

Histology and Physiology of the dental pulp Inflammation

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- Nature of inflammatory response
 - Inflammation is the reaction of living tissue to any type of injury
 - Mobilization and coordination of
 - vascular
 - neurologic processes
 - cellular
 - humoral
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Pathway of entry of microorganisms into the dental pulp

- caries
 - trauma
 - from surroundings
 - accessory root canals
 - retrograde (periodontal pockets)
 - anachoresis
 - Neurogenic pulpitis -irritation - traumatic occlusion
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- Objectives - to destroy the irritant
 - to neutralize it by dilution
 - heat
 - redness (rubor)
 - swelling (tumor)
 - pain (dolor)
 - loss of function (functio laesa)
 - to set the stage for repair
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Exudative - acute response

- Initial response of the pulpal tissue to any irritant
 - mechanical, chemical, thermal, microbial
 - Emergency action - to neutralize the injurious action by:
 - an influx of fluid exudate (inflammatory edema) to dilute and detoxify
 - white cells (neutrophils) to ingest and immobilize
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Proliferative (chronic) response

- secondary (delayed) action
 - connective tissue forms
 - new cells (fibroblasts)
 - blood vessels and fibres
 - granulation tissue - formed to replace and repair the damaged tissue
 - granulomatous tissue = granulation tissue + lymphocytes, plasma cells, macrophages in great quantities
 - It is a defense tissue - microorganisms are destroyed
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- **Primary factors that initiate the acute inflammation**
 - Responsible for inflammation:
 - **Neurogenic factor (neural response)**
 - **Tissue injury factor (cellular response)**
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- **The neurogenic factor** - activation of neural response by environmental irritants (mechanical, chemical, microbial)
 - may cause
 - immediate and transient pain perception - result of nerve fibers irritation
 - vasodilatation - persists = increase in capillary permeability, fluid exudation, leucocytes infiltration = beginning of the exudative phase
 - increased intrapulpal pressure = result of the increased blood volume (hyperemia) and tissue exudate
 - secondary (spontaneous) pain response (C fibers)
 - The pain persists - the presence of necrotic tissue
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- **The tissue injury factor** - is due to release of mediators by the injured odontoblasts
 - chemical substances
 - the same effect as the nerve factor
 - prolonged vasodilatation, fluid exudation, leucocytes infiltration, increase of intrapulpal volume and pressure, pain
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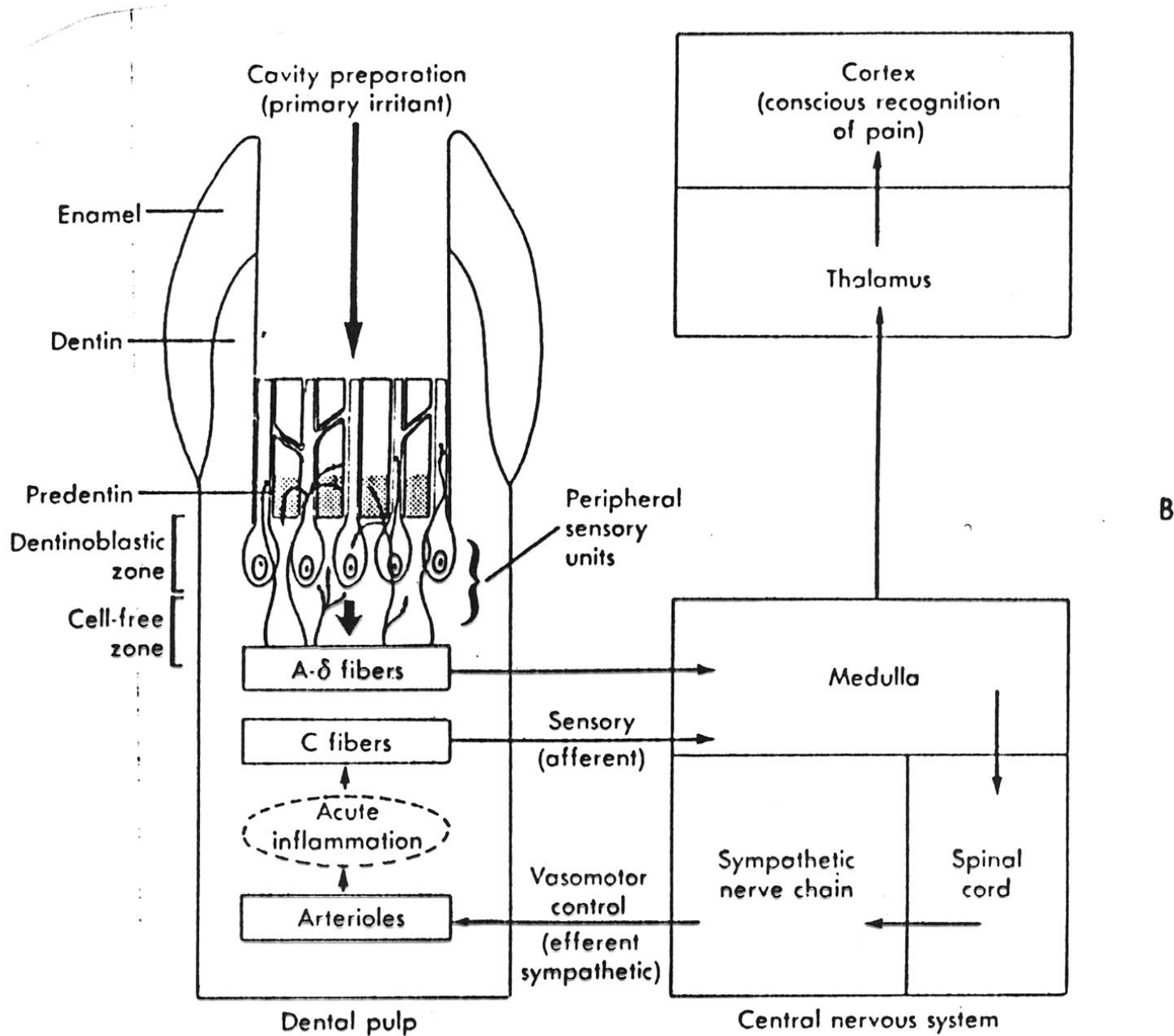


Fig. 3-20, cont'd. B, Afferent-efferent pathway for sensory and vasomotor impulses as a result of severe dentinal stimulation.

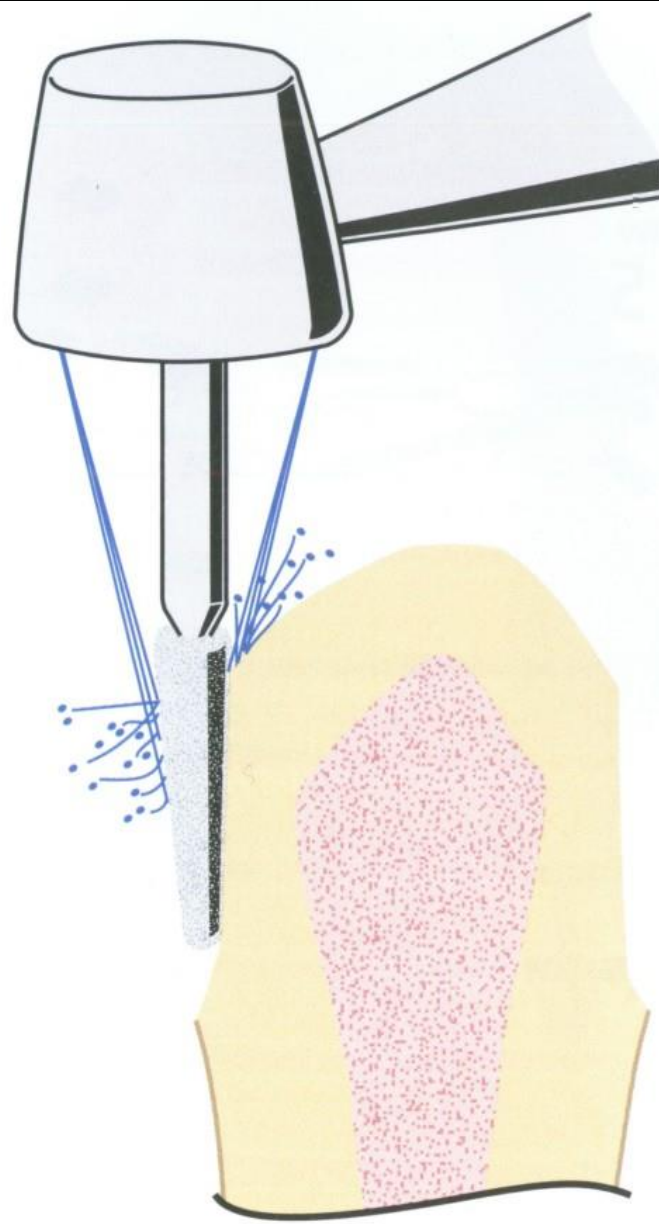


Fig. 3.13 Preparing teeth for restorations generates frictional heat, which causes dehydration and tissue damage to the pulp. Such injury is lessened by proper water irrigation during the cutting procedure.

