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### **HOW TO USE THIS BOOK**

As the dental profession evolves, there is an increasing demand for supplementary material that can keep up with advancing trends. 'Hands on' practical experience is essential for anyone in the dental profession, and this needs to be supplemented with written information to reinforce our practical experiences.

This illustrated manual has been prepared for students working and studying in the dental profession. It may be used as a study aid or kept in the dental surgery as a reference guide. This manual is intended to complement other methods of learning, i.e. textbooks, lecture notes, etc., and is not meant to be a comprehensive resource.

Because many dental instruments look similar, and can be confusing to a student, the 'false friends' sub-sections identify instruments that may resemble the particular instrument. This manual is not intended to be a complete representation of all dental instruments, but it does include examples from each dental discipline. As many dental instruments are multi-functional and are referred to by more than one name, where possible, these are given beside the name of the instrument. Complete set-ups have been included at the end of most sections for various procedures. The dental professional may have to modify these lists depending on the operator's preference.

Each section is dedicated to a specific discipline or division of dentistry. Some instruments feature in many sections, and these have been included in the set-up sub-sections of the relevant sections. Infection control is a fundamental requirement in the dental surgery, and as such the first section is dedicated to this area. This section aims to introduce the principles of health and safety, which must always be at the forefront of a dental professional's mind. Contact the legislative bodies for appropriate regulations and legislation relevant to your workplace.

The instruments in this guide are not to scale, and during photography some colours may have been altered.



### SECTION 1

# INFECTION CONTROL IN THE DENTAL SURGERY

It is the responsibility of the dental team to ensure that the appropriate and correct procedures are carried out in relation to infection control to protect the patients, the public and themselves.



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Figure 1.1

### **PROTECTIVE WEAR**

### FIGURE 1.1a, b, c

#### Name

(a) Mask (b) Safety glasses (c) Face shields

### Function, precautions and directions for use

- To protect the dental team from micro-organisms, debris, splatter and chemicals
- A mask is worn to protect the mucous membranes of the nose and mouth. It filters out small particles
  - Should always be changed between each patient or before if it is visibly soiled
  - Should be worn during patient care, sterilisation, disinfection, cleaning procedures and during laboratory work
- Safety glasses and/or face shields are worn to protect the mucous membranes of the eyes
  - Should be disinfected between patients
  - A face shield can be used instead of safety glasses, but a mask must still be worn
  - Should be large enough to cover the eye area completely and provide protection from the top and side. With some safety glasses additional top and side shields have to be added to be used for this purpose
  - Safety glasses are available to fit over prescription eye wear
  - Must be shatterproof

### **Varieties**

Different types of masks and glasses available





### FIGURE 1.2

### Name

Protective gloves

### Function and directions for use

- To protect the dental team from direct contact with micro-organisms, debris, splatter and chemicals
- Worn during patient care when coming in contact with contaminated objects and chemicals, and when working intra-orally
- Always change between patients
- Do not wash gloves
- Replace damaged and ripped gloves immediately
- Always wash and dry hands thoroughly prior to donning gloves
- It is important to make sure gloves fit properly

### **Varieties**

- Made from many different materials, i.e. latex, vinyl and nitrile
- Available packaged as sterile surgical gloves
- Rubber utility gloves/heavy duty gloves are used during sterilisation procedures

### **WORK SURFACES**

### FIGURE 1.3a, b

### Name

Non-permeable barriers

### Function and features

- Used to cover surfaces to prevent contamination
- Must be impermeable
- Single use; to be disposed of in the contaminated waste

### **Varieties**

Many different types and sizes available



Figure 1.5

### ITEMS USED FOR IDENTIFICATION AND ORGANISATION DURING STERILISATION

### FIGURE 1.4

### Name

Coloured identification rings

### Function and feature

- Used to organise and identify instruments
- Autoclavable

### Varieties

- Many different types and sizes available
- Coloured autoclavable tape can also be used

### FIGURE 1.5a, b, c

### Name

Instrument cassettes

### Function(s)

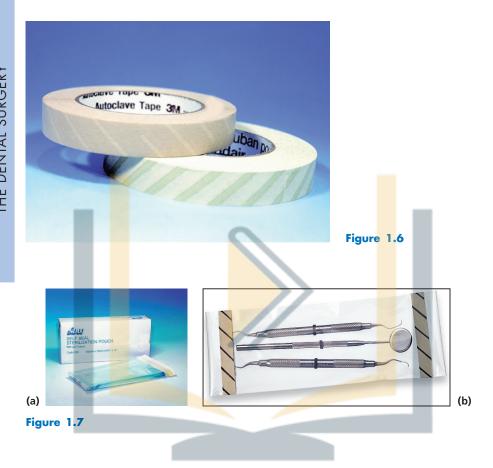
- Used to organise and identify instruments during sterilisation and disinfection
- Can double as an instrument tray during procedures

#### Varieties

Many different types and sizes available, including plastic and metal types



Figure 1.5 (Continued)





### FIGURE 1.6

### Name

Autoclave tape

### Function and features

- Used to secure instrument wrap or pouches prior to sterilisation
- Will change colour once exposed to a certain temperature, but this does not indicate
  whether sterilisation has occurred
- Can be written on to indicate the contents of the package

### **Varieties**

Many different types and sizes available

### FIGURE 1.7a, b

### Name

Sterilisation pouch

### Functions and features

- Used to wrap instruments prior to sterilisation
- Aids in organisation of instruments
- One side may be transparent to allow for viewing of the pouch contents (Figure 1.7a, b)
- Coloured markings indicate that a certain temperature has been reached during the sterilisation cycle
- Instruments will remain sterile in pouch until it is punctured or opened

### **Varieties**

Many different types and sizes available

### STERILISATION EQUIPMENT

### FIGURE 1.8

#### Name

Autoclave

### Function and directions for use

- Uses steam under high pressure to achieve sterilisation
- Follow manufacturer's directions for use
- Consult local legislation and guidelines in regard to appropriate sterilisation procedures

### **Varieties**

Many different types and sizes available

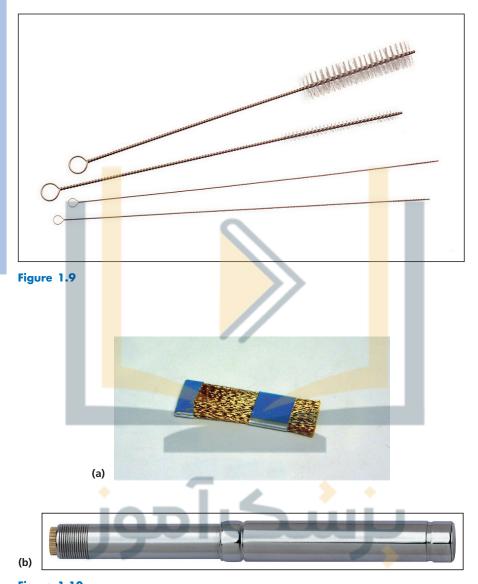


Figure 1.10

### MANUAL CLEANING AIDS

### FIGURE 1.9

#### Name

Bottle brushes

### Functions, features and precautions

- Manual cleaning is never recommended except when ultrasonic cleaning is not effective in removing debris
- Used along with a soapy cleaner to remove debris prior to sterilisation
- Allows cleaning inside suction tubes
- Long handle allows a greater distance between the operator and the contaminated object
- Should always be used submersed in water to reduce splatter
- Always wear heavy duty utility gloves while using bottle brushes

### **Varieties**

Many different types and sizes available

### FIGURE 1.10a, b

### Name

Bur brushes

### Function and precautions

- Manual cleaning is only recommended when ultrasonic cleaning is not effective in removing debris
- Used along with cleaner to remove debris prior to sterilisation
- Allows for the cleaning of burs with small, hard-to-clean flutes
- Always wear rubber utility gloves/heavy duty gloves while using bur brushes

### **Varieties**

Many different types and sizes available

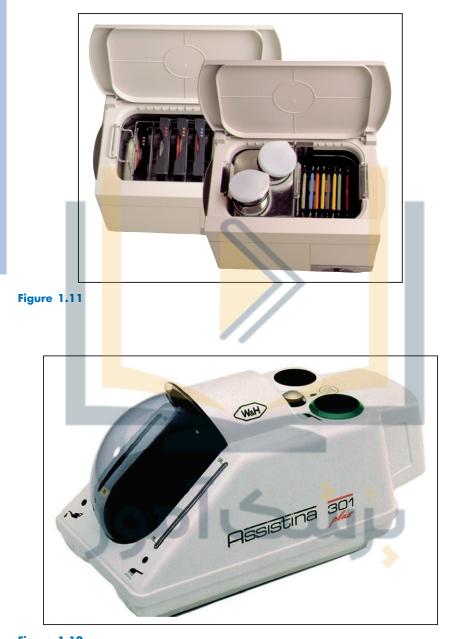


Figure 1.12

### FIGURE 1.11

### Name

Ultrasonic cleaner

### Function(s) and directions for use

- Used along with a soapy cleaner
- Uses sound waves to reduce bioburden and debris from instruments prior to sterilisation
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for solution types and length of time needed for cleaning

### Varieties

Many different types and sizes available

### FIGURE 1.12

### Name

Assistina

### Function(s) and directions for use

- Uses air to run cleaning fluid solution and oil through handpieces
- Used to expel debris from handpieces
- Plastic cover over handpiece attachment is used to reduce aerosol
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for use

### **Varieties**

Many different types available



### SECTION 2

### **DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY**

Radiographs are important tools in the diagnosing of dental disease. There are many types of radiographs available, all of which are used for different purposes. There are two main types of dental radiographic films: intra-oral and extra-oral.







