

Non carious cervical lesion: The restorative-mucogingival approach

The selection of the root coverage surgical technique is highly influenced by the presence of cervical hard tissue loss. In the presence of defects belonging to the anatomical crown composite restoration should be performed prior to the mucogingival surgery.

The presence of a smooth, convex hard surface on to which the keratinized tissue of the flap can be tightly anchored at the time of suturing is the "conditio sine qua non" for the stability of the blood clot.

The adjunct of the connective tissue graft is indicated in the presence of inadequate keratinized tissue or to prevent soft tissue collapse inside the abrasion defect.



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