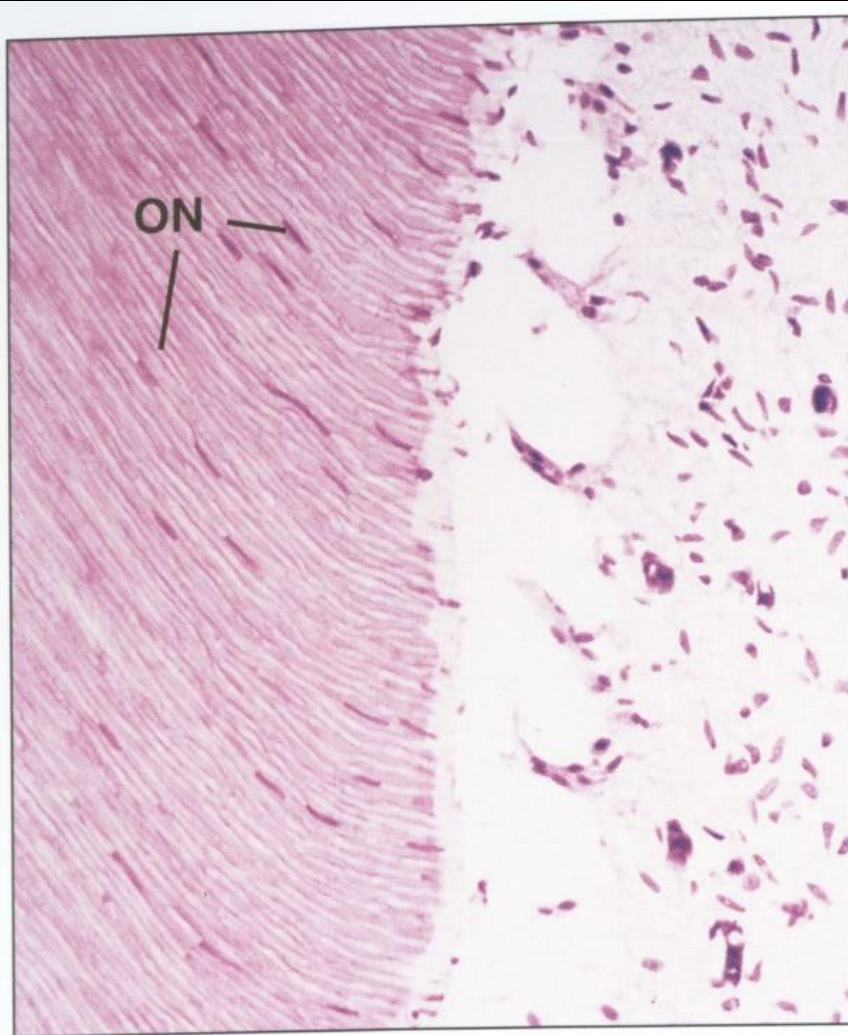
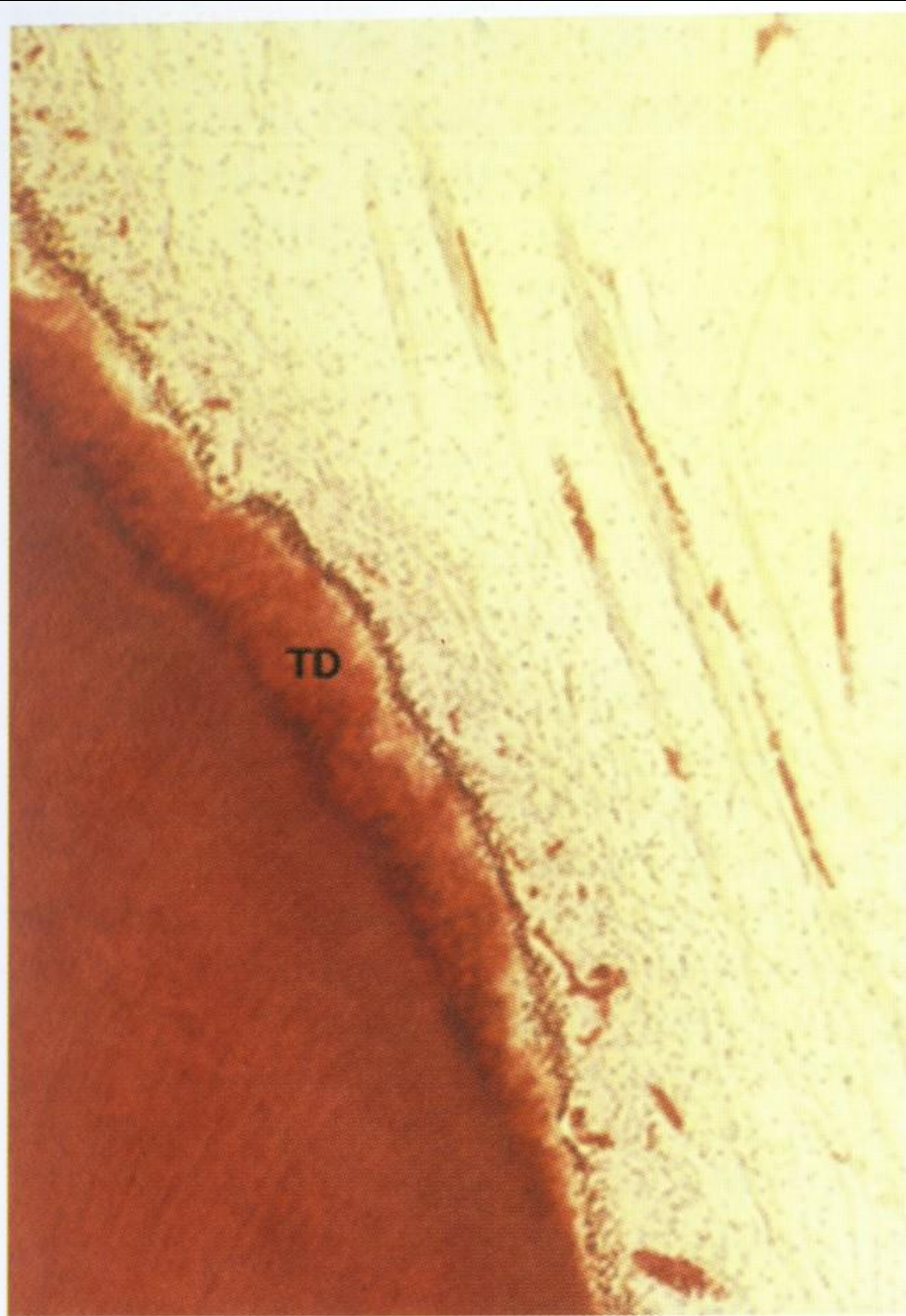
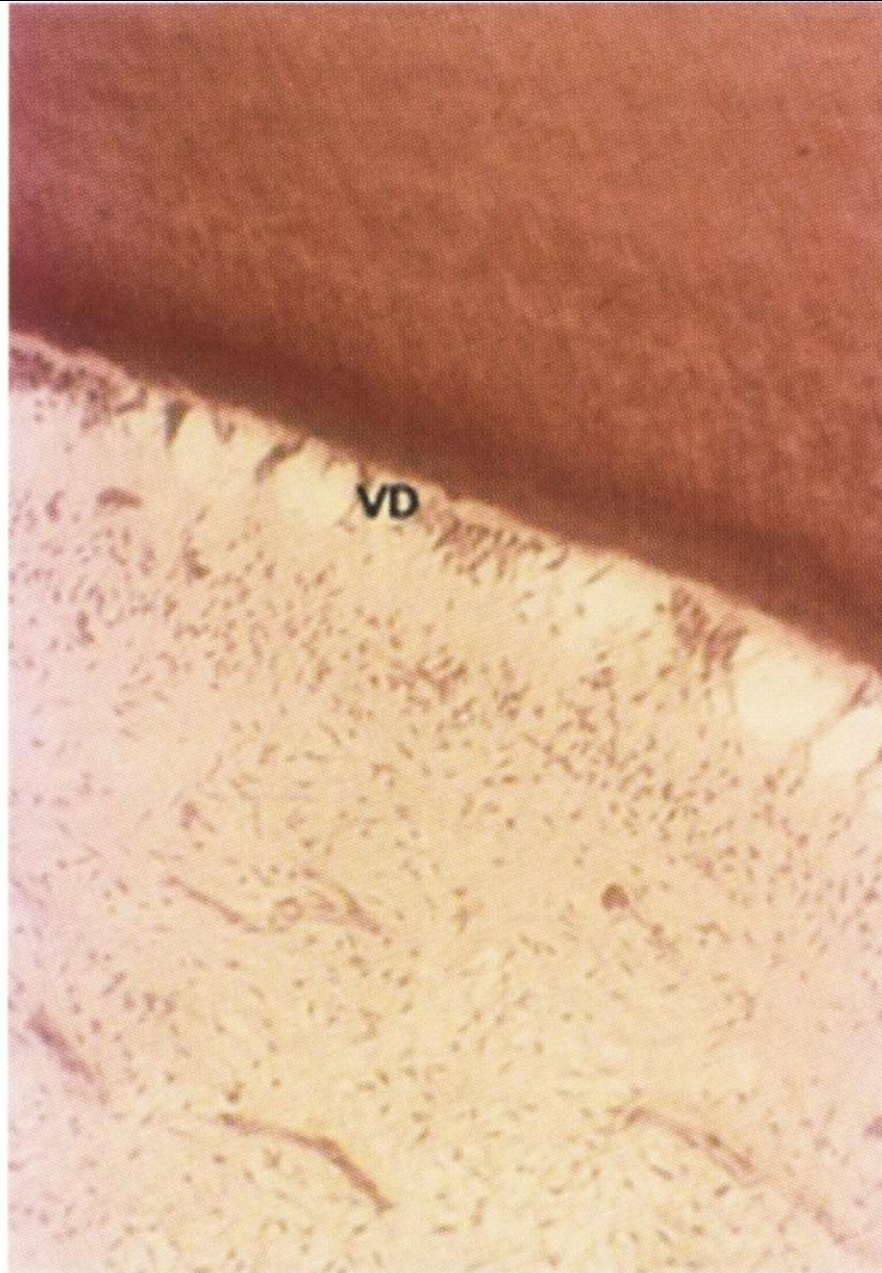


Fig 2-13 Photomicrograph of a demineralized section showing odontoblastic nuclei (ON) displaced into the dentin as a result of cavity preparation with inadequate cooling of the bur. The odontoblastic layer is disrupted and vacuolized. (Hematoxylin-eosin stain; original magnification $\times 60$.)



Obr. 2.8 Vrstva terciárního dentinu (TD) vytvořená za tři týdny po preparaci kavity turbinou.



Obr. 2.9 Vakuolární degenerace (VD) odontoblastů nalezená v pulpě za 30 dnů po preparaci kavity turbinou.



Fig 3-3 Photomicrograph of a moderate pulpal reaction.⁶ Many cells have accumulated subjacent to the affected tubules, but they are well delimited to the cavity tubules (between dotted lines). (Hematoxylin-eosin-stained, demineralized section; original magnification $\times 10$.)

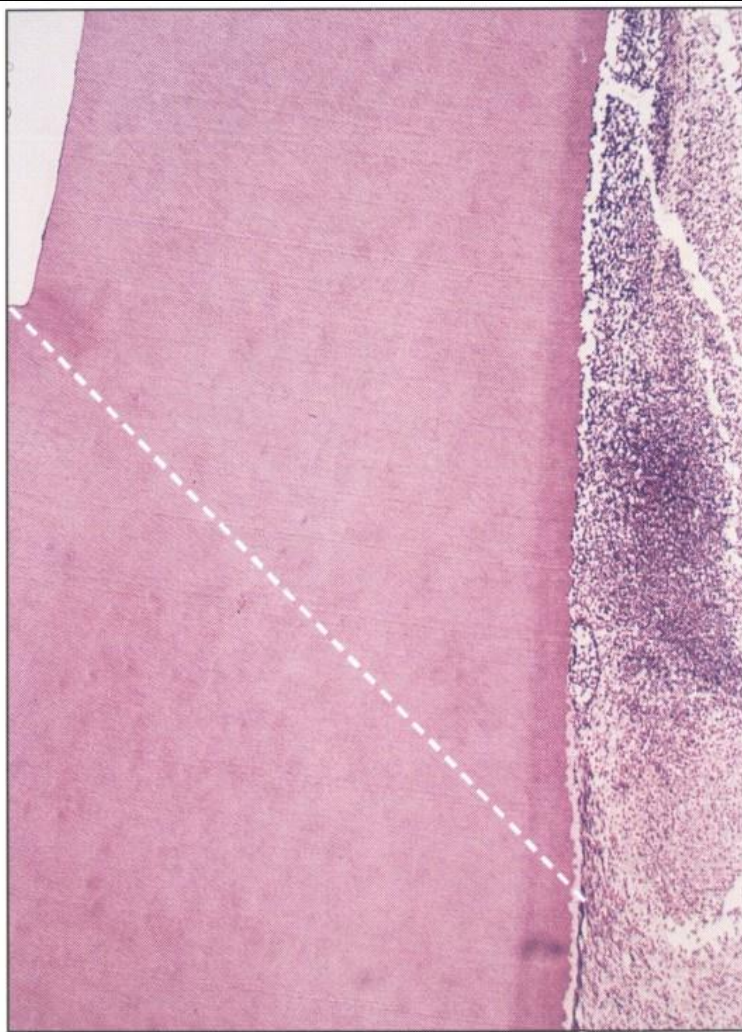


Fig 3-5 Photomicrograph of a severe pulpal reaction.⁶ The cellular infiltration is localized to the cavity tubules (above the dotted line), is intense subjacent to the exposed tubules, and corresponds to that of an abscess. (Hematoxylin-eosin-stained, demineralized section; original magnification $\times 10$.)



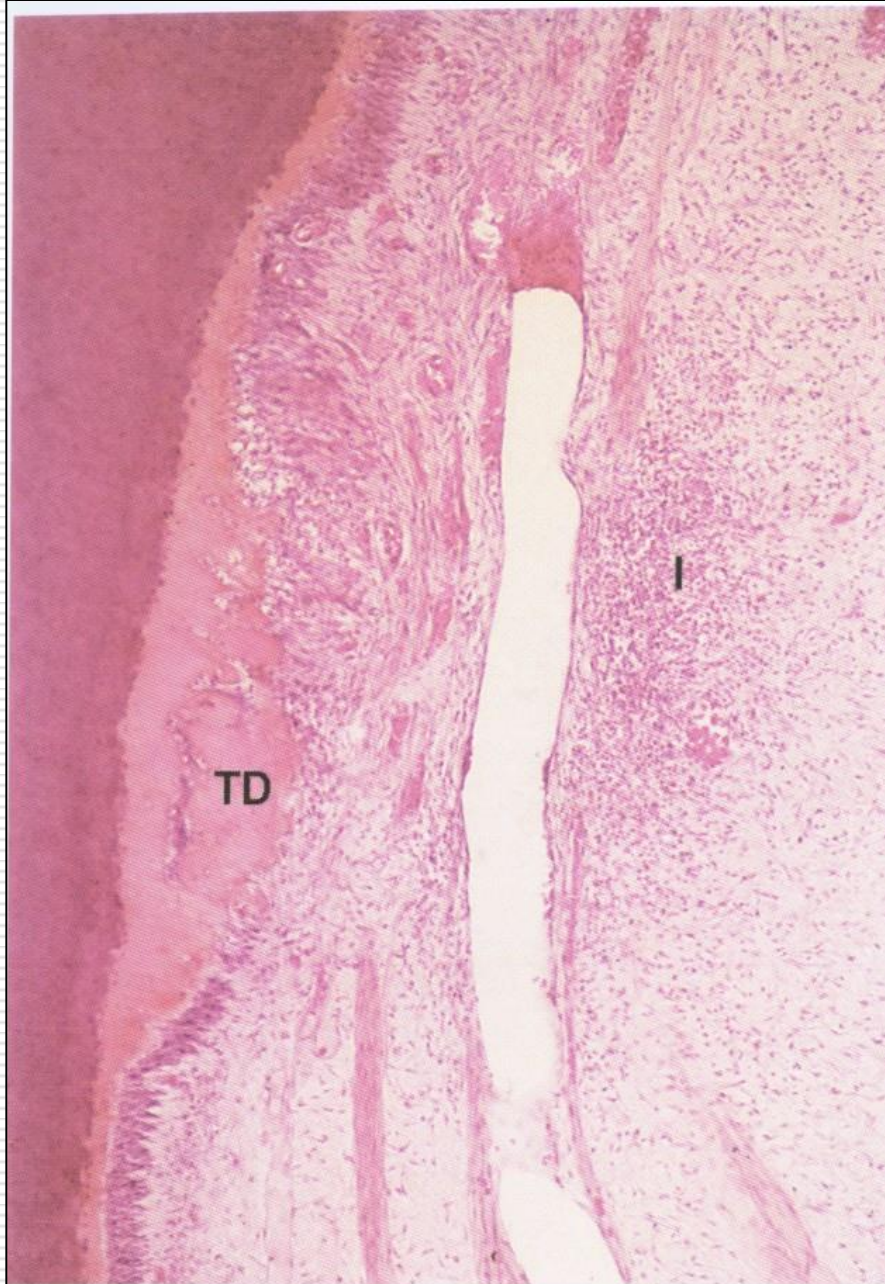
Fig 6-7 Tertiary dentin (TD) formed as a response to the healing of a lesion similar to that shown in Fig 6-5. Note the lightly stained, atubular interface dentin (I) and the dentinal tubules in the tertiary dentin. The odontoblasts lining the pulpal aspect of the tertiary dentin are short, and the cell-free zone is lacking in this area. (Hematoxylin-eosin stain; original magnification $\times 65$.)