Figure 2.1

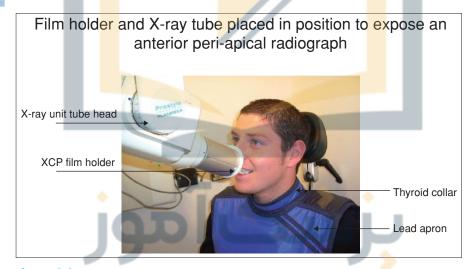


Figure 2.2

### FIGURE 2.1a, b

### Name

(a) Intra-oral X-ray machine (b) Extra-oral X-ray machine

### **Functions**

- Intra-oral X-ray machines are used for exposing occlusal, peri-apical and bite-wing radiographs
- Extra-oral X-ray machines are used for exposing panoramic/OPG (orthopantomograph) radiographs and cephalometric radiographs

### **Varieties**

Machines from different manufacturers may vary in design

### FIGURE 2.2

### Name

Lead apron and thyroid collar

### Function and precautions

- A lead apron and thyroid collar must be used to protect the patient from radiation during X-ray procedures
- The lead apr<mark>on is used with a thyroid collar that must cover the radio-</mark>sensitive tissues (from the thyroid downwards and including the lap area)
- The lead apron must be hung up, not folded because folding the apron will cause the lead inside to crack, causing radiation to pass through

### **Varieties**

Different styles available from various manufacturers





Figure 2.4

### **CONVENTIONAL INTRA-ORAL RADIOGRAPH FILM**

### FIGURES 2.3; 2.4

- A detailed radiograph film, which is exposed while in the patient's mouth
- Used in conjunction with a film holder for accurate placement
- Some films may be covered in a clear plastic sleeve for infection control and prevention purposes (see Figure 2.4)
- Every film has a bump to assist in film orientation
- The bump always faces towards the X-ray tube
- Inside the film packet:
  - Black paper on either side of film to protect film from light (see Figure 2.3)
  - On the back of the film there is a thin sheet of lead foil to absorb stray/scatter radiation





Figure 2.6

### **INDIRECT DIGITAL RADIOGRAPH FILM - PHOSPHOR PLATES**

### FIGURES 2.5; 2.6

- Phosphor plates are thinner than digital sensors and can be used with the extension cone paralleling (XCP) holders
- After exposure using a phosphor plate it is loaded into a scanner allows the operator to view the radiograph digitally
- Once the image is produced the phosphor plate is 'wiped clean' for reuse using a single use plastic sleeve for infection control and prevention
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- The bump always faces towards the X-ray tube



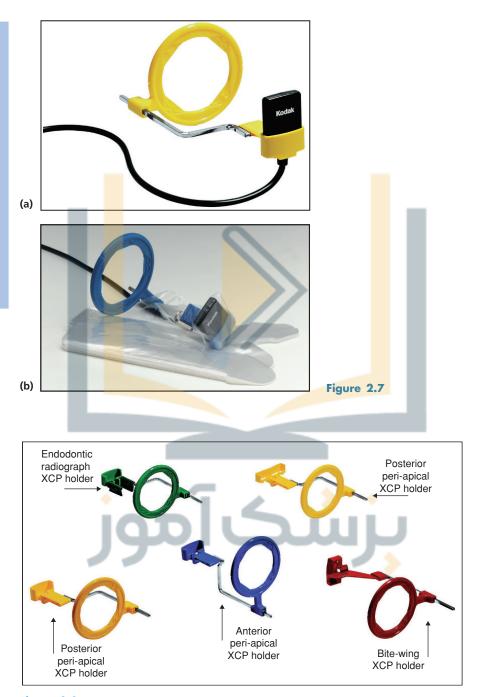


Figure 2.8

### FIGURE 2.7a, b

### Name

Digital radiography aids: (a) Digital Sensor in an XCP film holder (b) Barrier wrapped around sensor and XCP film holder

### **Functions**

- A way to produce a filmless radiographic image
- A sensor is used instead of a film
- As sensors cannot be sterilised, a non-permeable barrier must be placed over the sensor and XCP film holder (see Figure 2.7b and Section 1)

The digital radiographical image is viewed on a computer screen and stored in the computer. It is easily retrieved.

### **Varieties**

There are many manufacturers of digital radiography equipment

### RADIOGRAPHIC ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT

### FIGURE 2.8

### Name

XCP film holders

### **Functions**

- To aid in film placement for intra-oral radiographs
- The holders shown in Figure 2.8 are for use with digital radiography; the holders for ordinary radiographic films are similar
- These XCP film holders are used with the paralleling technique
- A film holder helps to take the most accurate radiograph possible, reducing radiation exposure through retakes

Note: It is the duty of the dental team to minimise the amount of radiation exposure to the patient

### **Varieties**

- Different film holders are available depending on the type of radiograph indicated and operator preference (e.g. styrofoam bite block, digital radiograph holders and Snap-A-Ray instrument)
- Check legislation and local rules in your area to identify which film holders are acceptable

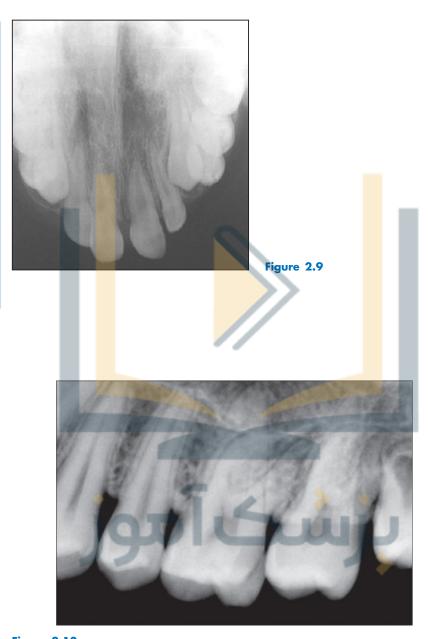


Figure 2.10

### FIGURE 2.9

### Name

Occlusal radiograph

### Type

Intra-oral radiograph

### **Functions**

- Provides an image of the maxillary or mandibular arch
- Used to check eruption of teeth, to locate foreign objects, jaw fractures and supernumerary teeth, and to detect hard and soft tissue abnormalities

### FIGURE 2.10

### Name

Peri-apical radiograph

### Type

Intra-oral radiograph

### **Functions**

- Provides an image of the entire tooth (crown to root and supporting structures)
- A detailed image of two to four teeth may be obtained on one radiograph
- Used to show apical infections, retained roots, morphology of roots, length of root canal, post-trauma, apical cysts, and evaluation of implants, lesions and periodontal status

#### **Varieties**

- Different sizes of films are available depending on the patient's mouth size and tolerance level
- The same size of radiographic film can be used for bite-wing radiographs



Figure 2.11

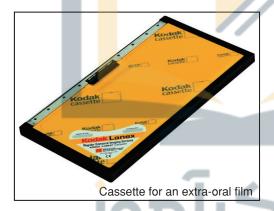


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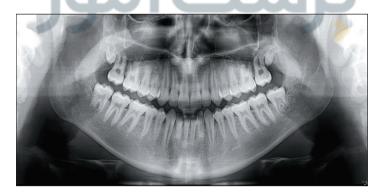


Figure 2.13

### FIGURE 2.11

### Name

Bite-wing radiograph

### Type

Intra-oral radiograph

### **Functions**

- Provides an image of the crowns of the premolars and molars on either the right or the left side
- Used to detect interproximal caries, recurrent caries and to check bone levels

### **Varieties**

- The same size of radiographic film can be used for peri-apical radiographs
- Can have vertical and horizontal bite-wing radiographs

### **EXTRA-ORAL RADIOGRAPHS**

### FIGURE 2.12

- Are exposed outside the patient's mouth
- Panoramic radiograph film is placed within the cassette, then on the panoramic X-ray machine
- Will show a full view of the maxillary and mandibular dental arches, but with less detail than an intra-oral radiograph
- The film is protected from light in the cassette, which is held between two intensifying screens (see Figure 2.12)
- This type of film needs a special machine for exposure

### FIGURE 2.13

### Name

Panoramic radiograph/OPG

### Type

Extra-oral radiograph

### **Functions**

- Provides an image of all the teeth in both the maxillary and mandibular arches and supporting structures
- Used to view the periodontium, bone levels, pathology, temporomandibular joints, sinuses, impacted teeth, position of dental nerves, eruption patterns, orientation of third molars, retained roots, fractures, cysts and restorations



Figure 2.15

### FIGURE 2.14

### Name

Cephalometric radiograph

### Type

Extra-oral radiograph

### **Functions**

- Provides an image of the skull mostly used in orthodontic assessments and oral surgery
- Allows the operator to take measurements of the skull
- Used to monitor treatment progression and to detect fractures

### FIGURE 2.15

### Name

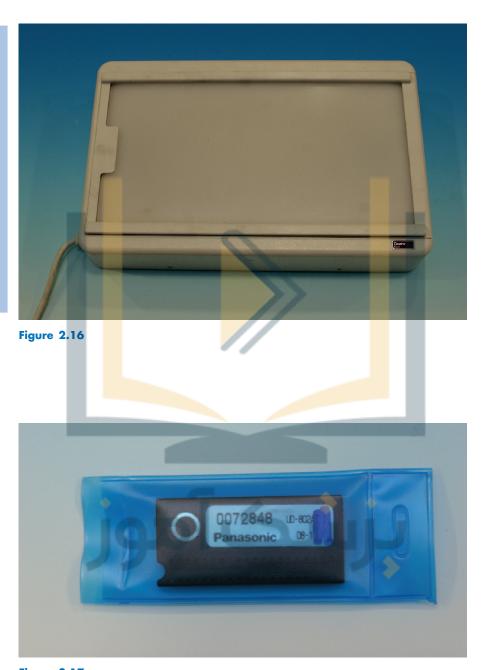
Automatic processor

### Function and precautions

- Film processing includes the steps taken to make a latent (non-visible) image visible
- The automatic processor shields the radiograph from light, which can cause artefacts
  and adversely affect processing while the rollers carry the film through the solutions
  and the dryer
- Developer and fixer chemicals are contained within the automatic processor and should be handled wearing protective equipment
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of the processor
- Dispose of chemicals according to your local health and safety guidelines

### **Varieties**

- Radiographs are transported through the processor usually by rollers or conveyors
- Radiographs can be processed by the manual method
  - The following items relate to health and safety in radiography. Check
  - local legislation and guidelines in your area, as these differ between countries.



