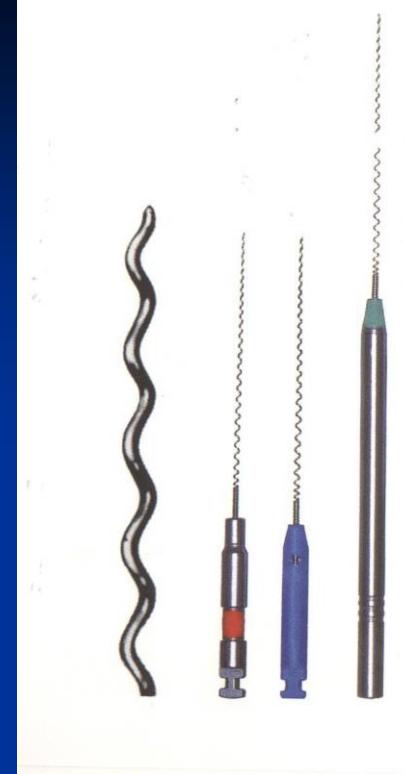
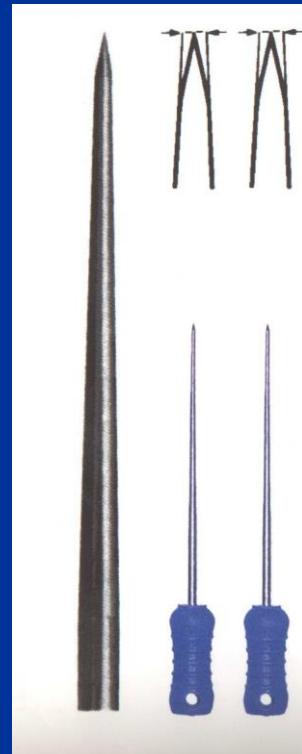






## Rotační plnič -lentule

## Kořenové cpátko - spreader



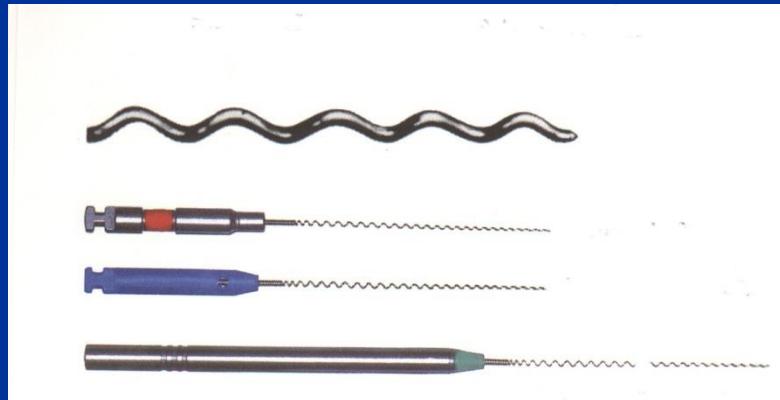
# Kořenové cpátko - plugger



## Kořenové cpátko - spreader



## Kořenové cpátko - plugger



## Rotační plnič - lentule