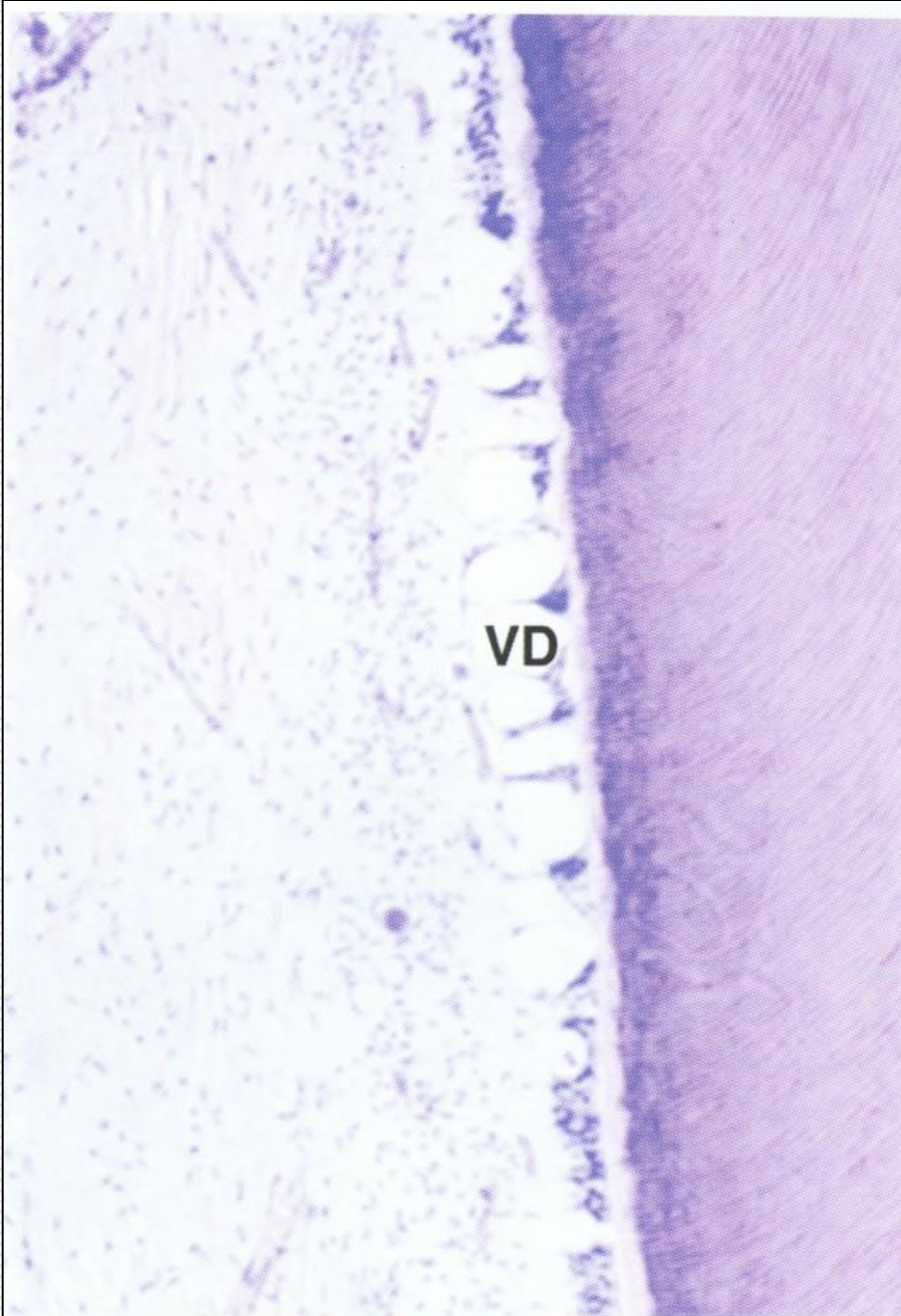
Obr. 2.11 Výrazné poškození pulpy po preparaci turbinou s omezeným chlazením a razantním vysušení kavity alkoholem.



Obr. 2.12 Zánětlivý infiltrát (I) za tři týdny po zaplnění kavity silikátovým cementem.



Obr. 2.13 Zánětlivý infiltrát (I) a překotná lokální tvorba terciárního dentinu (TD) v zubní dřeni, kde před třemi týdny byla kavita zaplněna GIC.



Obr. 2.15 Vakuolární degenerace (VD) odontoblastů.

Inflammation of the dental pulp

- **According to the nature**
 - Reversible
 - Irreversible
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Reversible pulpitis - Hyperemia

- Capillary bed - enlargement, vasodilatation, elevated capillary pressure, increased vascular permeability, potentially reversible response
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Irreversible pulpitis

Acute - hyperactivity of exudative forces
polymorphonuclear leucocytes, later macrophage

Chronic - proliferative phase
granulomatous tissue
pain is usually absent
lymphocytes, plasma cells, macrophages
limited number of PMNS

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- **Duration and severity**
 - acute
 - chronic
 - subacute
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- **Presence/absence of pain**
 - painful
 - non painful
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acute	chronic
partial serous suppurative	open ulcerative polypous
total serous suppurative	closed
retrograde	

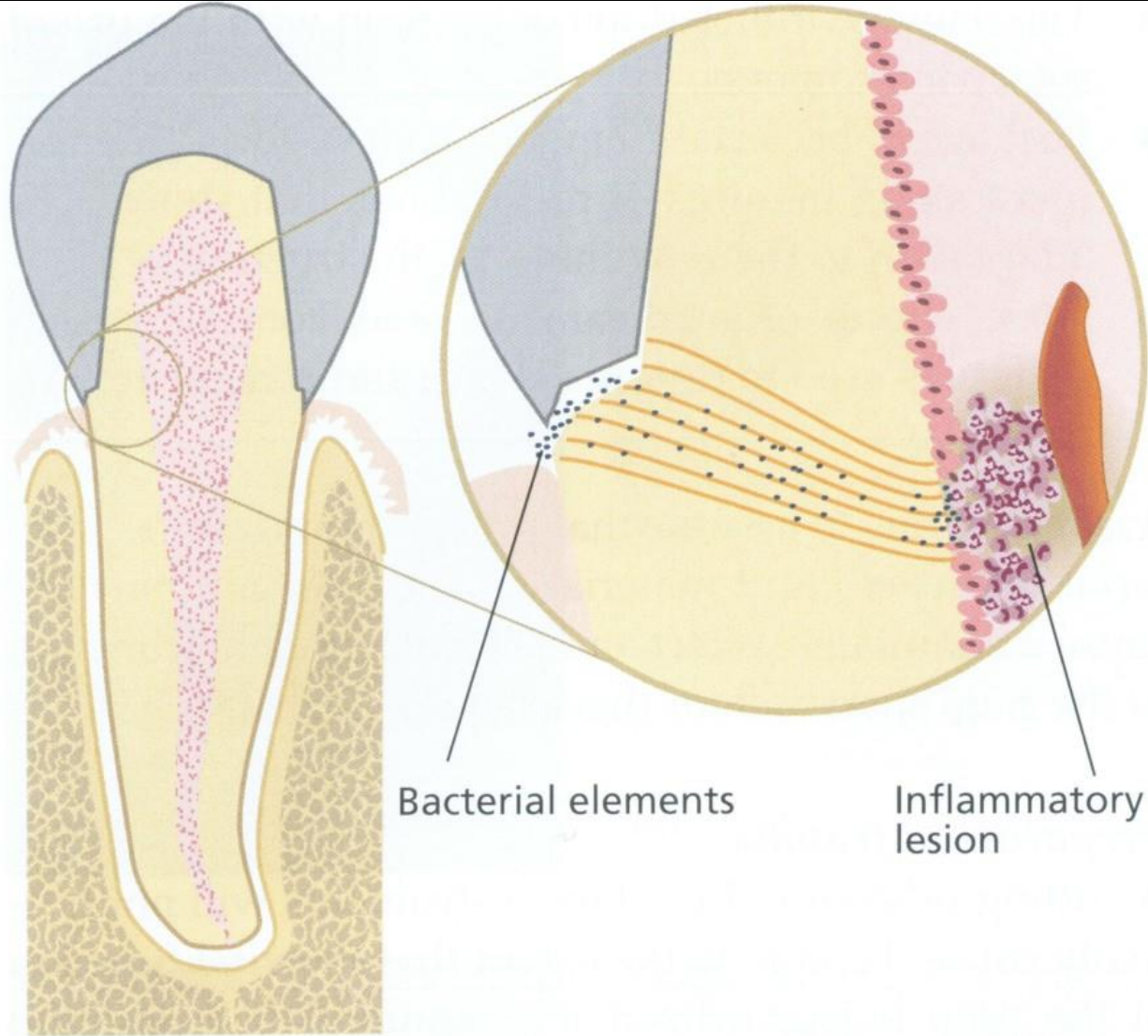


Fig. 3.24 In contraction gaps or after incomplete coverage of dentine following restorative procedures, bacterial elements in the oral cavity may gain access to pulp along the exposed dentinal tubules. This is regarded as a serious threat to the pulp because it may induce painful symptoms and inflammatory lesions in the pulp.