**Figure 2.17** 

#### **FIGURE 2.16**

#### Name

X-ray viewer

#### Function and labelling of films

- Used with a light source to view patient radiographs
- All radiographs must be placed in film mounts and labelled with the patient's name, date, operator's name and chart number (if applicable)

#### **Varieties**

Many varieties of X-ray viewers and film mounts are available from different manufac-

#### FIGURE 2.17

#### Name

Dosimeter/radiation monitoring badge

#### Function and directions for use

- Used to measure level of radiation received by an individual
- Monitored by local radiological board
- Aids in quality assurance process by monitoring safety of X-ray units
- Badge needs to be worn around the hip area and sent back to the radiological board to read dosage levels
- Each individual should be allocated their own dosimeter/radiation monitoring badge, as each individual needs to know their own dosage level



## SECTION 3

## **BASIC INSTRUMENTS**

There are a few basic instruments that are universal to almost every procedure in dentistry.



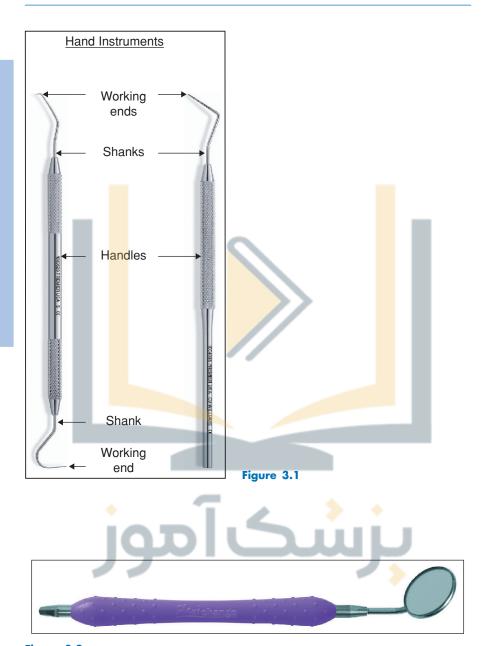


Figure 3.2

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#### **GENERAL FEATURES OF DENTAL INSTRUMENTS**

#### FIGURE 3.1

#### Working end(s) of instruments

- Are the functional parts of the instrument
- Can have a variety of functions including cutting, packing, carving, placing and condensing
- Are adapted to the function of the particular instrument
- May be bevelled (i.e. the working end is cut at an angle)
- An instrument can be single-ended (one working end) or double-ended (two working ends)

#### Shank of an instrument

- The part between the working end and the handle
- Can be straight or angled
- The function of the instrument determines the angle and flexibility of the shank

#### Handle of an instrument

- Is the part of the instrument that the operator grasps
- Provides stability and leverage
- Design is related to the function of the instrument
- Examples:
  - The handle of an upper extraction forceps may be curved to facilitate a palm grasp for the operator
  - The handle of a rubber dam clamp forceps is rounded to fit in the palm of the operator's hand
  - A serrated handle allows a better grip
  - A large handle allows a palm grasp

#### THE BASIC DENTAL INSTRUMENTS

#### FIGURE 3.2

#### Name

Mouth mirror and handle

#### **Functions**

- To provide indirect vision
- To reflect light
- For retraction and protection of oral tissues
- For magnification (the number of the mirror represents size of mirror head)

- Single-sided or double-sided
- Can be disposable
- Plain or magnifying

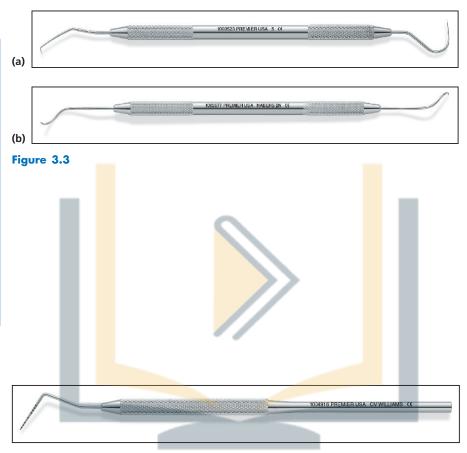


Figure 3.4



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#### FIGURE 3.3a, b

#### Name

(a) Sickle/contra-angled probe (b) Nabers probe

#### **Functions**

- Detection of:
  - defective pits and fissures
  - calculus
  - deficient margins of restorations, crowns and bridges
  - caries
- Examination (pointed tip allows good tactile sensitivity)

#### **Varieties**

- Can be single-ended or double-ended
- Many different styles available
- Working ends may vary (straight, curved)

#### False friends

Periodontal probe, endodontic probe (DG16 probe), lateral condenser

#### FIGURE 3.4

#### Name

Periodontal probe

#### Function and features

- Measure the depth of periodontal pockets
- Tip is calibrated in millimetres
- Blunt end reduces the possibility of tissue trauma

#### **Varieties**

- Single-ended or double-ended
- Can be straight, curved or at right angles
- Plastic types available

#### False friends

Sickle/contra-angled probe/sickle probe, endodontic probe/DG16 probe and endodontic spreader



Figure 3.5

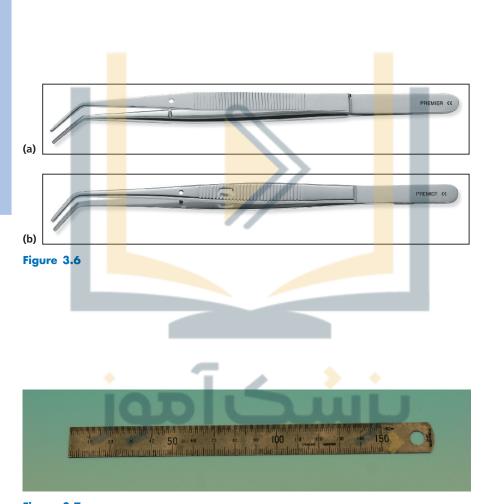


Figure 3.7

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#### FIGURE 3.5

#### Name

Briault probe

#### Function and feature

- Detection of caries on mesial and distal surfaces
- The angled working ends facilitate adaptation to interproximal surfaces

#### False friend

Furcation probe

#### FIGURE 3.6a, b

#### Name

(a) College tweezers (b) Locking college tweezers

#### **Functions**

- Placing small objects in the mouth and retrieving small objects from the mouth
- Locking type 'lock' to prevent dropping materials

#### **Varieties**

- Locking and non-locking types
- Working ends can be straight, curved, serrated or smooth

#### False friends

Tissue dissecting forceps, toothed dissecting forceps

#### FIGURE 3.7

#### Name

Metal ruler

#### **Function**

Measurement of length, e.g. endodontic K files

- Can be calibrated in different units of measure
- Plastic type available



#### Set-up

#### Examination

- Mouth mirror and handle
- Sickle/contra-angled probe
- College tweezers

Optional: Briault probe, metal ruler and periodontal probe



## SECTION 4

# INSTRUMENTS AND SUNDRIES USED IN MOISTURE CONTROL

Properties of dental materials can be altered by moisture. The dental team can use specific instruments and sundries to aid in moisture control.



