

latrogenic damage in dentistry

 latrogenic damage is an accidental damage to patient caused during treatment procedures, most frequently as a result of <u>non lege artis approach</u>

 latrogenic damage has to be differentiated from complications which can occure after treatment

Causes of iatrogenic damage

- Inaccurate surgical intervention, access or inapproprite behavior (e.g. non sterile instruments, procedures)
- false medicament prescription or application
- hurry, stress
- incorrect diagnosis
- burn-out syndrom

The most frequent types of iatrogenic damage:

- damage of neighbourning tooth during preparation
- extraction of a non indicated tooth
- injury of cheeks, tongue by the bur
- swelling of soft tissues after penetration of NaOCI into the periodontal space, sinus maxillaris on endodontic treatment
- emphysema after root canal irrigation using hydrogen peroxid
- etching with chemicals during endodontic treatment
- cutting of neighbouring tooth root on surgical extraction

How to prevent the iatrogenic damage of patients

- to avoid rush work under stress
- perfect and careful medical history
- to respect rules of work safety
- indicated therapy
- checking of all medicaments before their application (syringe, needle, medicament, solution, anesthetics)
- protection of neighbouring teeth



Damage of the neighbouring tooth



Common mistakes

Amalgam filling

Class I

Extension for prevention
Entire fissure complex not involved
Marginal ridge not weakened
Cusps – fissure – extension of cavosurface margin
Sharp edges

Retention
Box- like cavity
Parallel walls with undercuts
Convergent occlusally

Mistakes
Dish-like preparation
Bevel for amalgam
No undercuts

Resistance

- A. Tooth has to remain strong enough cusp inlay plastic filling
- B. Filling 2mm Too shallow

Floor of the cavity

Must not be of the same depthprotection of the dental pulp
Base

Composite filling

Class I

- 1. To remove carious dentine
- Retention
 A, Extension for prevention B,Resistance-2mm depth
- Retention
 Micromechanical etching
 Dentinal adhesives hybride layer

Class II cavity

Mistakes

1. Extension for prevention
Tangent
American rule
Small extension
Small resistance of the tooth
Sulcus x ep.attachment
Predilection for caries
Injury of the epithelial
attachment

Retention
Too wide isthmus
Too narrow isthmus
Too short dove tail preparation
axial extension
Sharp edges
gingival wall – 90°

Resistance-filling

Resistance-tooth
No undermined enamel
No over extension
Cusp protection x replacement

Class II cavity

Marginal ridge

- A. Mistakes during cavity preparation
 - 1. Wrong indication for instruments
 - air turbine machine
 - micro motor
 - burs, discs
 - 2. Insufficient pulp protection (heat during preparation)
 - 3. Unfinished preparation
 - Micro motor
 - Hand instruments
- B. Insufficient dry field (rubber dam, rolls)
- C. Wrong choice, application of matrices Wedging, point of contact
- D. Wrong mixing (preparation) of filling materials Mistakes during cavity filling
- E. Occlusion, articulation
- F. Finishing, polishing