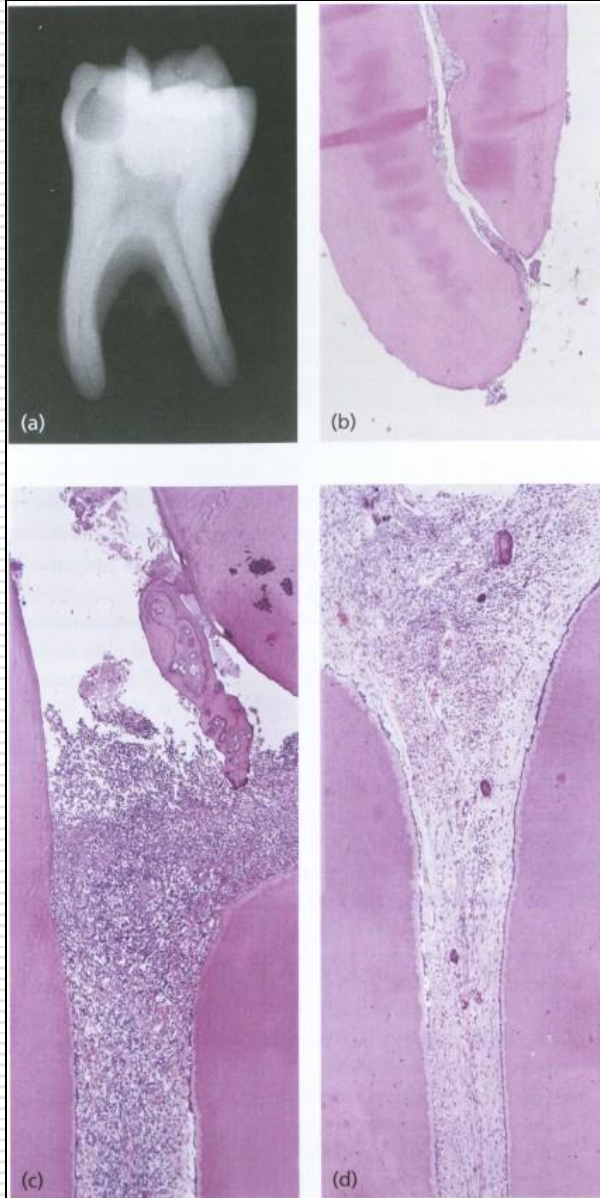
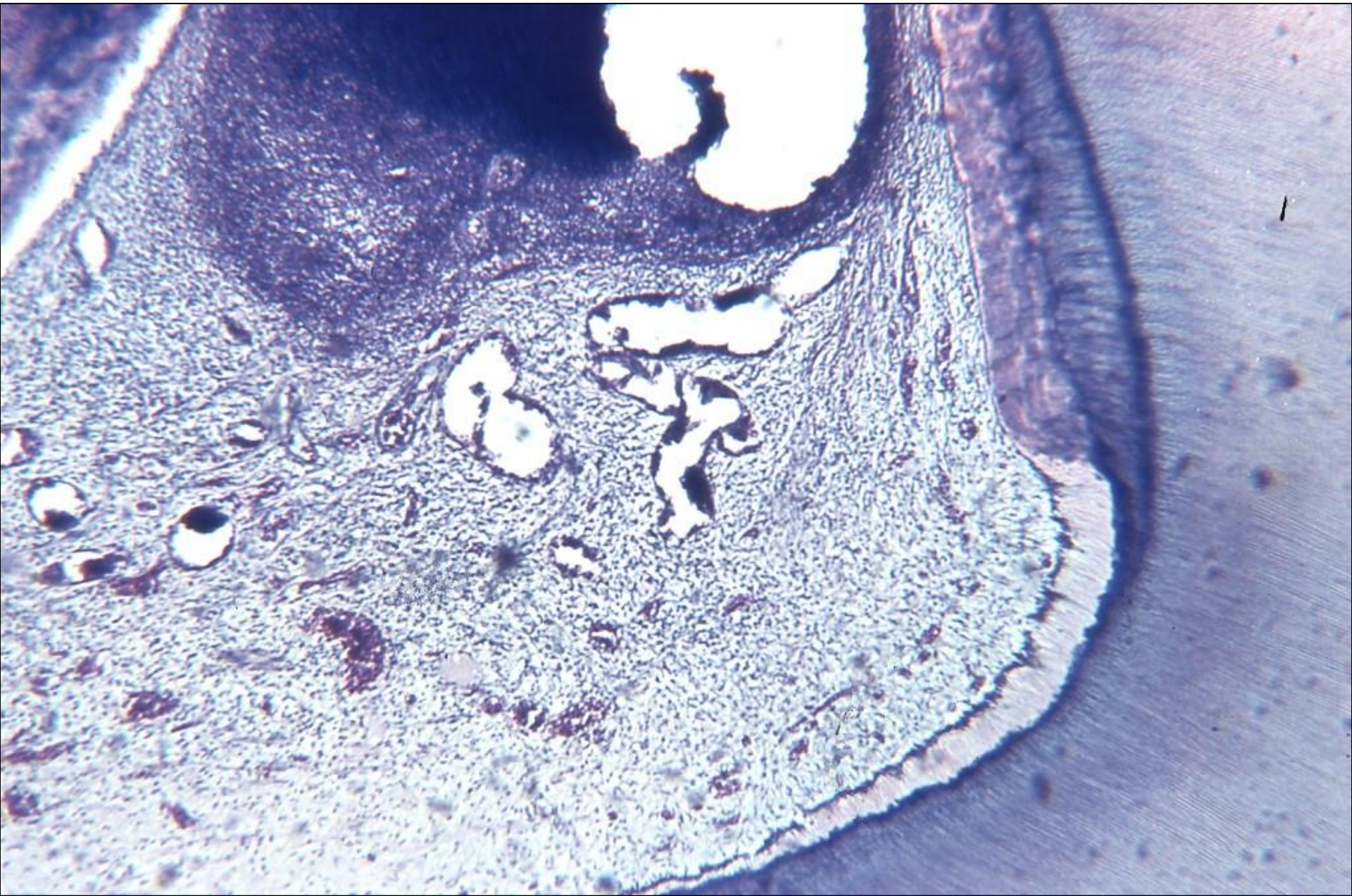
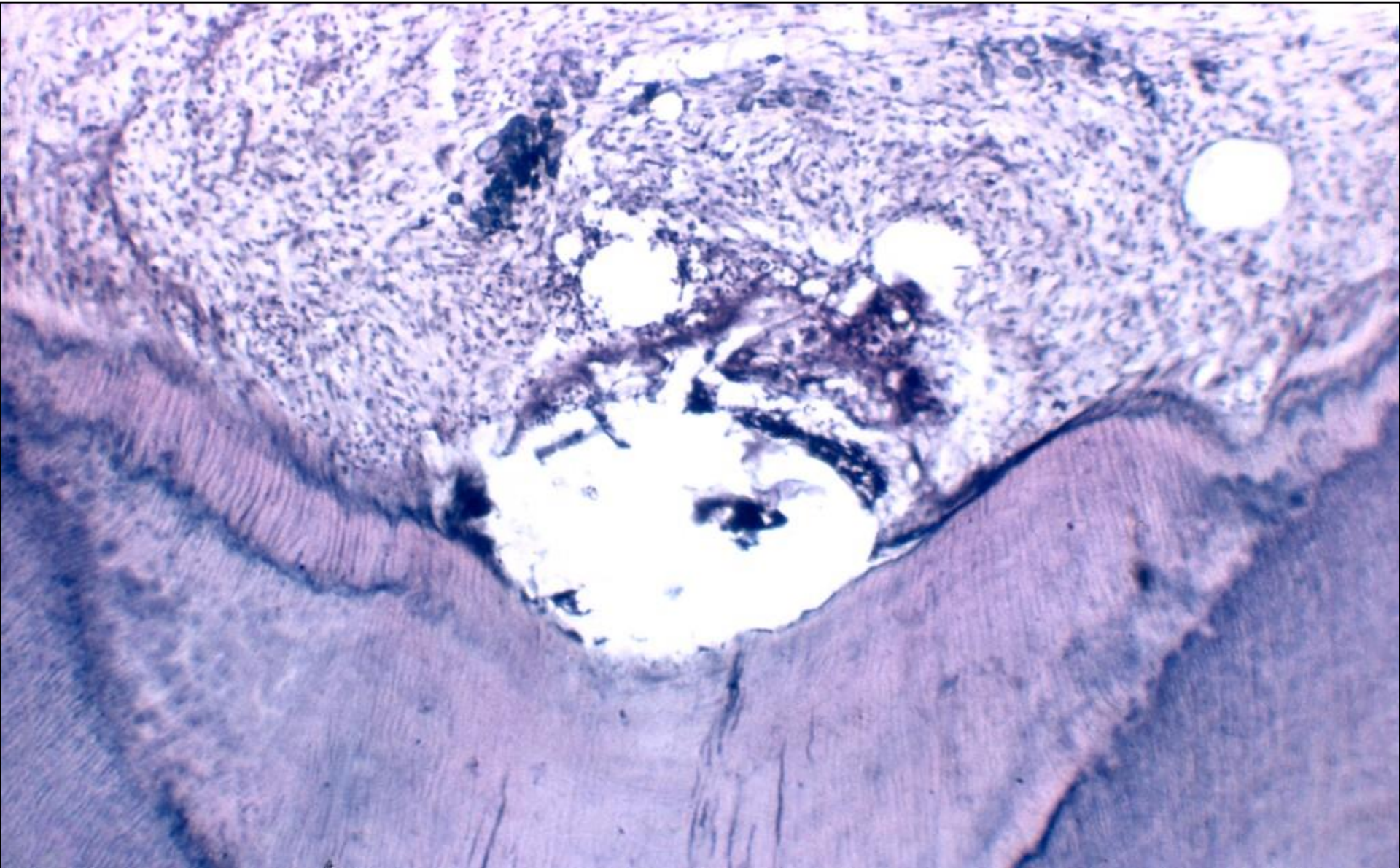
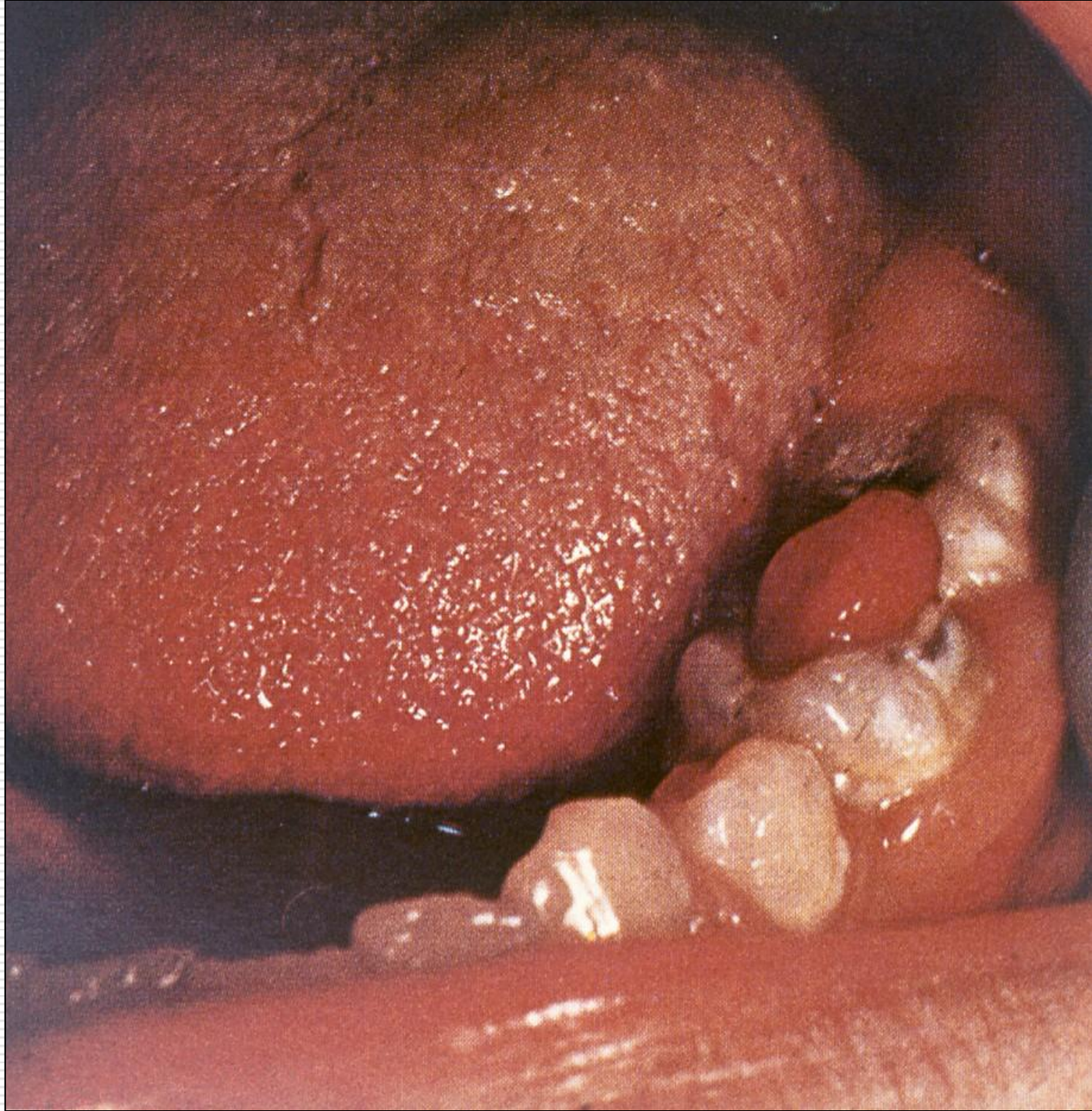


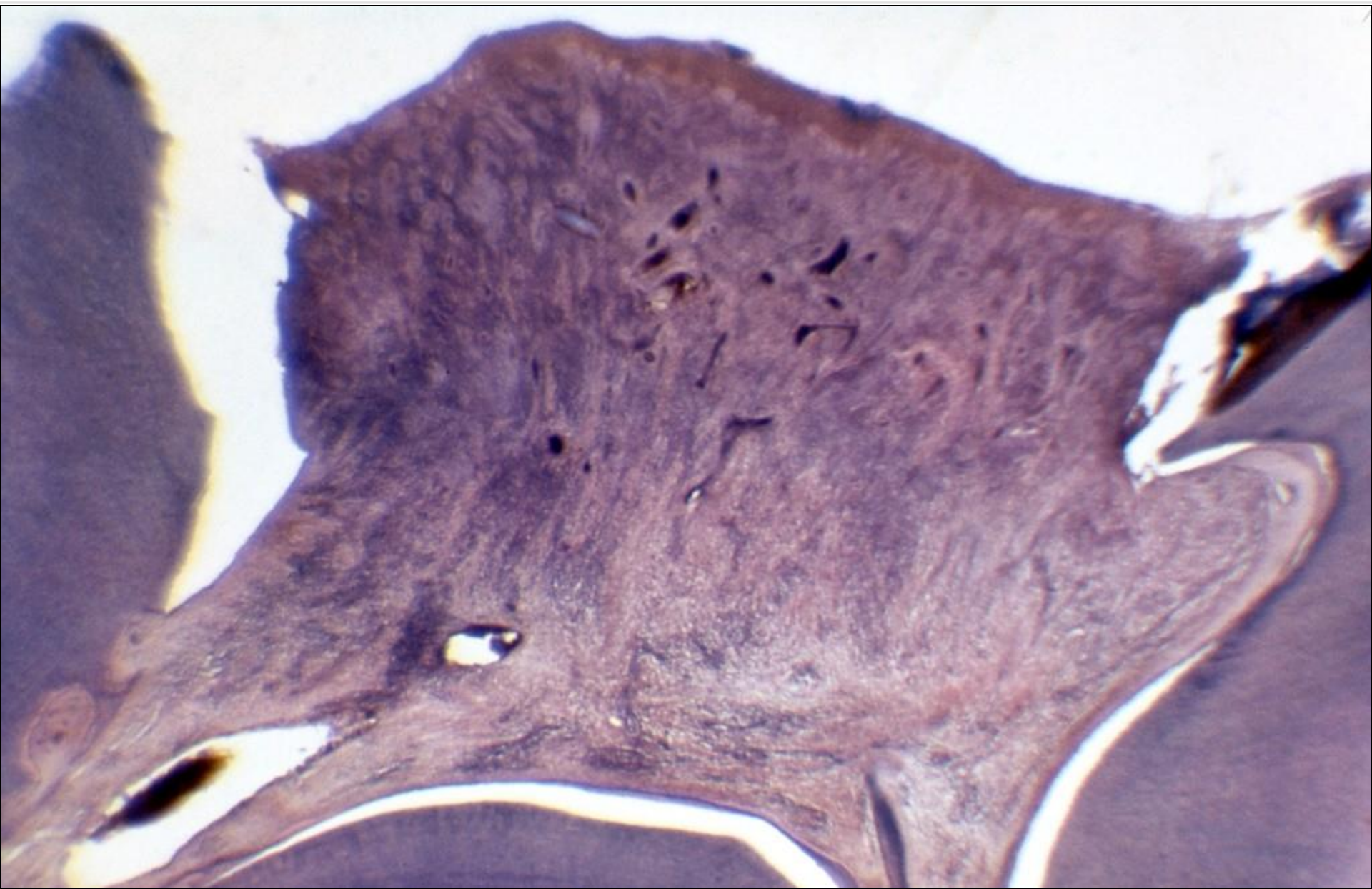
Fig. 3.22 (a) Radiograph showing a deep, mesio-occlusal caries lesion that has advanced to the pulp in a lower molar. Histological examination of the pulp in the extracted tooth reveals partial pulpal breakdown at the breakthrough of the caries lesion. (b) The apical pulp displays a normal appearance. (c) An intense inflammatory infiltrate extends into the orifice of the mesial root canal. (d) The pulp tissue of the distal root canal shows less leukocyte infiltration with an intact odontoblast cell layer. (Courtesy of Dr Domenico Ricucci.)