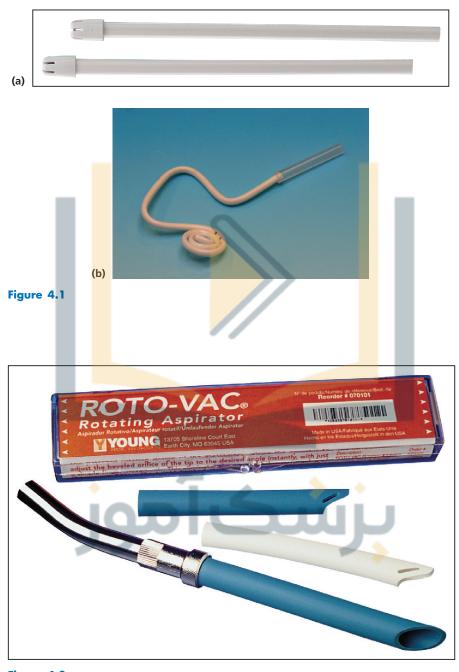


Figure 4.2

#### FIGURE 4.1a, b

#### Name

Disposable saliva ejector/low-volume suction

#### Function and features

- Low-volume evacuation of the mouth
- Tolerated easily by the patient
- Plastic types are single use and flexible to suit clinical need

#### **Varieties**

- Metal or plastic
- Plastic ones come in a variety of colours and shapes and can be adapted for particular uses

#### FIGURE 4.2

#### Name

High-volume suction tip

#### **Functions**

- High-volume evacuation of the mouth
- Retraction and protection of tissues
- Reduction of aerosols created by handpieces

- Metal (autoclavable), plastic (autoclavable or disposable check manufacturer's instructions)
- Various lengths, shapes and sizes



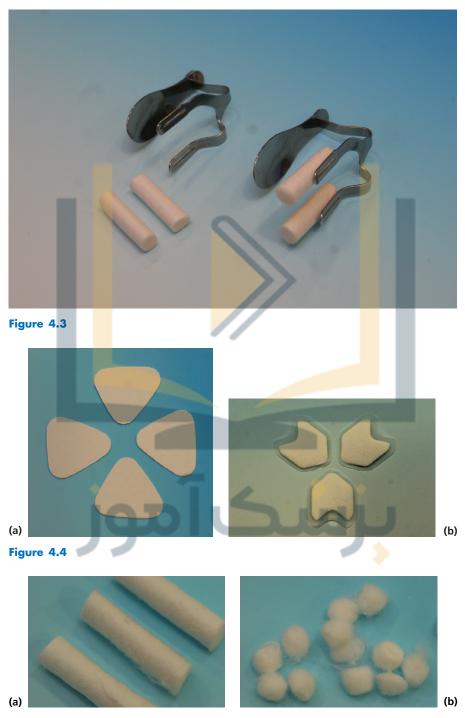


Figure 4.5

#### FIGURE 4.3

#### Name

Garmer cotton wool roll holders

#### **Functions**

- Moisture control
- Hold cotton rolls against the buccal and lingual surfaces (mandibular teeth)
- Retract cheek and tongue

#### **Varieties**

Separate holders for left and right sides

#### FIGURE 4.4a, b

#### Name

Disposable dry aid/dry guard

#### Functions and directions for use

- Moisture control
- Absorb excess saliva
- Place close to the opening of the parotid salivary duct

#### **Varieties**

Made from a variety of materials, e.g. cardboard or an absorbent material enclosed in a plastic cover

#### FIGURE 4.5a, b

#### Name

(a) Disposable cotton wool rolls (b) Cotton pellets

#### **Functions**

- Moisture control absorb saliva, blood or excess dental materials
- Can be used to deliver materials to and from the mouth

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes available



Figure 4.6



#### FIGURE 4.6

#### Name

Metal air/water syringe or referred to as 3-in-1 syringe

#### Functions and parts

- Provides spray of air, water or a combination of both
- Retraction
- Has a handle, controls and a tip (the tip can be of metal or plastic)

- Different angled tips available for ease of access
- Can have plastic disposable tips for infection control purposes





#### Fissure sealants

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (p. 39, 40)
- Disposable saliva ejector (p. 42, 43)
- Garmer cotton wool roll holders (mandibular sealants) (p. 44, 45)
- High-volume suction/low-volume suction (p. 42, 43)
- Prophy handpiece (p. 74, 75)
- Bristle brush (p. 84) and rubber cup (p. 85)
- Flour of pumice to clean the tooth surface prior to sealant (do not use prophy paste as fluoride interferes with sealing procedure)
- Acid etch, sealant material
- Applicator brush (p. 90, 91)
- Glass dappen dish (p. 94, 95)
- Curing light (p. 108, 109)



## SECTION 5

## LOCAL ANAESTHESIA

Local anaesthetics provide temporary loss of sensation to a particular area of the mouth, so that the patient will not feel pain.



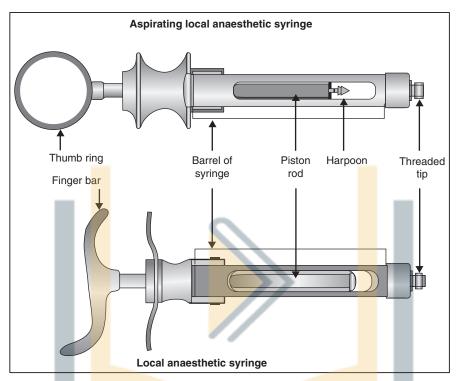


Figure 5.1



#### SYRINGES, NEEDLES AND CARTRIDGES

#### FIGURE 5.1

#### Name

Self-aspirating local anaesthetic syringe, Local anaesthetic syringe

#### Function and features

- A self-aspirating local anaesthetic syringe allows the operator to aspirate or draw back
  to see if they have injected into a blood vessel prior to injecting local anaesthetic, it
  is the harpoon or extension on the plunger which allows this. If the operator pulls
  towards themselves with the thumb ring, the 'draw back' action happens and if they
  depress the thumb ring it injects the local anaesthetic. If the operator 'draws back'
  and blood can be seen in the local anaesthetic carpule, they have injected into a blood
  vessel and will reposition prior to administering the local anaesthetic.
- Used to administer local anaesthetic with a disposable anaesthetic cartridge and a disposable needle
- The finger bar of the syringe controls the piston rod, which depresses the rubber stopper of the anaesthetic cartridge during aspiration
- When the piston rod is depressed, the local anaesthetic solution is forced out through the disposable needle, which is screwed onto the threaded tip
- The barrel of the syringe is open on both sides to facilitate loading the anaesthetic cartridge and check for blood cells during aspiration

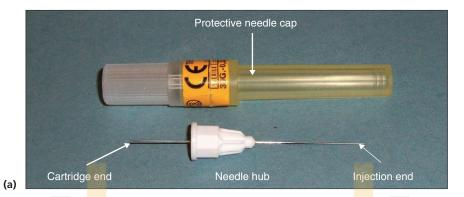
#### **Variations**

Non-self-aspirating type, disposable type (assembled), top loading type, intraligamentary syringe

#### False friends

Irrigation syringe, endodontic syringe









#### FIGURE 5.2a, b

#### Name

Disposable needle

#### Function, features and precautions

• Used in conjunction with a self-aspirating local anaesthetic syringe and disposable local anaesthetic cartridge

- Is threaded onto the hub of syringe the short end of needle punctures the rubber diaphragm of the cartridge
- Single use
- Disposed of in the sharps' container
- Prior to use, check: seal is intact, expiry date and the length and gauge of the needle
- Lumen is the hollow centre of the needle
- Gauge is the thickness of the needle
- The type of injection dictates the appropriate length and gauge of needle to be used

#### **Varieties**

Available in different lengths and gauges

#### False friends

Irrigation syringe needle, endodontic syringe needle



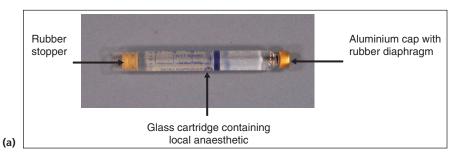




Figure 5.3

#### FIGURE 5.3a, b

#### Name

Glass disposable local anaesthetic cartridge

#### Function, precautions and contents

- Contains local anaesthetic solution for delivery
- Prior to use check: expiry date, cartridge and rubber diaphragm are intact and the clarity of the local anaesthetic solution (it should be clear)
- Single use
- Disposed in the sharps' container
- Contains water, preservatives, anaesthetic solution and buffering agents; some contain vasoconstrictors (Septodont products do not contain preservatives or latex)

#### **Varieties**

Local anaesthetic constituents may vary





#### FIGURE 5.4

#### Name

Intraligamentary syringe

#### Functions and directions for use

- Used to deliver a small amount of local anaesthetic to a localised area
- A short or ultra-short needle is used with this syringe

#### **Varieties**

Different types of syringes available depending on the manufacturer

#### FIGURE 5.5

#### Name

Safety syringe

#### Functions and features

- Sterile, single-use syringe with an autoclavable handle
- A plastic sheath is used to cover the needle when not in use
- Designed to reduce the number of percutaneous injuries

#### **Varieties**

Different types of syringe available





#### SHARPS' WASTE MANAGEMENT

#### FIGURE 5.6

#### Name

Needle stick protector

#### Function(s)

- A sturdy holder that holds the needle cap to facilitate safe recapping of the needle
- Designed to prevent percutaneous injuries
- A needle stick protector is not required if using the one-handed bayonet technique

#### Varieties

Many different types of needle stick protectors are available

#### FIGURE 5.7

#### Name

Sharps' disposal container

#### Functions, features and directions for use

- To safely dispose of sharps
- Must be puncture proof, closable, leak proof and colour coded
- Sharps' disposal containers should be placed close to work areas to prevent having to transport disposable sharp items
- Items suitable for disposal in these containers include scalpels, matrix bands, needles, carpules, orthodontic wires, burs and endodontic files

Check your local health and safety guidelines for requirements of sharps' disposal in your area



#### Local anaesthetic

- Preferred type of local anaesthetic syringe
- Disposable local anaesthetic cartridge
- Disposable needle in desired length and gauge
- Needle holder (in case of needle breakage in the mouth) (p. 183, 184)
- Topical anaesthetic
- Topical anaesthetic applicator
- Disposable saliva ejector (p. 42, 43)

