#### • Class I.

#### Pit and fissure caries



# Class II. Proximal surfaces in premolars and molars



#### • Class III.

#### Proximal surfaces of incisors and canines without lost any part if incisal edge

 Class IV.
 Proximal surfaces of incisors and canines with lost an incisal ridge



• Class V. cervical lesions



# Preparation of cavities Basic rules

Access to the cavity Outlines - cavosurface margin (extention for prevention) Principles of retention **Principles of resistance Excavation of carious dentin Preparation of borders** – finishing Control

# Protection of dentin wound

Dentin wound should be covered – protection of dental pulp against irritation
Physicial
-thermal
-osmotic
Chemical
Combination

# Protection of dentin wound

Isolation Filling (small cavities)

Base (moderate – large cavities- depth 2mm and more approx.)

Adhesive systems (composite materials)

# Filling

 Filling replaces lost hard dental tissue anatomically and functionally

 Always different properties in comparison to hard dental tissues.

#### Base is made usually of zinkoxidphosphate cement It is placed only on pulpal wall



Preparation of the cavity I.st class acc. to Black

- Cavities in fissures and pits
- (Occlusal surfaces of premolars and molars and in f. coeca)

- F. Coeca: buccal surfaces of lower molars,
- Palatal surfaces of lower molars, palatal surfaces of upper incisors (mostly lateral)

# Morphology of fissures

**Biofilm** 





#### Caries

# All pit and fissure restorations (fillings)

They are assigned in to three groups. R. on <u>occlusal surface of premolars and molars</u>

R. in foramina coeca – usually on <u>occlusal two thirds</u> of the facial and lingual surfaces of molars.

R.on lingual surface of maxillary incisors.

#### Materials: Amalgam, composite. Amalgam: Pertinent material qualities and propeties

Strength Longevity Easy of use Clinically proven sucess

### Access to the cavity

From the occlusal surface using the fissure bur (or diamond burs, see below).



#### Cavosurface margin

 Ideal outline includes all occlusal pits and fissures. If crista transversa (1st lower premolar)or obliqua (1st and 2nd upper molar)are not affected, it is strongly recommended no to prepare them.





















#### **Third molars - variable**





# <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> distancw between the botom of the fissure and the cusp



### Retention

#### • Box – undercat (1, 5 - 2 mm deep).





# Undercut



# The cavity with undercuts at the bottom



### Resistance

Depth 1,5 – 2 mm The enamel is always supported with The cavosurface margin till ½ distance of the bottom of the fissure and the cusp No sharp edges



# Excavation of carious dentin

#### Nízké

Round burs : 3000/min
Excavators



#### Orientation of the pulpal wall

#### Protection of dentin wound





# Finishing

#### Fine diamonds



# **Final check**

Good illumination, dry field, magnification. Direct and /or indirect view



#### Oblique ridge



Foramen caecum: Preparation is limited on carious lesion The bottom is located in dentin Undercuts Finishing of cavity borders







# If the enamel is undermined occlusally – extention on occlusal surface


Preparation with preservation of the transverse ridge

### Premolars

### Crista transversa Lower P1 ↑





TT



### Amalgam

Metal-like restorative material composed of silver-tin-copper alloy and mercury.

# Types of amalgam restorative materials

<u>Low – Copper Amalgam (5% or less copper)</u> Composition – wt%

Silver Tin Copper Zinc 63 - 70 % 26 - 28 % 2 - 5% 0 - 2%

### Types of amalgam restorative materials

High – Copper Amalgam (13% - 30%) copper Composition – wt%

Silver Tin Copper Zinc 52 - 70 % 14 %- and less 12 - 30% 0 - 2% Particles of the alloy
Irregulary shaped (filings - lathe cut)

✓ Microsphers

Combination of the two.