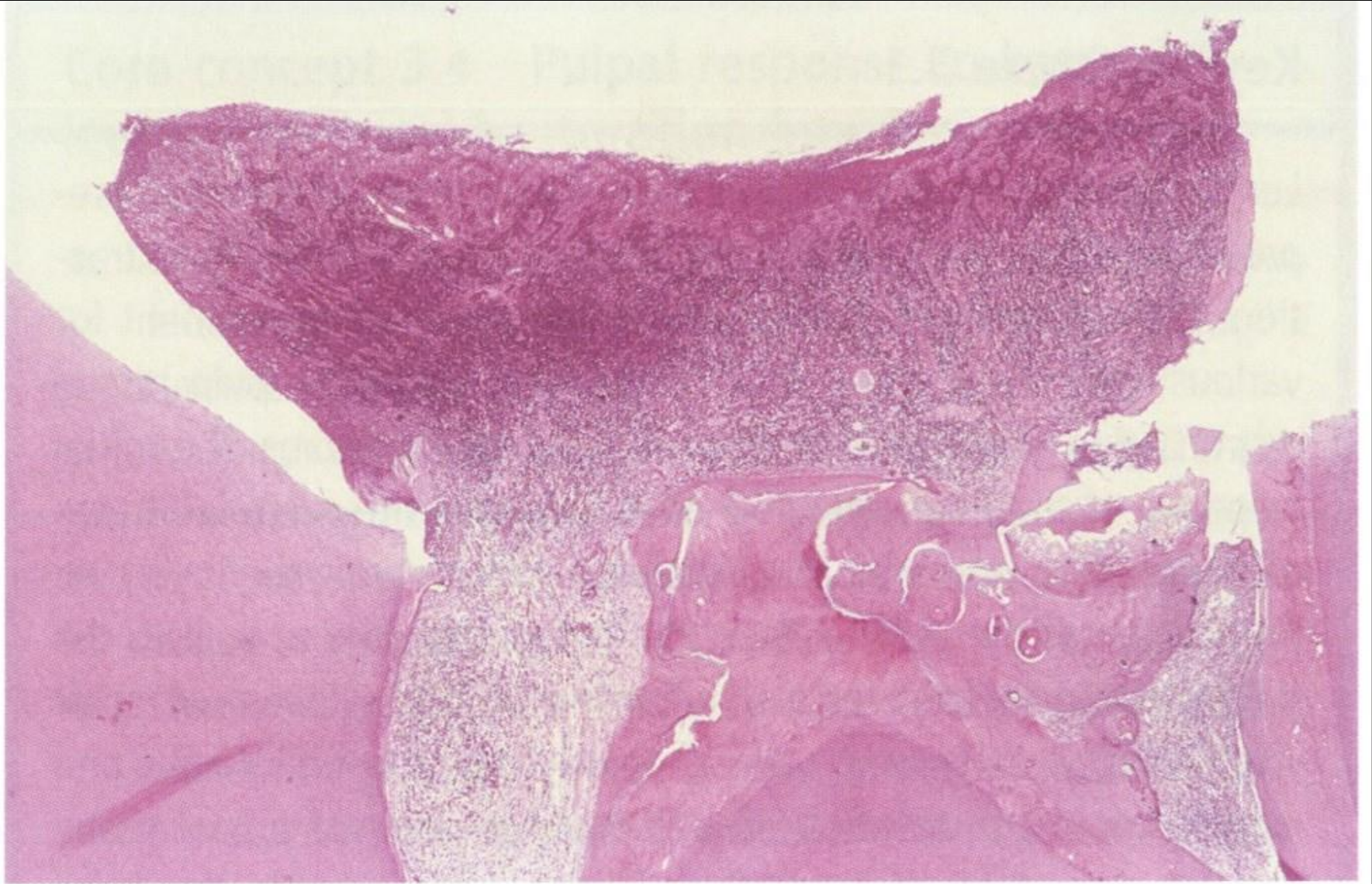


Fig. 3.23 Microphotograph of a pulp polyp extending from the pulp of a young tooth broken down by caries. Note the dense inflammatory infiltrate in the proliferating tissue. (Courtesy of Dr Domenico Ricucci.)

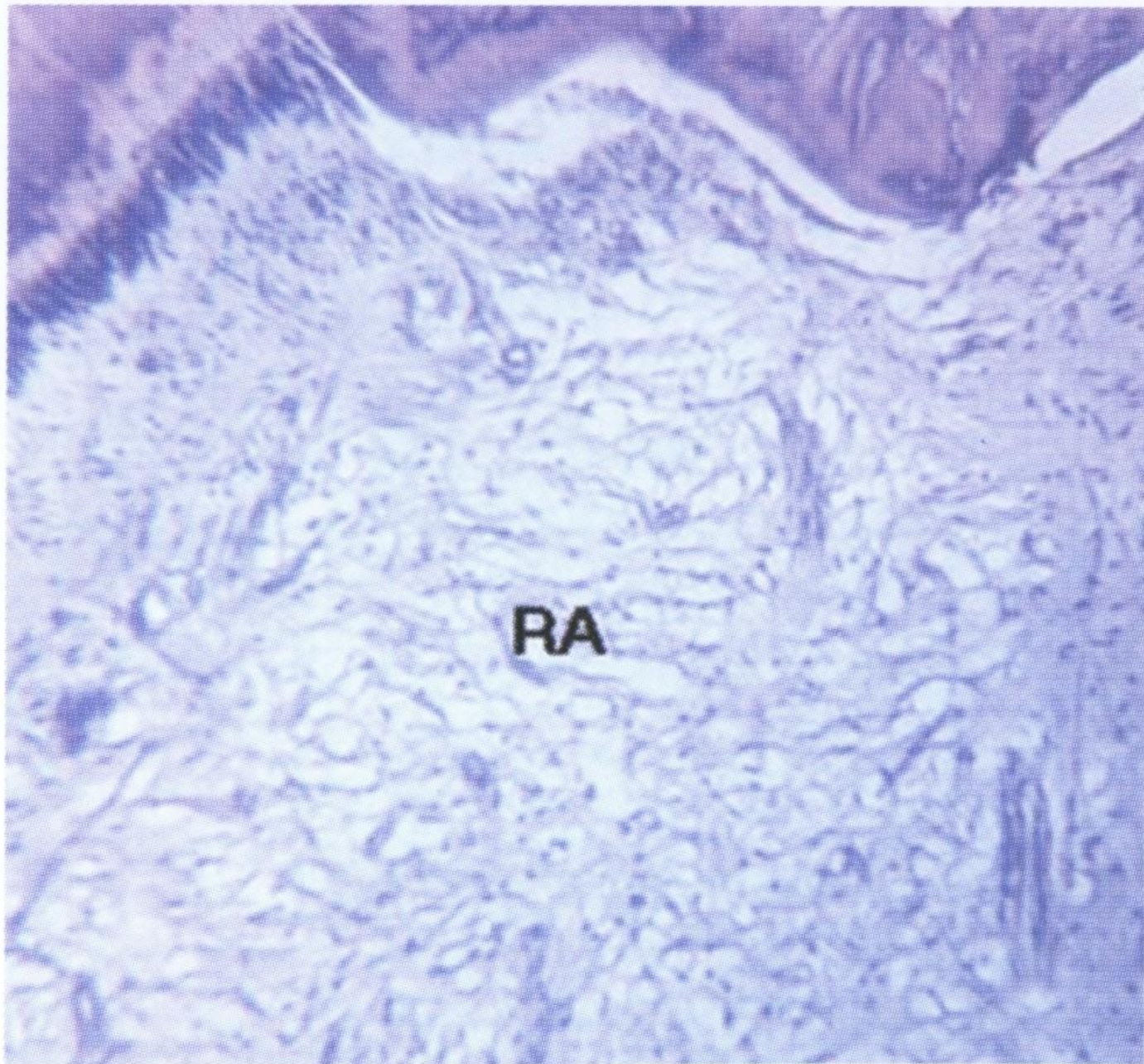
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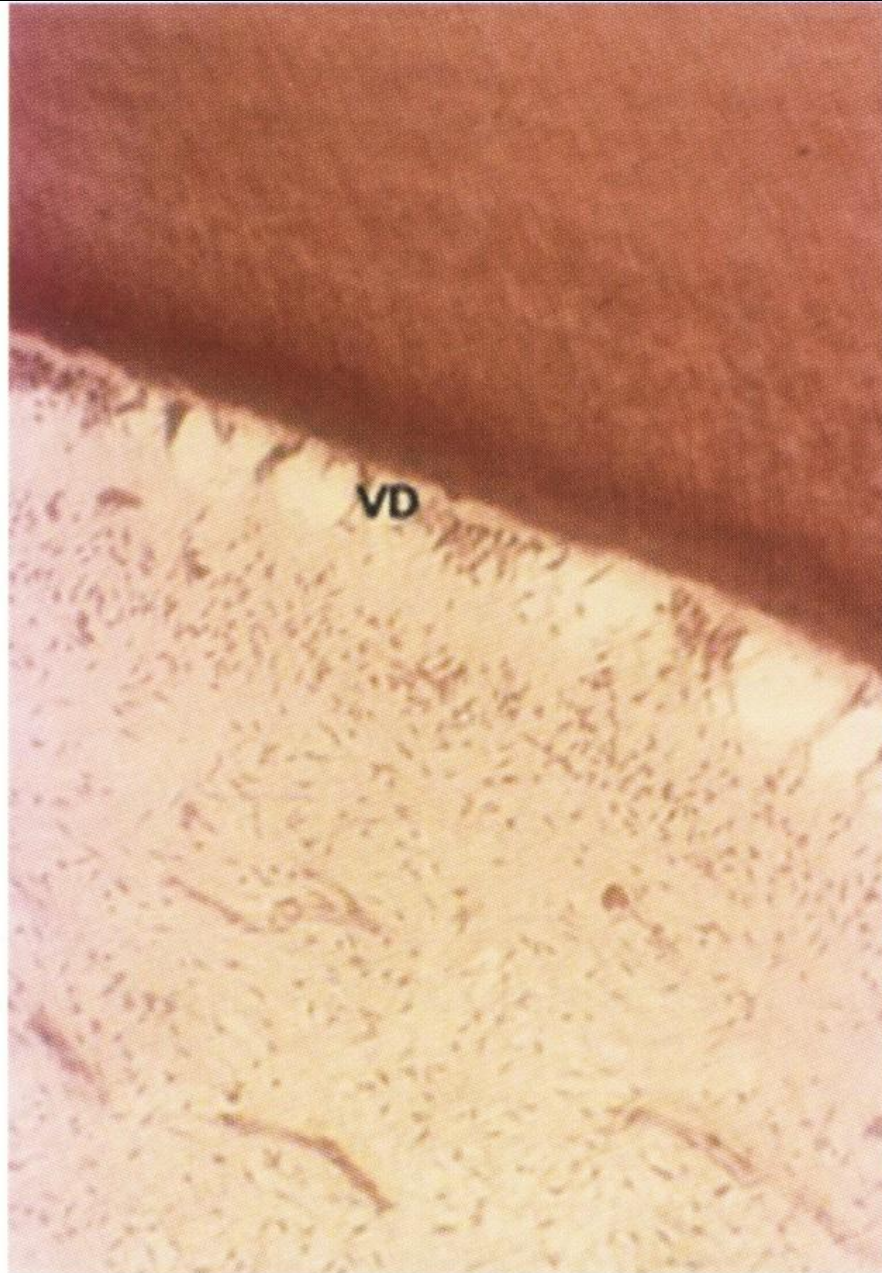
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- Irreversible
 - painful pulpitis
 - acute pulpitis
 - subacute pulpitis
 - nonpainful pulpitis
 - chronic ulcerative pulpitis (due to caries)
 - chronic pulpitis (no caries)
 - chronic hyperplastic pulpitis (pulp polyp)
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Additional pulp changes

