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Endodontic pain diagnosis, solving the puzzle

Endodontic pain diagnosis is similar to a puzzle-diagnosis and cannot be made from a single isolated piece of information. The importance of correct diagnosis and treatment planning must not be underestimated. There are many causes of facial pain and the differential diagnosis can be both difficult and demanding. All the relevant information must be collected; this includes a case history and the results of both a clinical examination and diagnostic tests. The practitioner should be fully conversant with the prognosis for different endodontic clinical situations, only at this stage the cause of the problem be determined, a diagnosis made, the appropriate treatments discussed with the patient and informed or valid consent obtained. The clinician must systematically gather all of the necessary information to make a "probable" diagnosis. When taking the medical and dental history, the clinician should already be formulating in his or her mind a preliminary but logical diagnosis, especially if there is a chief complaint. The clinical and radiographic examinations in combination with a thorough periodontal evaluation and clinical testing (pulp and periapical tests) are then used to confirm the preliminary diagnosis. In some cases, the clinical and radiographic examinations are inconclusive or give conflicting results and as a result, definitive pulp and periapical diagnoses cannot be made. It is also important to recognize that treatment should not be rendered without a diagnosis and in these situations; the patient may have to wait and be reassessed at a later date or be referred to an endodontist.

Biography

Fayeq Hasan Migdadi has received his Bachelor's degree in Dental Surgery from University of Jordan in 1998. In 2006, he joined a three years Residency Program in Endodontics at Jordan Medical Services hospitals, after that he achieved the degree of Jordanian Dental Board in Endodontics in the year 2009. He has worked as Endodontic Specialist at Ministry of Health –Jordan (2009-2011). During this period, he has worked as a part-time Lecturer at Jordan University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Dentistry-Endodontic department. During 2012-2013, he has joined College of Dentistry at Al-Jouf University, KSA as an Assistant Professor and Chairman of Endodontic department. He is working as Endodontic Specialist at Al-Gharbia Hospitals, Madinat Zayed Hospital, UAE.

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