### Particles shape

<u>High – Copper Amalgam</u> Microsphers of the same composition (unicompositional)

Mixture of irregular and spherical particles of different or the same composition (admixed)

# Production of irregular particles

Metal ingrediences heated, protected from oxidation, melted and poured into a mold to form an ingot. Phases of the alloy: (intermetallic compounds)  $Ag_3Sn - \gamma$  $Cu_3Sn - \varepsilon$  $Cu_6Sn_5 - \eta$  $Ag_4Sn - \beta$ 

# Production of irregular particles

cooled slowly

Ingot heated at  $400^{\circ}$ C (6 – 8 hours) (homogeneous distribution of Ag<sub>3</sub>Sn)

Ingot cut on the lathe, particles passed trough a fine sieve and ball milled to form the proper particle size.

Aging of particles (60 -  $100^{\circ}$ C, 6 - 8 hours)

Particle size:  $60 - 120 \mu m$  in length  $10 - 70 \mu m$  in width  $10 - 35 \mu m$  in thickness

# Production of irregular particles

Molten alloy is spraying into water under high pressue

> Irregulary shaped highcopper particles

### **Production of spherical particles**

Molten alloy is spraying under high pressue of inert gas through a fine crack in a crucible into a large chamber

Diameter of the spheres:  $2 - 43 \mu m$ 

# Amalgamation processes alloy is mixed with pure mercury



### **Trituration**

## **Amalgamation processes**



### Setting of low copper amalgam

Principle of setting is crystallization

 Structure of the amalgam filling

 Ag-Hg: gamma 1

 Sn-Hg: gamma 2

Gamma phase (Ag-Sn) does not dissolve completely

### Risks of the gamma 2 phase

- Non stable
- Tin is released due to electrogalvanism in oral cavity and mercury from this phase reacts with remaining gamma phase that has not been dissolved yet.
- This is external electrochemical corrosion.

Low copper amalgam has worse mechanical and corrosion resistance than high copper

### High copper amalgam

Content of copper increased: 12 – 13%
(less tin)

• Or up to 25% (Less tin and silver)

Better mechanical and corrosion resistance

## Amalgamation processes

High copper amalgam – copper dissolved in mercury has high reaction afinity to tin that is also dissolved in mercury. It reacts with tin in gamma2 phase and eta phase comes into existence. The gamma 2 phase disappears.

> $Cu_6Sn_5$ eta  $Sn_7Hg - gamma$  $Ag_2Hg_3$ gamma1

gamma

Cu<sub>3</sub>Sn

epsilon

## **Amalgam - properties**

# Amalgam > Wear and pressure resistance (2mm thickness ast least)- brittleness

- Easy handling
- > Low price
- > Thermal and electrical conductivity
- > Corrosion
- > Bad aesthetics
- > Creep
- > Flow

### **Biocompatibility**

- More than 160 years, more than 200 milions Ag fillings every year in USA.
- Allergy rare
- Precautions in children and in pregnancy.

AMALGAM IS STILL A MATERIAL OF CHOICE



- Organic compounds
   Vapours, aerosol
   Precautions
- Ventilation
- Rests of amalgam in water
- Amalgam separators
- Dangerous waste (180 110)

# Indications and contraindications of amalgam

### **Indications**

 Moderate and large cavities in posterior area (class I., II. V)

**Contraindications** 

Fillings in frontal area

Pregnancy, children till the age of 15

Allergy

# Mixing of amalgam

> Hand mixing (obsolete)

> Power driven trituration

Amalgamators









### Amalgam gun

### Crucible (cup)





#### Power driven condensation

handpiece condensor





### Instruments

> Preparation instruments

> Filling instruments

> Carvers

> Burnishers

### Instruments Preparation instruments - power driven

Burs

### Diamonds





# Instruments

> Preparation instruments - hand

Chisel

**Excavator** 





### Amalgam carrier

# Amalgam carrier



### Instruments

Filling instruments condensors and spatulas

# Condensor with flat front


### **Condensor with flat front**



## Condensor and burnisher - spatula combined



Power driven condensor

Special handpiece



### Burnisher - spatula Angular- trough edge trough face



### Burnisher – spatula, angular three face



#### Instruments

#### > Burnishers

# Ball condensor – used as a burnisher