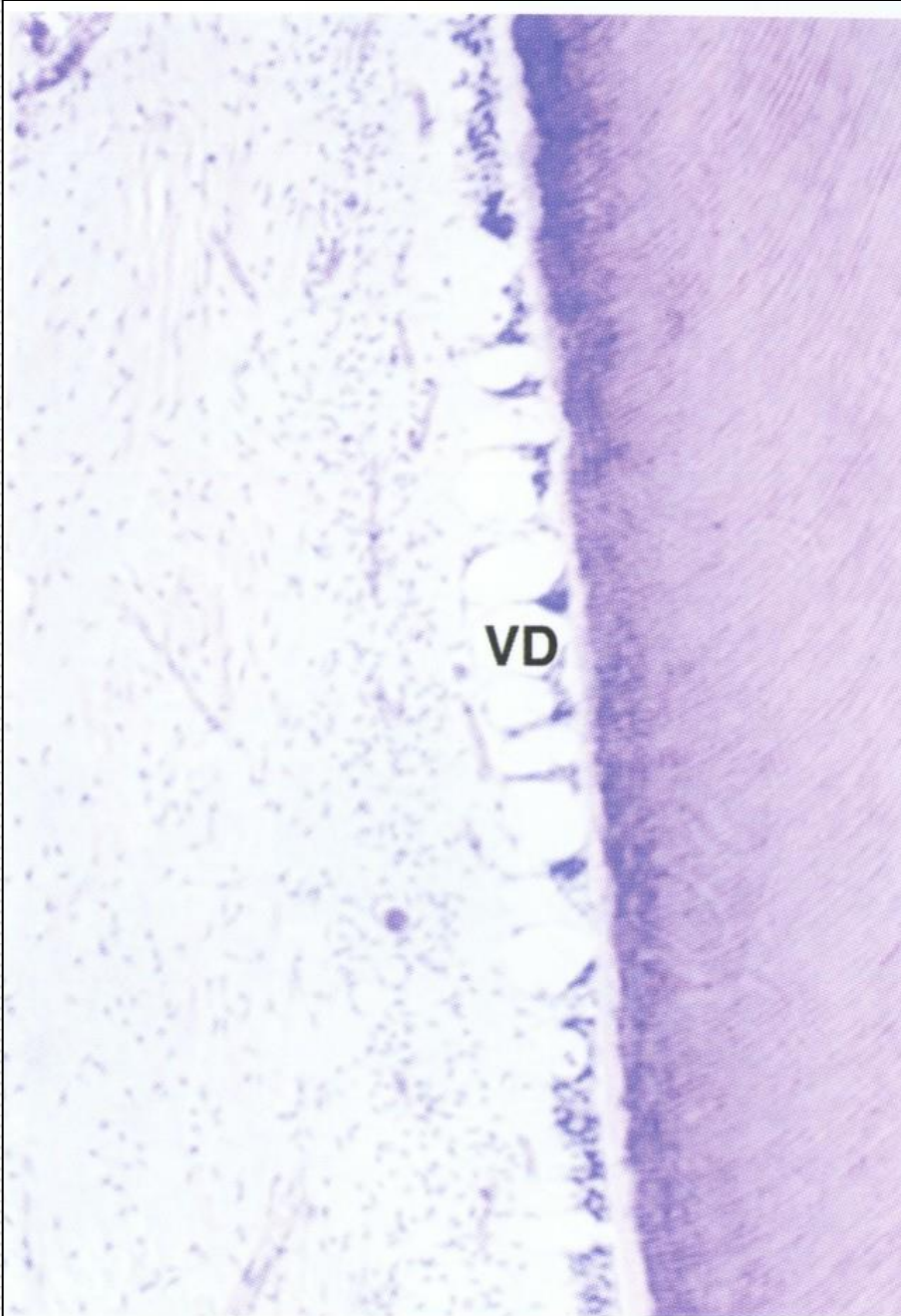
- retrogressive changes
 - atrophy, fibrosis, vacuolization of odontoblasts, hyalinization
 - dystrophic calcification
 - pulp stones
 - internal resorption (sequel to persistent chronic inflammation)
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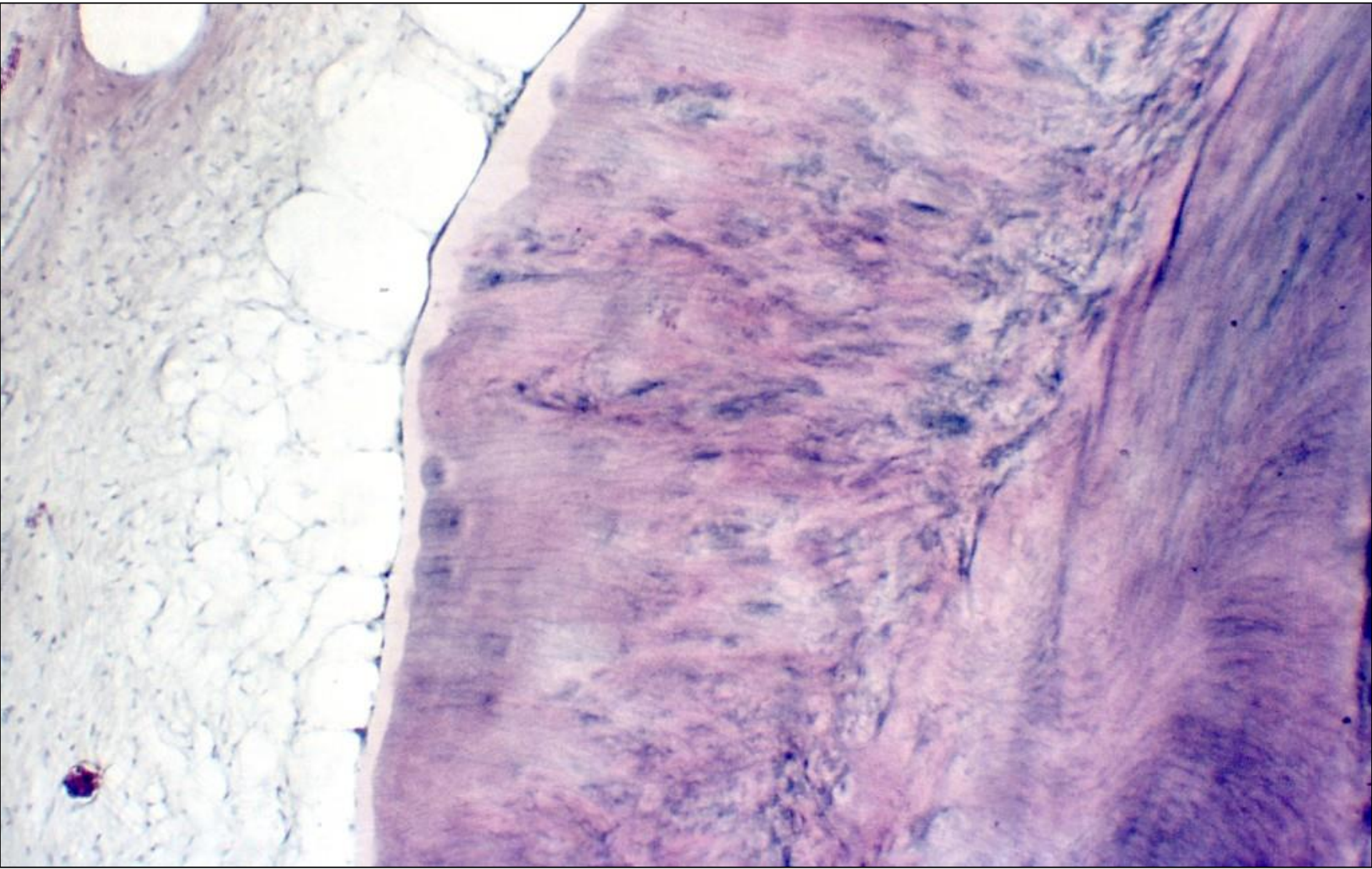
Obr. 2.17 Síťovitá, retikulární atrofie (RA) pulpy.