Optional: Special device for safe recapping of the disposable needle (only needed if not using the one-handed bayonet technique)



### SECTION 6

## INSTRUMENTS USED FOR RUBBER DAM PLACEMENT

A rubber dam is a thin sheet of material that is used to isolate the desired tooth or teeth to:

- aid moisture control
- protect the patient's airway
- aid operator visibility and access
- reduce aerosols caused by the air turbine handpiece
- provide patient comfort by reducing the amount of water and materials in the mouth



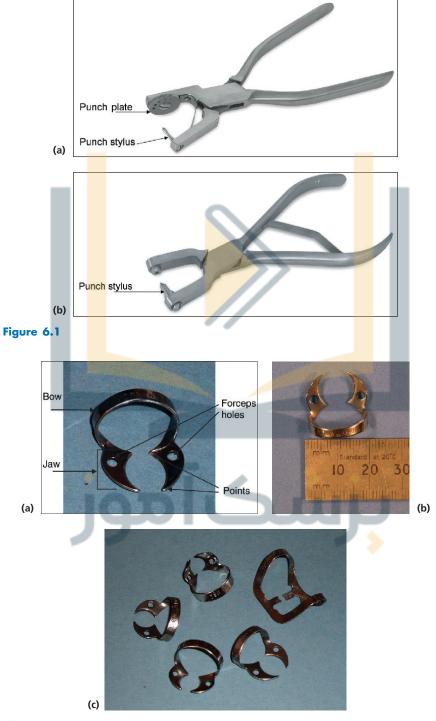


Figure 6.2

#### FIGURE 6.1a, b

#### Name

Rubber dam punch

#### **Functions**

- Used to perforate the rubber dam material with holes of various sizes corresponding to the size of the tooth to be isolated
- Size and position of the teeth to be isolated determines the orientation of the punched holes
- Punch stylus pierces a hole in the rubber dam sheet
- When the handle of the rubber dam punch is closed, the punch stylus meets the punch plate, which has serrated edges, to create a 'clean' punch

#### **Varieties**

- Available in various styles depending on the manufacturer
- In some styles, the punch stylus and plate can be replaced when they become dull (according to the manufacturer's specifications)

#### FIGURE 6.2a, b, c

#### Name

Rubber dam clamps

#### Functions and parts

- Used to stabilise and secure the rubber dam sheet during treatment
- Usually made from chrome- or nickel-plated steel autoclavable
- Bow rounds over the tooth. Varies between clamps and is flexible so that the clamp can have a firm hold on the tooth
- Jaw the part of the rubber dam clamp that holds it firmly around the cervical portion of the tooth (pointed). Can be serrated for retention or smooth to prevent tissue trauma, and can be curved to fit sub-gingivally
- Forceps hole where the rubber dam clamp forceps attach to the clamp for placement. Where a piece of floss can be tied to, in case of accidental displacement (the floss should be tied to both holes in case the bow breaks)

- Various types, sizes and shapes (see figure for examples) available to use with teeth
  of different shapes
- Various degrees of flexibility

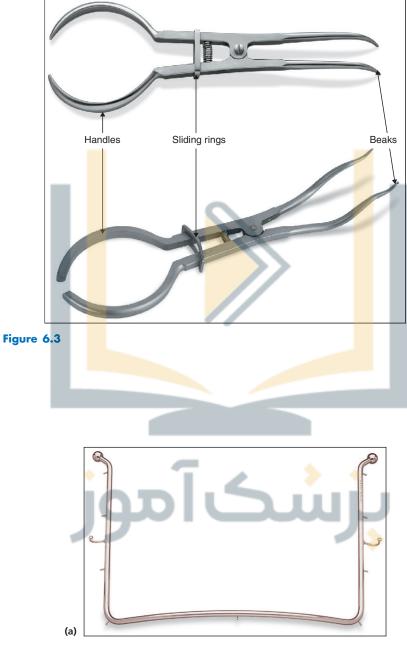


Figure 6.4

#### FIGURE 6.3

#### Name

Rubber dam clamp forceps

#### Functions and features

- Used to place and remove rubber dam clamps on and from a tooth
- Work with a spring action when handles are squeezed together
- Beaks fit into the holes of the rubber dam clamp for secure placement
- Sliding ring allows forceps to lock when placing the clamp and to be released when removing the clamp
- Handle shaped to allow a firm palm-grasp by the operator

#### **Varieties**

• Available in various styles depending on the manufacturer

#### False friends

• Coon ligature pliers, separator placing pliers

#### FIGURE 6.4a, b

#### Name

Rubber dam frame: (a) Metal type (b) Plastic type

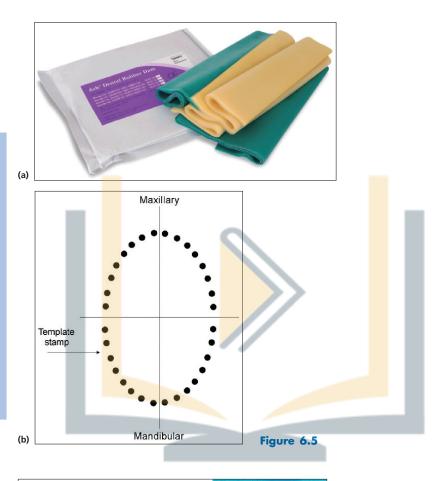
#### Function and feature

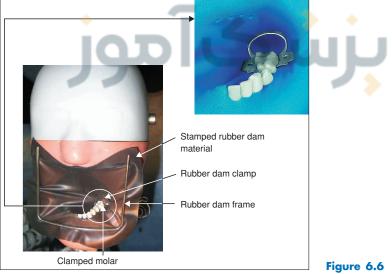
- Used to stretch the rubber dam to maintain a clear working area in the patient's mouth
- The rubber dam frame has extensions around which the rubber dam material is held

- Available in various styles
- Can be made of different materials (e.g. metal and plastic)



Figure 6.4 (Continued)





# FIGURE 6.5a, b

#### Name

Rubber dam material (Figure 6.5a)

#### Functions and directions for use

- A thin sheet of latex or non-latex that aids with moisture control, infection control, airway protection, tissue and tongue retraction, patient comfort and operator visibility during treatment
- Is stretched around the rubber dam clamp seated in the mouth
- Can isolate one or many teeth depending on the procedure
- Waxed dental floss may be used to fit the septum of the rubber dam into the interproximal spaces of the tooth or teeth to be isolated
- May be stamped with a template (Figure 6.5b) to assist in punching the rubber dam

#### **Varieties**

- Various sizes and colours
- Various thicknesses
- Various materials

# FIGURE 6.6

Mannequin with rubber dam in place





# Set-up for placement of rubber dam

- Rubber dam material in desired thickness, stamping template
- Rubber dam punch
- Rubber dam clamp forceps
- Selected rubber dam clamps
- Rubber dam frame
- Blunt scissors/'Beebee' crown scissors/shears (p. 112, 113)
- Flat plastic instrument or another choice of blunt instrument (to help orientate rubber dam without puncturing) (p. 94, 95)
- Dental floss
- Gauze or napkins
- Lubricant (to aid in stretching the rubber dam material over the rubber dam clamp)
- Stabilising ligatures



# SECTION 7

# HANDPIECES, BURS AND ROTARY ATTACHMENTS

Dental handpieces and rotary attachments help to make dental treatment more comfortable for the patient and reduce the amount of time needed to complete procedures.





Figure 7.1



# **HANDPIECES**

#### FIGURE 7.1

#### Name

Air turbine handpiece. Also called: fast handpiece, high-speed handpiece and air rotor handpiece

#### Type

Contra-angled

# Functions, precaution and features

- Removal of tooth tissue during restorations and preparation of teeth for fixed prosthetic appliances
- Polishing of restorations
- High speeds create heat and friction handpiece must be run with water to cool the tooth to prevent pulpal damage
- High speed saves treatment time and reduces vibration
- High speed but low torque handpiece will stall with moderate pressure

# Driven by

- Turbine may need to be lubricated check manufacturer's instructions
- Compressed air rotates the turbine, which then rotates the bur

#### Speed

Check manufacturer's specifications (can run up to 500 000 rpm)

#### Grip

Accepts friction grip attachments

#### Attachment

Dental unit

- Different types of chucks available (e.g. those which need bur changing tool)
- With or without light
- Smaller heads for difficult access or use with the paediatric patient



Figure 7.2



Figure 7.3

# FIGURE 7.2

#### Name

Straight handpiece

#### Type

Straight

#### **Functions**

- Used in surgical procedures to remove bone (cannot use air turbine as the water is not sterile)
- Used extra-orally at chairside or in the dental laboratory (e.g. for denture adjustments)

#### Driven by

Gears

#### Speed

Check manufacturer's specifications (can run up to 40 000 rpm)

#### Grip

Accepts long shank attachments

#### **Attachment**

Electric motor that fits into the base of the handpiece

# FIGURE 7.3

#### Name

Electric motor

#### **Features**

- Can reach speeds of 100 000 rpm depending on the type of attachment
- It is attached to the dental unit

