How to solve problems connected to non-vital anteriors?

Discoloured anterior teeth can have a very negative effect on a patient's appearance.

In the past, a lot of root canal treated teeth were reconstructed using metal posts and crowns. Today, more conservative strategies such as bleaching, fiber posts, composite restoration or minimal invasive veneers represent an alternative treatment option. On the other hand, endodontically treated teeth present impaired crown stiffness due to structural loss of hard tissues. Preserving intact coronal and radicular tooth structure, especially maintaining cervical tissue to create a ferrule effect, is considered to be crucial for the optimal biomechanical behaviour of restored teeth.

The presence of ferrule has a positive effect on fracture resistance of endodontically treated teeth. The aim of the lecture is:

- To review the current opinions of treatment of aesthetically and structurally compromised root canal treated teeth;

- Define clear guidelines of treatment strategies to endodontists and operative dentists.



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