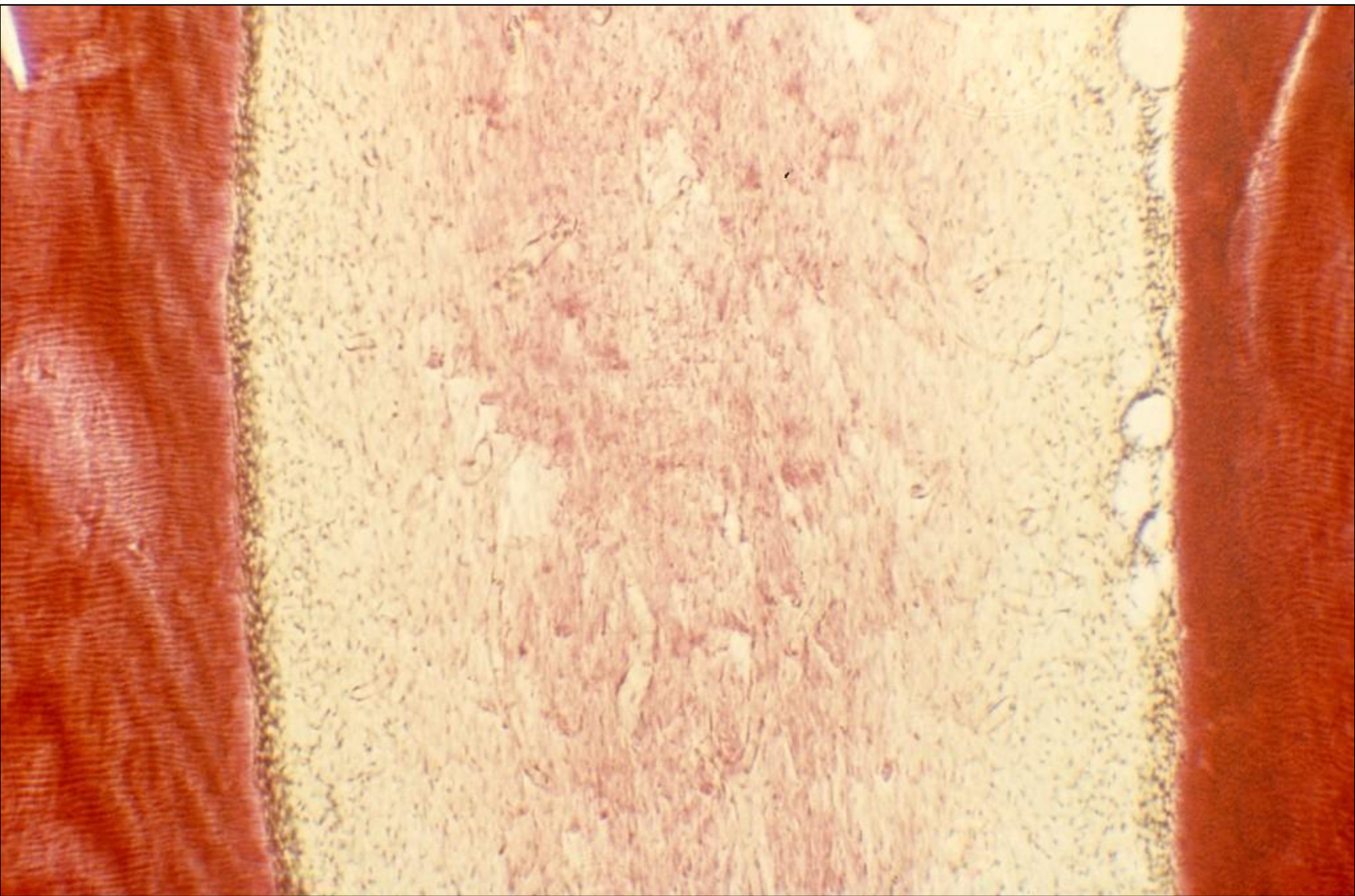


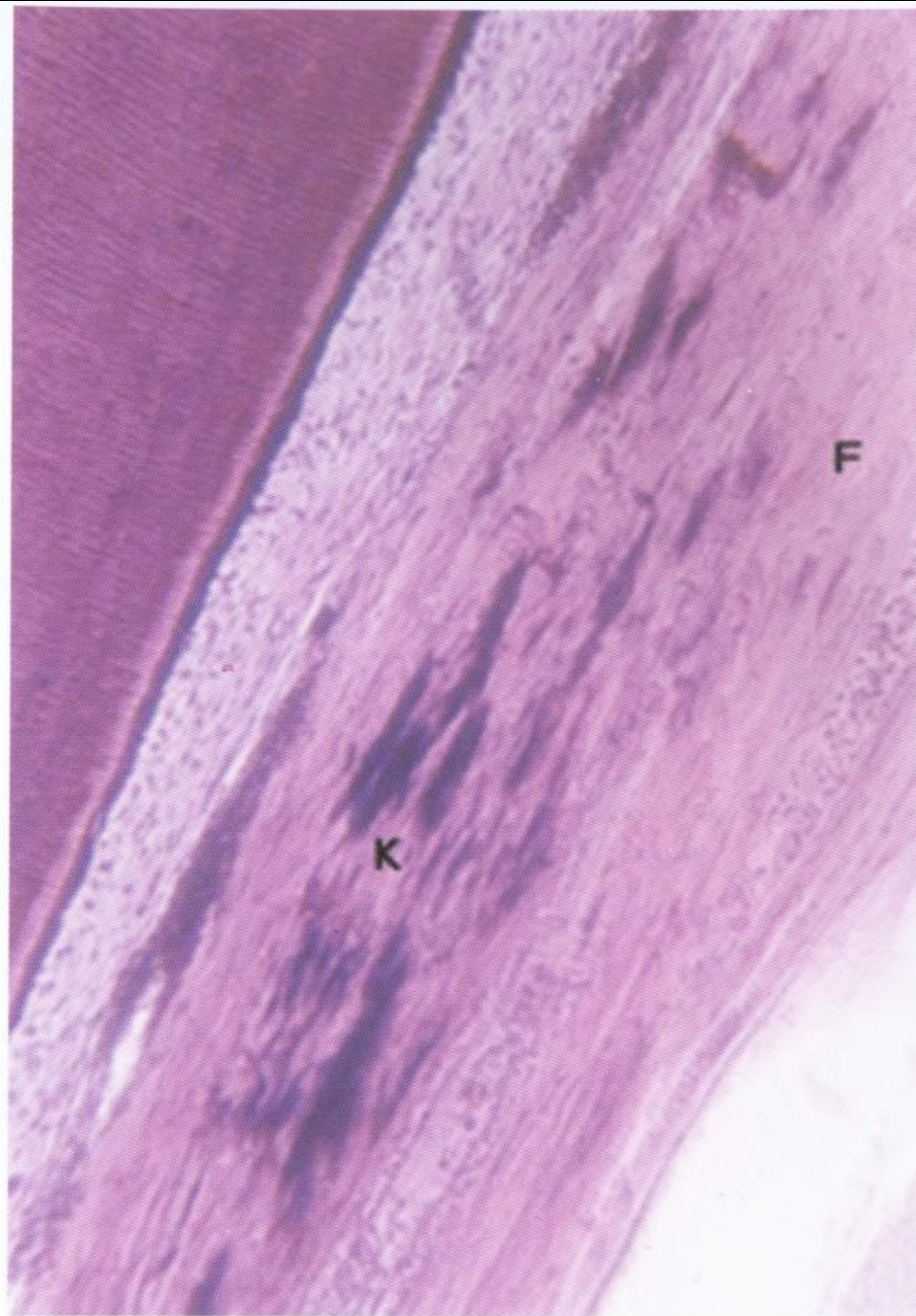
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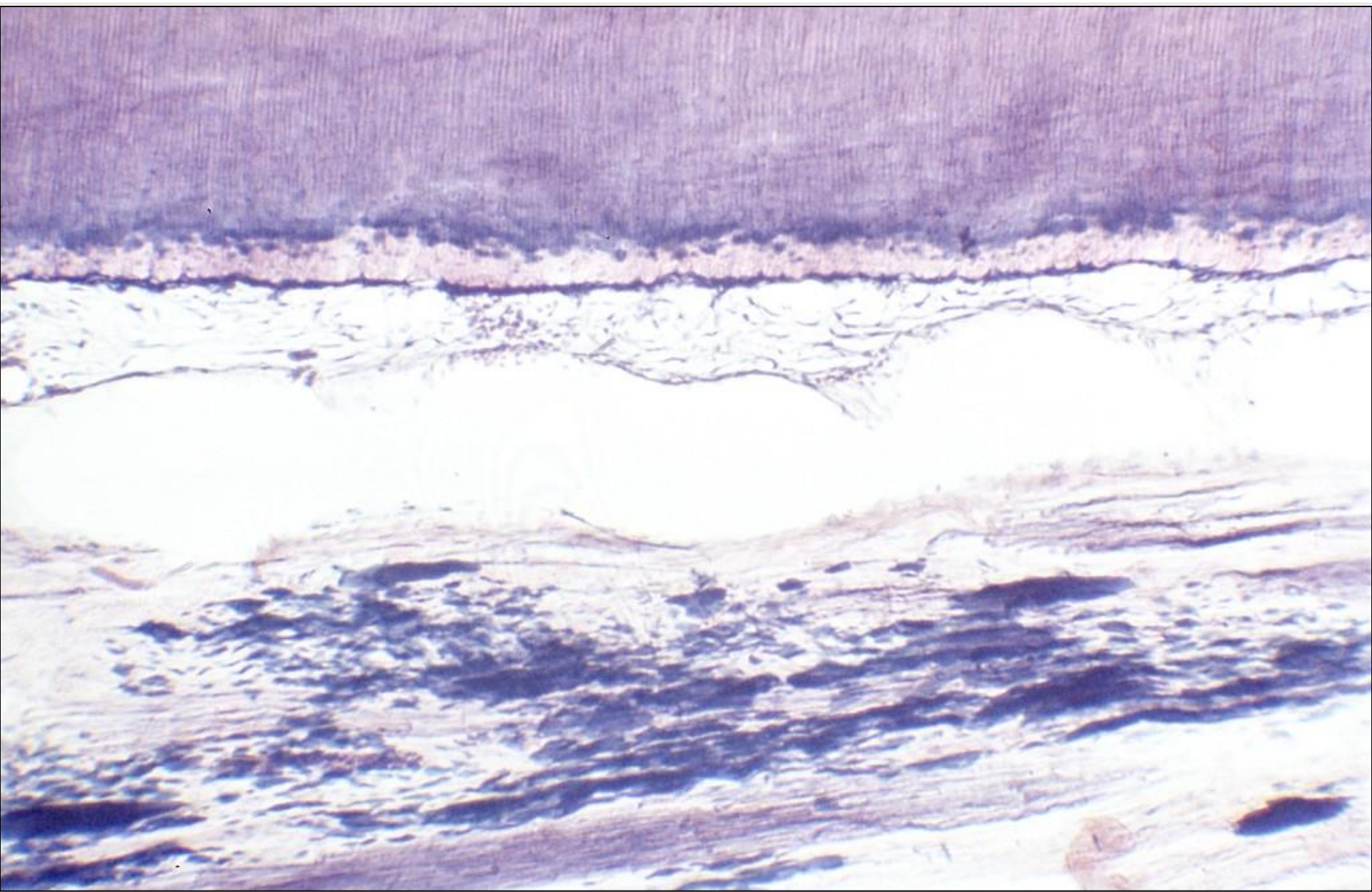
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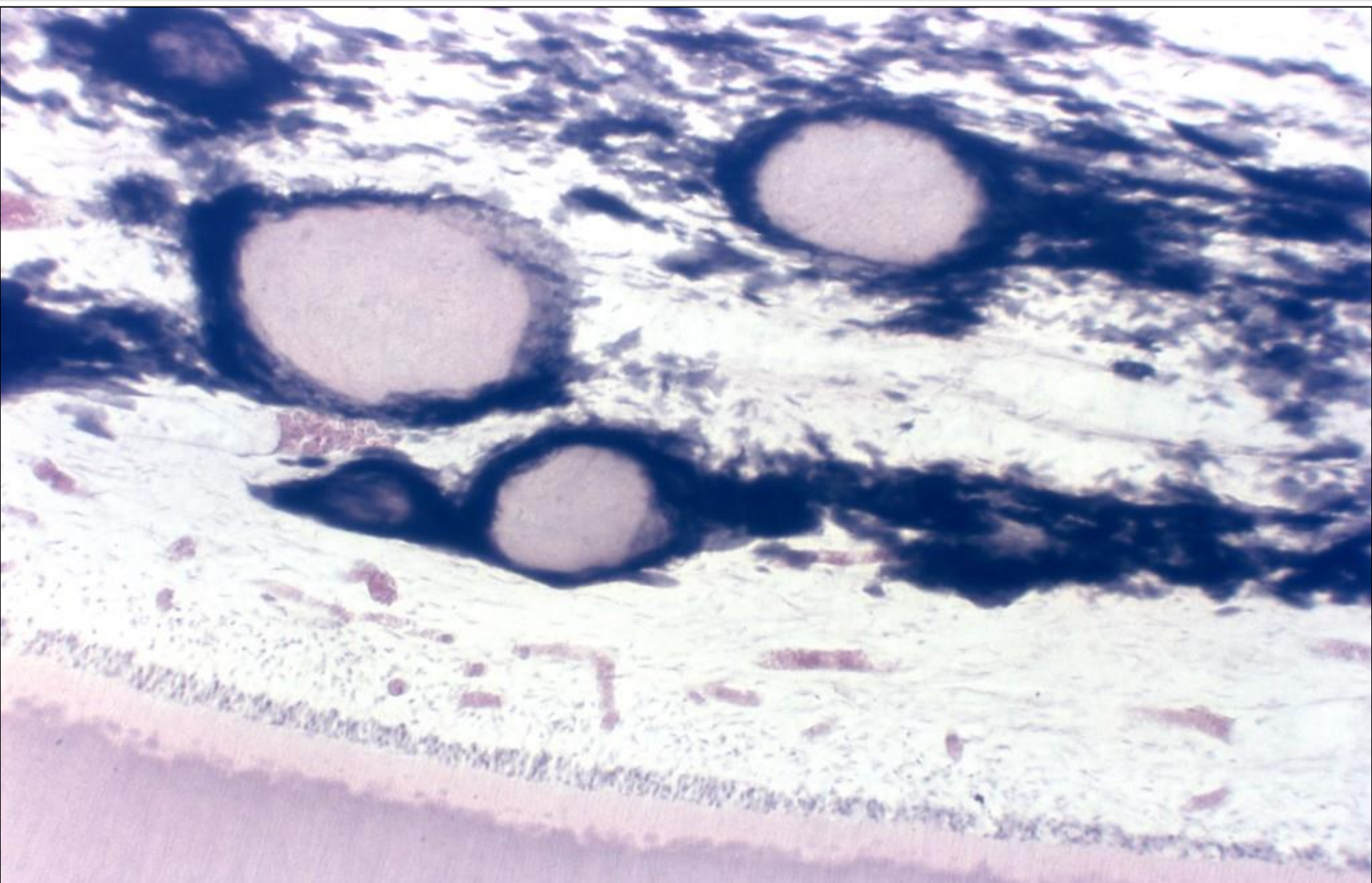






Obr. 2.16 Fibróza (F) pulpy s četnými kalcifikacemi (K) v zubu staršího pacienta (60 let).