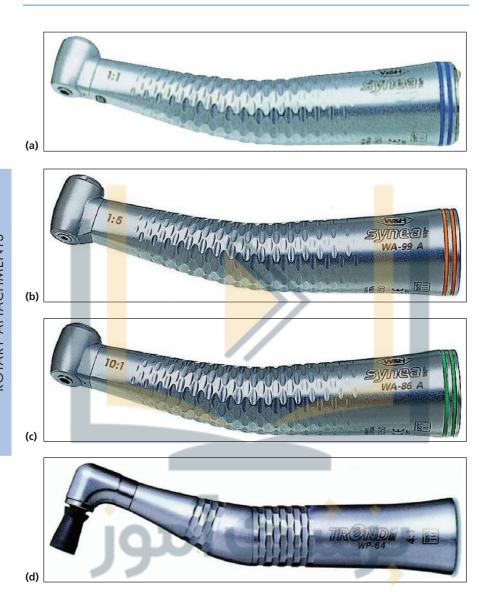


Figure 7.4

# FIGURE 7.4a, b, c, d, e, f

#### Name

Conventional handpieces. Also called: slow-speed handpieces and low-speed handpieces

#### Type

Contra-angled

#### **Functions**

- Removal of caries
- Polishing
- Procedures that require torque
- Refine cavity preparations and adjust occlusion

# Driven by

Gears

# Speed

Varies depending on handpiece

# Grip

Varies depending on handpiece

#### Attachment

Electric motor that fits into the base of the handpiece (see Figure 7.3)

# Examples of conventional handpieces

Blue ring conventional handpiece (Figure 7.4a)

- Runs at the speed of the motor (up to 40 000 rpm)
- Accepts latch grip attachments
- Can have a latch chuck rather than a push type chuck

Orange ring conventional handpiece/variable speed handpiece (Figure 7.4b)

- Runs faster than the speed of the motor
- Accepts friction grip attachments

Green ring conventional handpiece/speed reducing handpiece (Figure 7.4c)

- Runs 10 times slower than the speed of the motor
- Accepts latch grip attachments

Prophy conventional handpiece (Figure 7.4d)

- Runs at the speed of the motor (40 000 rpm)
- Accepts screw type attachments
- Available with attachable, disposable prophy head (see pp. 266 and 267)

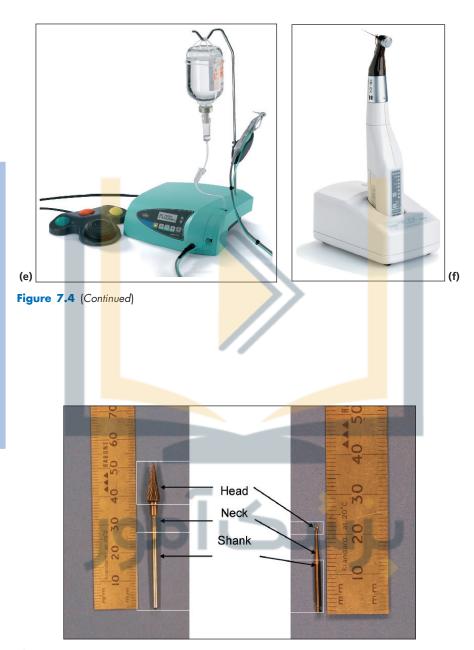


Figure 7.5

Electric surgical and implant handpiece unit (Figure 7.4e)

- Runs at speeds of 40 000 rpm (varies with different handpieces)
- Can be used with straight and contra-angled handpieces for implant and maxillofacial surgery procedures
- Runs in conjunction with flowing sterile water during procedures

#### Endodontic handpiece (Figure 7.4f)

- Able to adjust the speed of the handpiece to run at very low speeds
- Used with specialised nickel-titanium rotary files to clean and shape root canals
- Handpiece in the illustration is a cordless handpiece with the motor in the unit, also available with separate unit

#### **BURS AND ROTARY ATTACHMENTS**

#### FIGURE 7.5

Enlarged view

#### **Parts**

#### Head

- This is the working end
- Function depends on the size and shape of the head
- Many different sizes and shapes, each used for a different function (cutting, polishing and finishing)

#### Neck

• The part that connects the head to the shank – usually narrows towards the head

#### Shank

- The part that fits into the handpiece
- Shapes and lengths vary, depending on function
- Can sometimes be marked to identify bur type (stripes or coloured bands)

#### Some points to remember about rotary attachments and burs

- Most often called burs, but also available are wheels, discs, rubber points, rubber cups and stones
- Each has a particular function (cutting, polishing, finishing or caries removal)
- Are made from various materials (tungsten carbide, diamond and steel)
- Can have flutes (the cutting edges)
- The end of the shank determines which handpiece the attachment will fit into:
  - Long straight shank straight handpiece
  - Latch grip conventional type/slow-speed handpiece
  - Friction grip shank air turbine handpiece/high-speed handpiece
  - Other various attachments such as snap or screw-type attachments

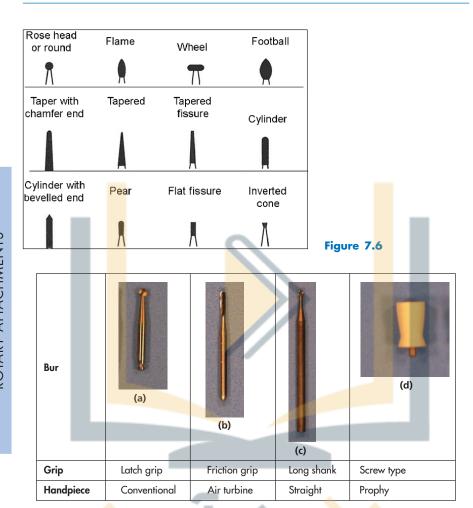


Figure 7.7



Figure 7.8

#### FIGURE 7.6

Some common shapes of dental burs

# How to name and describe a dental bur

Five key characteristics:

- (1) Grip of shank
- (2) Composition of head
- (3) Shape of head
- (4) Function
- (5) Handpiece that it fits

# Grip and corresponding handpiece

Refers to the way the bur's shank is 'gripped' into the handpiece (Figure 7.7)

#### Composition

- Refers to the head of the bur and what it is made from
- Generally:
  - Most latch grip burs are made of steel
  - Most fiction grip burs are made of tungsten carbide or diamond
  - Most long shank burs are made from steel if they are meant for surgical procedures and stainless steel if they are meant for laboratory purposes

# Shape and function

Shape determines function; the examples that follow relate to tungsten carbide burs:

- Rose head/round cutting and removing caries
- Pear to shape the cavity preparation
- Fissure to shape and prepare the cavity preparation

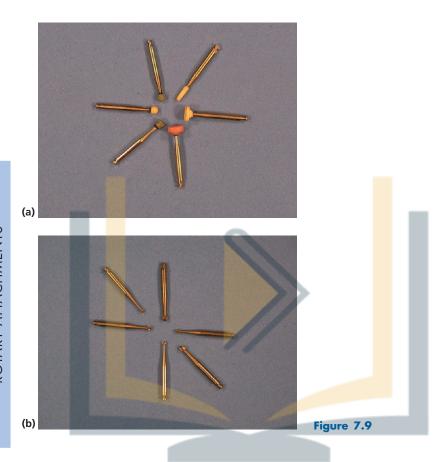
Some examples follow.

#### FIGURE 7.8

Friction grip bur

#### Description

Friction grip, tungsten carbide, fissure, cutting bur for the air turbine handpiece





# FIGURE 7.9a, b

Latch grip burs

# Description

- (a) Various shaped, latch grip, stone polishing burs for the conventional handpiece
- (b) Various sizes of rose head/round, latch grip, steel cutting burs for the conventional handpiece

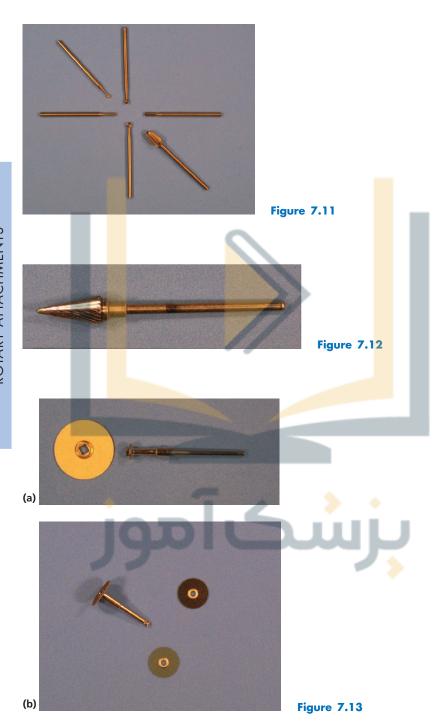
# FIGURE 7.10a, b, c

Diamond burs

# Description

Various shaped, friction grip, diamond cutting burs for the air turbine handpiece





#### **FIGURE 7.11**

Long shank surgical burs

# Description

Various shaped, long shank, steel cutting burs for the straight handpiece

#### **FIGURE 7.12**

Acrylic bur

# Description

Used in laboratory procedures for cutting and trimming various materials. Available in many different shapes and sizes

• Illustration shows long shank, stainless steel, cone-shaped trimming bur for the straight handpiece

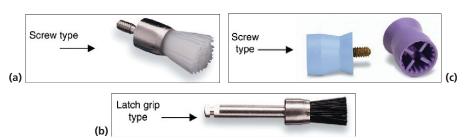
# FIGURE 7.13a, b

Mandrels

# Description

Discs for polishing and cutting are fitted onto mandrels. Discs can be either screw type (Moore mandrel and disc, Figure 7.13a) or pop-on type (mandrel and pop-on discs, Figure 7.13b)