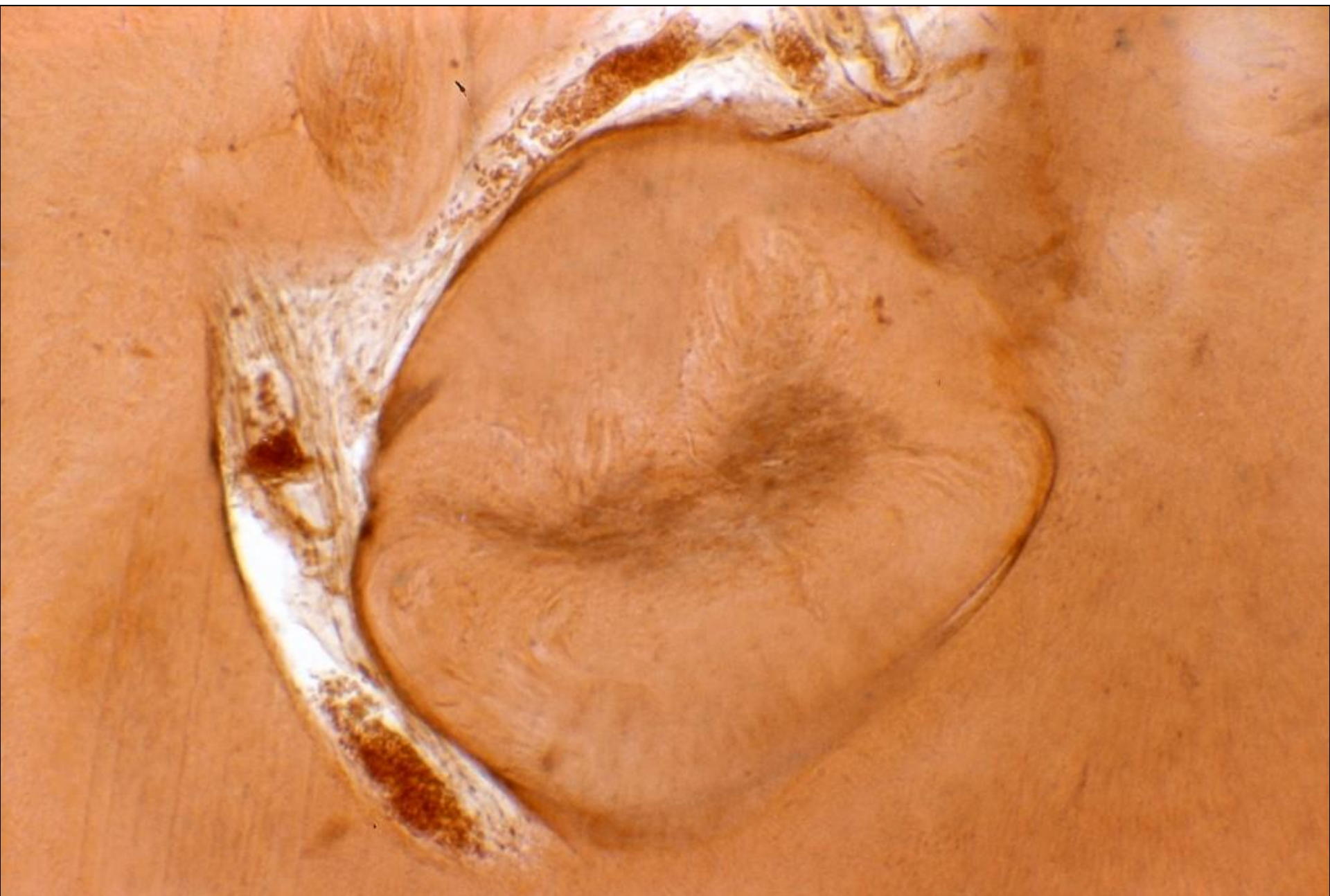


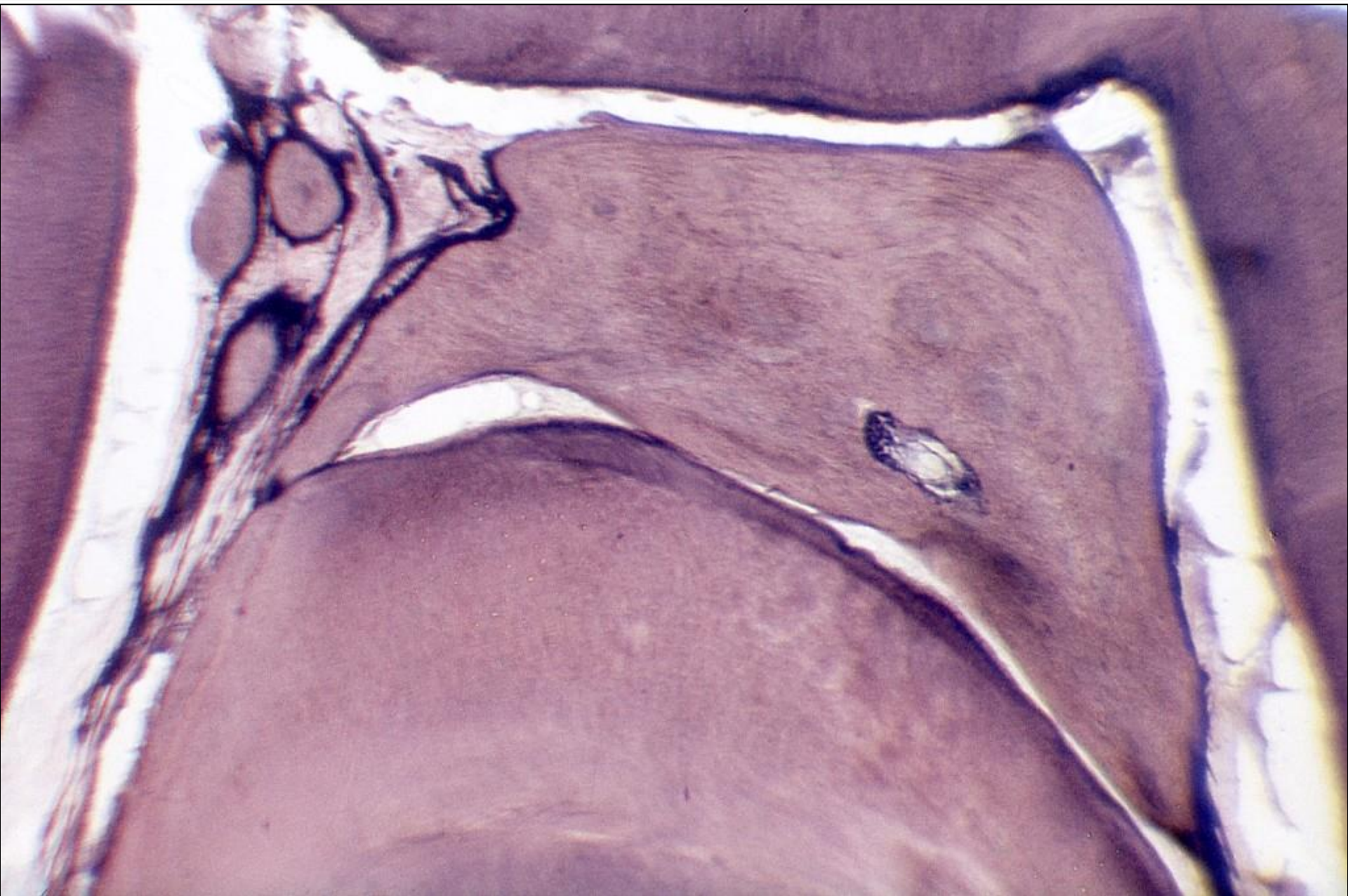




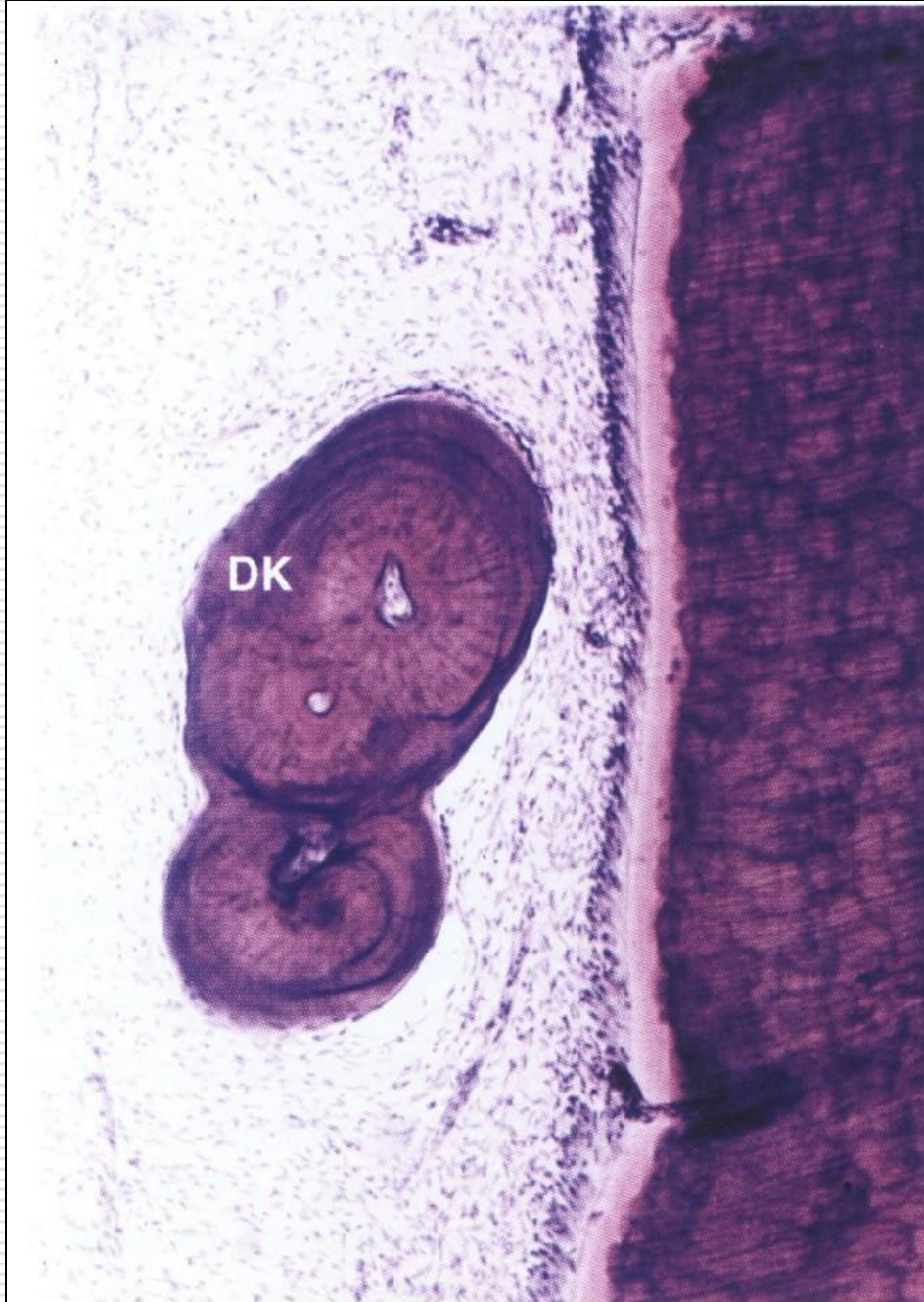
Obr. 2.19 Rentgenogram horních řezáků s velkými vejčitými dentikly ve dřeňové dutině a chronickou apikální periodontitidou v zubu 21.







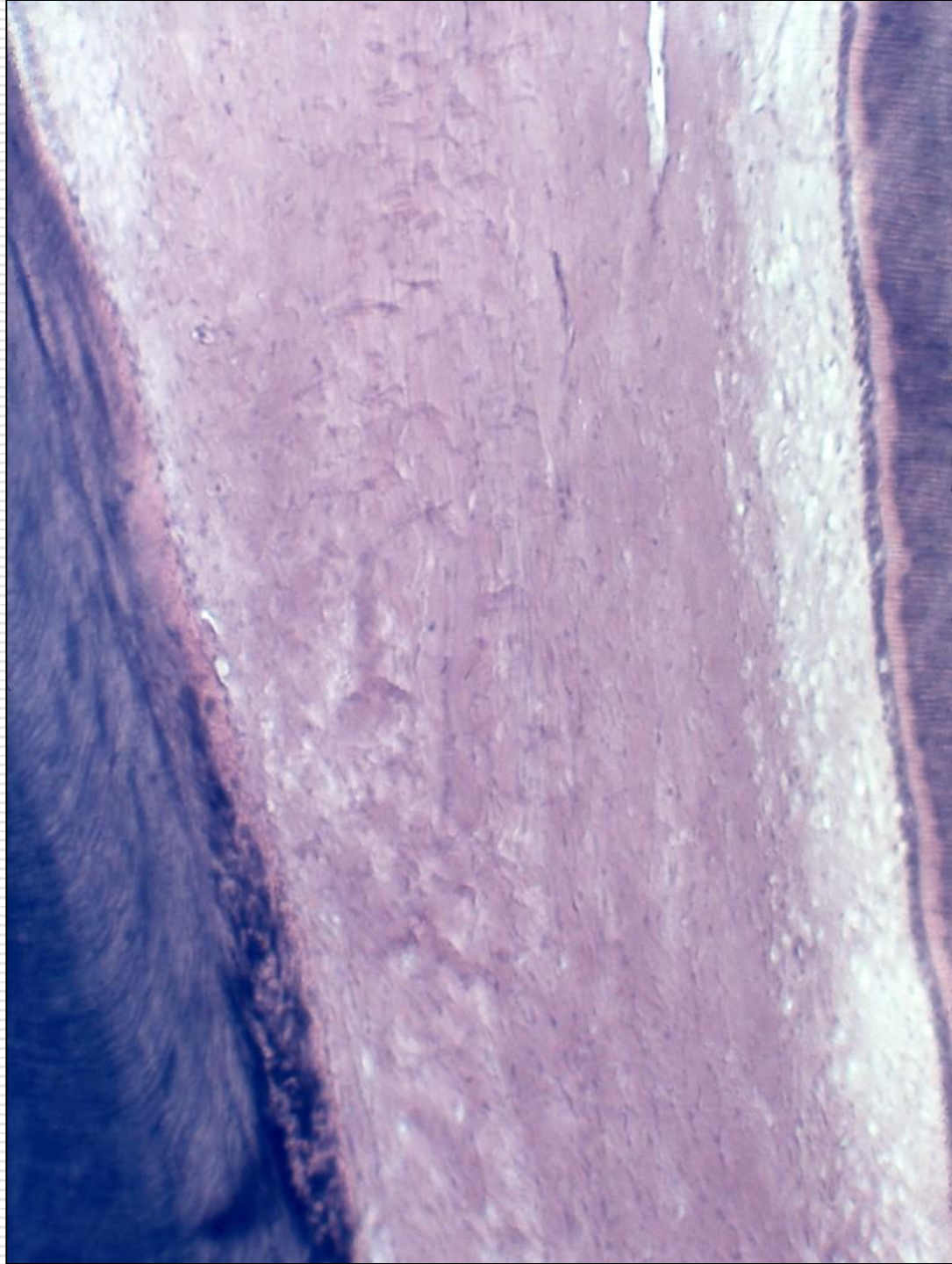


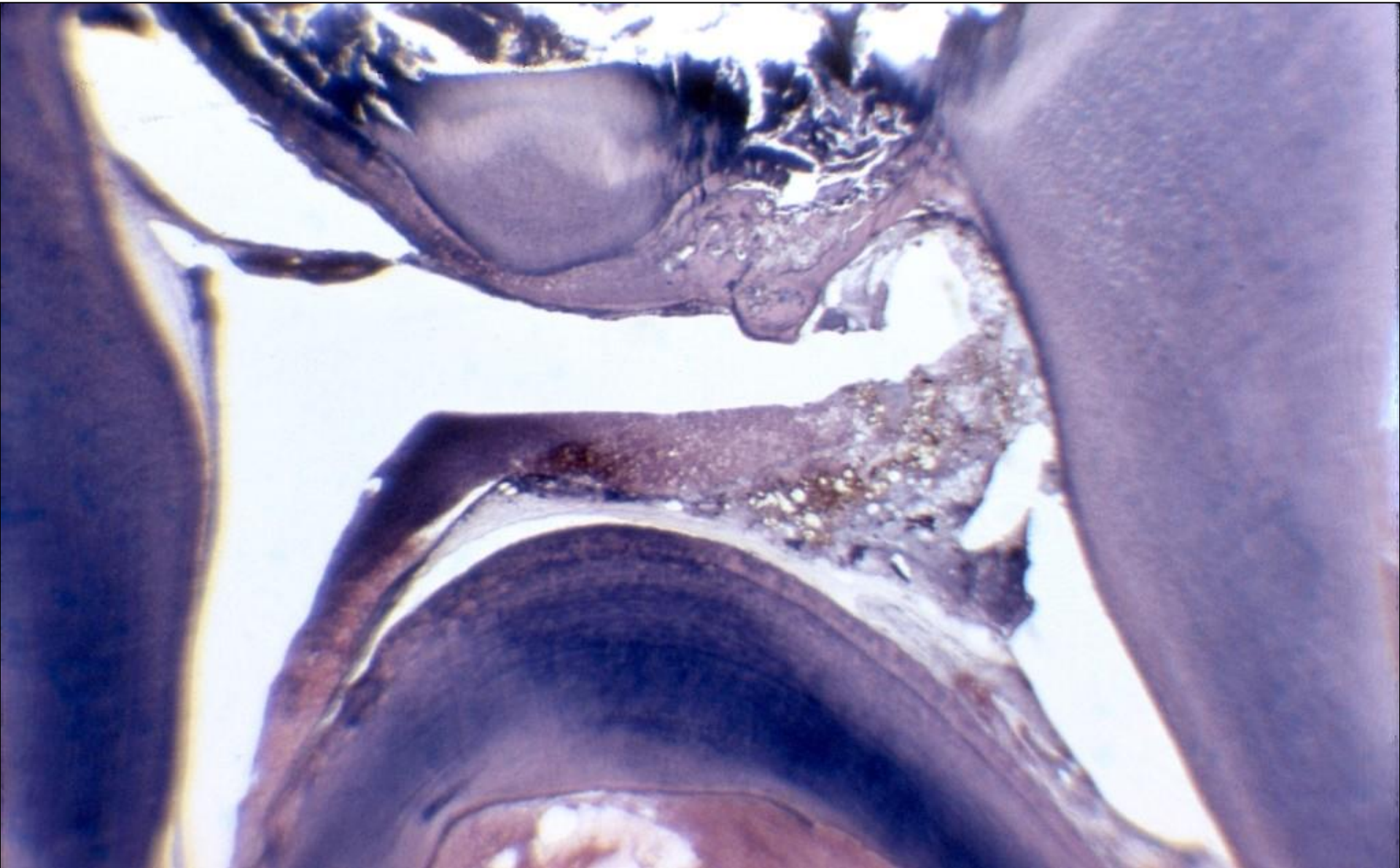


Obr. 2.20 Volný pravý dentikl (DK) v mladé a zdravé pulpě.

Necrosis

- Is a sequel of acute and chronic inflammation
 - liquefaction necrosis
 - coagulation necrosis
 - products of necrosis - toxic to the periapical tissues =
 - inflammatory response, abscess formation, without the presence of microbes
 - anaerobic bacteria - decomposition of proteins
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Obr. 2.10 Demarkující se nekróza (N) rohu pulpy za čtyři týdny po preparaci mladého zubu turbinou se značně omezeným chlazením. Demarkace nově vytvořeným málo mineralizovaným dentinem svědčí o dobré obranyschopnosti mladé zubní dřeně.

Gangrene

- Intermediate proteolytic products = Foul odour
 - indol, scatol
 - putrescin, cadaverin
 - indican
 - End products
 - hydrogen sulphide
 - ammonia
 - Endotoxins from bacteria
 - Foreign bacterial proteins
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