**Figure 7.14** 





**Figure 7.15** 

# FIGURE 7.14a, b, c

Bristle brushes (Figure 7.14a, b), Rubber polishing cups (Figure 7.14c)

# FIGURE 7.15a, b

#### Name

Bur blocks

#### Function and feature

- Used to organise and hold burs
- Some types are autoclavable

#### Varieties

• Different sizes and types available



# SECTION 8

# INSTRUMENTS USED IN BASIC RESTORATIVE PROCEDURES

Basic restorative procedures involve placement of restorations where tooth tissue has been removed for a variety of reasons (e.g. fractures and caries)



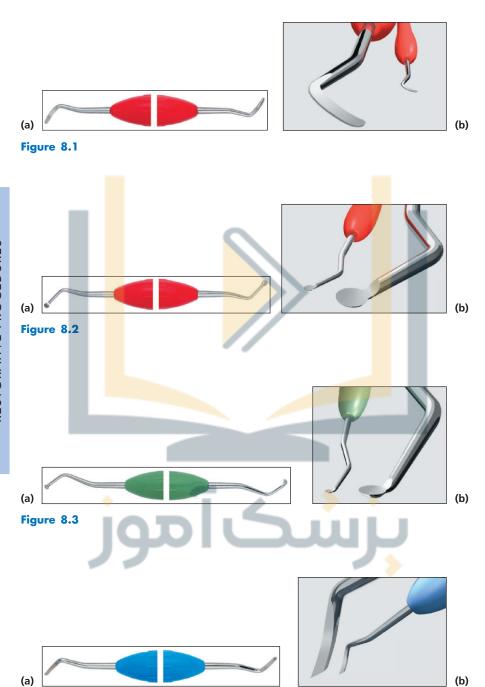


Figure 8.4

# **FOR ALL RESTORATIONS**

# FIGURES 8.1a, b; 8.2a, b; 8.3a, b

#### Name

Spoon excavators

#### Functions and feature

- A spoon-shaped working end for 'spooning' out dentinal caries from the cavity preparation
- Edges of working end are sharp

Any remaining caries will be removed with the conventional handpiece and a round bur

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes and shapes of working ends – can be double-ended or single-ended

#### False friends

Cleoid discoid carver, spoon curette, ball burnisher

# FIGURES 8.4a, b; 8.5a, b

#### Name

Gingival margin trimmers (Figure 8.4a, b) Distal (Figure 8.5a, b) Mesial

#### Function and feature

- Used to remove unsupported enamel for refining the cavity preparation
- Sharp-bevelled working ends

#### False friends

Spoon excavator, Hollenback 31/2 carver, Wards carver

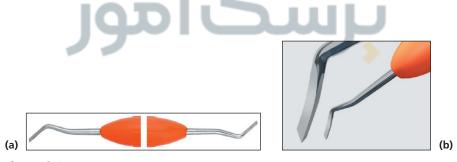


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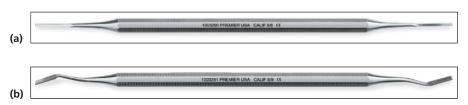
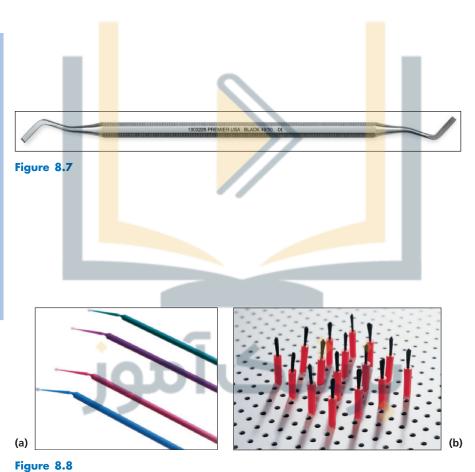


Figure 8.6



# FIGURE 8.6a, b

#### Name

Enamel chisel

#### Function and feature

- Used to remove unsupported enamel for refining the cavity preparation
- Sharp-bevelled working ends

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes and shapes available

#### False friends

Push scaler, ligature tucker

#### FIGURE 8.7

#### Name

Enamel hatchet

#### Function and feature

- Used to remove unsupported enamel for refining the cavity preparation
- Working end is on the same plane as the handle

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes and shapes available

#### False friends

Push scaler, gingival margin trimmer, enamel chisel

#### FIGURE 8.8a, b

#### Name

Disposable applicators

#### Function(s)

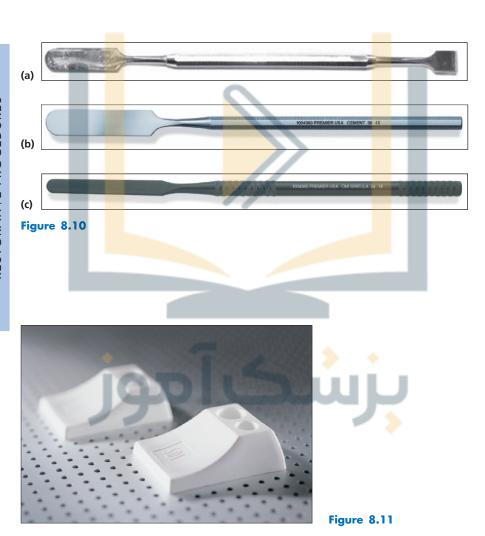
- Used to apply materials intra-orally, e.g. desensitising agents, bonding agents and cavity varnish
- 8.8b are inserted into a plastic handle

#### **Varieties**

Many different types and shapes available



Figure 8.9



#### FIGURE 8.9

#### Name

Calcium hydroxide applicator

#### **Function**

 Used to apply calcium hydroxide and other lining materials at the base of the cavity preparation

#### **Varieties**

Different sized working ends and long handles available

# FIGURE 8.10a, b, c

#### Name

Mixing spatulas: (a) Stainless steel Weston spatula (b) Stainless steel broad bladed spatula (c) Anodised aluminium spatula

#### Function and feature

- Used to mix dental materials
- Anodised aluminium spatula will not stick to any composite materials or discolour materials (Figure 8.10c)

#### **Varieties**

Different sizes, degrees of flexibility and shapes available

#### FIGURE 8.11

#### Name

Dispensing wells

#### **Function**

• Used to hold material to be dispensed (e.g. bonding agent)

- Available in various shapes and sizes
- Available with a small orange shield over dispensing hole to protect dispensed materials from light
- Available as disposable type

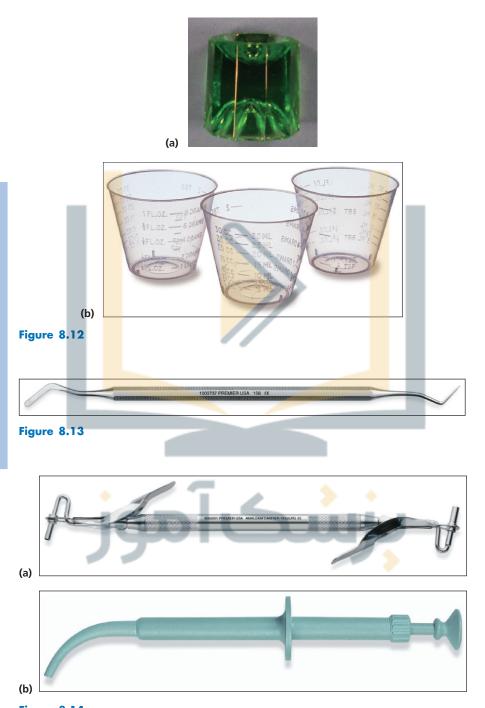


Figure 8.14

# FIGURE 8.12a, b

#### Name

(a) Glass dappen dish (b) Disposable plastic dappen dishes

#### **Function**

To hold materials for dispensing

#### **Varieties**

Various shapes, sizes and colours available

# FOR AMALGAM RESTORATIONS

#### FIGURE 8.13

#### Name

Flat plastic instrument. Also called: plastic instrument

#### **Functions**

- To deliver materials to the cavity preparation
- To remove excess materials

#### **Varieties**

- Various sizes and shapes available
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

#### False friends

Spoon excavator, Hollenback 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> carver, Wards carver

# FIGURE 8.14a, b

#### Name

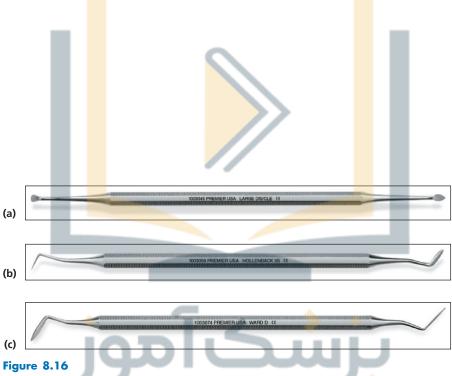
(a) Metal amalgam carrier (b) Plastic amalgam carrier

#### Function, features and precaution

- Used to pick up, transport and place amalgam into the cavity preparation
- Working end is hollow
- A plunger/lever pushes amalgam out from working end into the cavity preparation
- The working end may be Teflon<sup>®</sup> coated so the amalgam will not stick
- Care must be taken to expel the excess amalgam or it will set inside the working end
- Sterilisation procedures may vary depending on the material that the amalgam carrier is fabricated from

- Various delivery methods
- Various sizes of working ends for different amounts of amalgam needed
- Can be single-ended or double-ended





# FIGURE 8.15a, b

#### Name

(a) Universal Hobsons plugger (b) Mortonson-Clevedent plugger

# **Family**

Amalgam pluggers/condensers

#### Function and feature

- To pack and condense amalgam into a cavity preparation
- Working ends are flat
- The size and shape of the cavity preparation will dictate which plugger is required

#### **Varieties**

- Various sizes and working ends
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

# FIGURE 8.16a, b, c

#### Name

(a) Cleoid Discoid carver (b) Hollenback  $3^{1}/_{2}$  carver (c) Wards carver

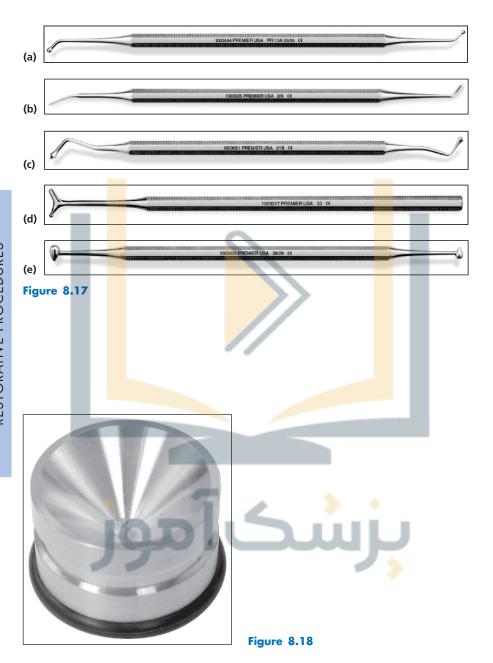
#### Family

Carvers

#### Function and feature

- Used to carve and shape the amalgam restoration for correct anatomy and occlusion
- Edges of working ends are sharp
- Operator preference and shape of restoration will dictate which carver is required

- Various sizes and working ends
- Can be single-ended or double-ended



# FIGURE 8.17a, b, c, d, e

#### Name

(a) Ball burnisher (b) Beavertail burnisher (c) Acorn burnisher (d) T-ball burnisher (e) Egg ball/football burnisher

# **Family**

Burnishers

#### Function and feature

- Polish and smooth amalgam once condensed in prepared cavity
- Adapt amalgam to the margins of restorations, reducing the chance for leakage around restorations and deficient margins
- The working end is smooth and rounded

#### **Varieties**

- Various sizes of working ends
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

# False friend

Spoon excavator

#### FIGURE 8.18

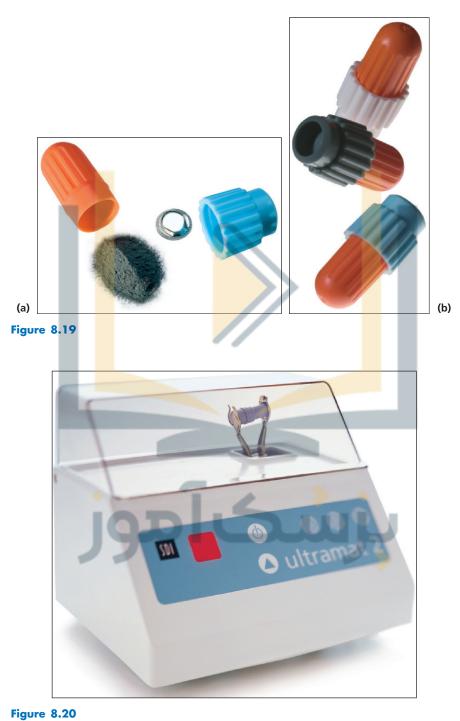
#### Name

Amalgam well

#### Function(s)

• Used to hold amalgam and to facilitate filling of the amalgam carrier

- Various shapes
- Available in plastic, disposable variety



# FIGURES 8.19a, b; 8.20

#### Name

Amalgam capsule (Figure 8.19a, b) Amalgamator (Figure 8.20)

# Functions and precautions

- An amalgam capsule contains amalgam material (contents will vary depending on the manufacturer)
- Care must be taken when handling amalgam to prevent inhalation of vapours, skin absorption and inhalation of air-borne particles
- Amalgamator is used to titrate amalgam prior to use
- Amalgamators must have a plastic covering over the area where the amalgam is titrated for safety in case of displacement

#### **Varieties**

- Available in different delivery systems
- Different spills (amount of amalgam contained), i.e. 1 spill and 2 spills available
- Amalgamators vary depending on manufacturer

# AMALGAM WASTE MANAGEMENT

#### FIGURE 8.21

#### Name

Amalgam Safe® container

#### **Function**

Airtight containers with foam inserts that contain non-hazardous chemicals that will suppress mercury vapours

#### **Varieties**

Other different types available depending on the manufacturer



Figure 8.21



# FOR COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS

# FIGURE 8.22a, b

#### Name

(a) Shade guide (b) Checking the shade of a patient's tooth

#### Functions, feature and directions for use

- Used to match the colour of the patient's natural tooth
- The tabs are coded with numbers or a combination of numbers and letters, e.g. shade A3
- The shade is then recorded on the laboratory slip chart and patient chart so the lab technician can match the colour of the prosthesis (e.g. crown or denture) or restoration to the shade of the patient's natural tooth

#### **Varieties**

Different manufacturers have different varieties of shade guides for their own products

#### FIGURE 8.23

#### Name

Composite material

#### Function, feature and precaution

- Available as unidose capsules or bulk tubes
- Capsules are designed for easy delivery of composite material to the cavity preparation with a composite gun
- Composite capsules are for single use
- Only sterile instruments should be used when dispensing composite from a bulk tube to prevent contamination of material

#### **Varieties**

Various brands and shades available

#### FIGURE 8.24

#### Name

Composite gun

#### Function and precaution

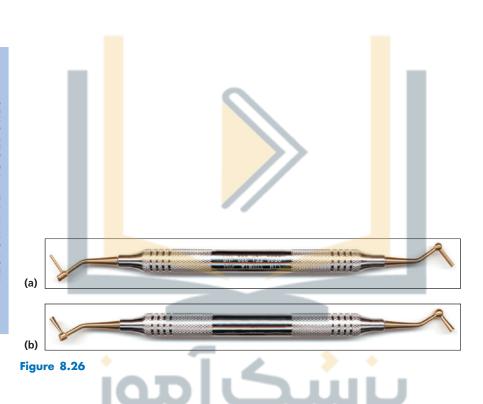
- For easy delivery of composite material
- Used in conjunction with unidose composite capsules
- Care must be taken when autoclaving (follow manufacturer's instructions)

#### **Varieties**

Various shapes available



**Figure 8.25** 



# FIGURE 8.25a, b

#### Name

Composite flat plastic: (a) Teflon type (b) Anodised aluminium type. Also called: plastic instrument

#### **Functions**

- Available as anodised aluminium or Teflon coated. These are suitable for use with composite as they do not stick to or discolour composite material
- To deliver materials to the cavity preparation
- To adapt filling materials to a cavity preparation
- To remove excess materials

#### **Varieties**

- Various sizes and shapes are available
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

# False friends

Spoon excavator, Hollenback 3½ carver, Wards carver

# FIGURE 8.26a, b

#### Name

Teflon-tipped super pluggers

# **Family**

Composite pluggers/condensers

# Function and features

- To pack and condense composite into a cavity preparation
- Working ends are flat, with a burnisher-type end on the angle of the shank
- Teflon coated so they will not stick to or discolour composite material

#### **Varieties**

- Various sizes and working ends available
- Can be single ended or double ended

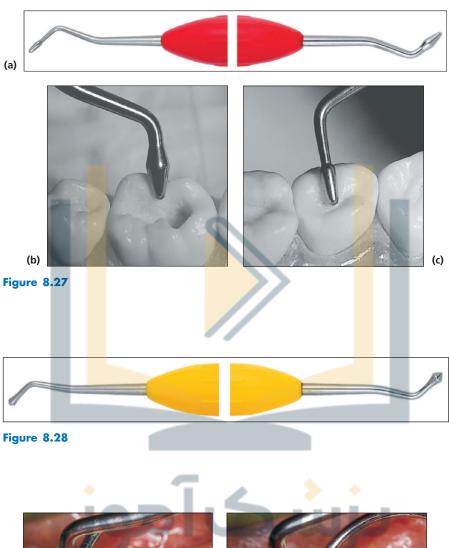




Figure 8.29

# FIGURES 8.27a, b, c; 8.28

#### Name

Modelling instrument (Figure 8.27a, b, c) Acorn burnisher (Figure 8.28)

#### Functions and feature

- Used to create anatomical shapes in composite material during restorations
- The modelling instrument can also be used to pack and condense composite materials
- Available in plastic autoclavable type through which the curing light can penetrate

#### **Varieties**

- Various sizes and shapes of working ends available
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

# FIGURE 8.29a, b

#### Name

Contact former

# Function and precaution while in use

- Used to help create a good interproximal contact between adjacent teeth
- After the initial placement of composite, the instrument is placed in the composite in the desired location. The composite is then light cured, care must be taken to place the instrument in such a way that it will not get stuck in the composite

#### **Varieties**

- Available as plastic autoclavable type through which the curing light can penetrate
- Various sizes and shapes of working ends available
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

# False friends

Acorn burnisher, Acorn carver

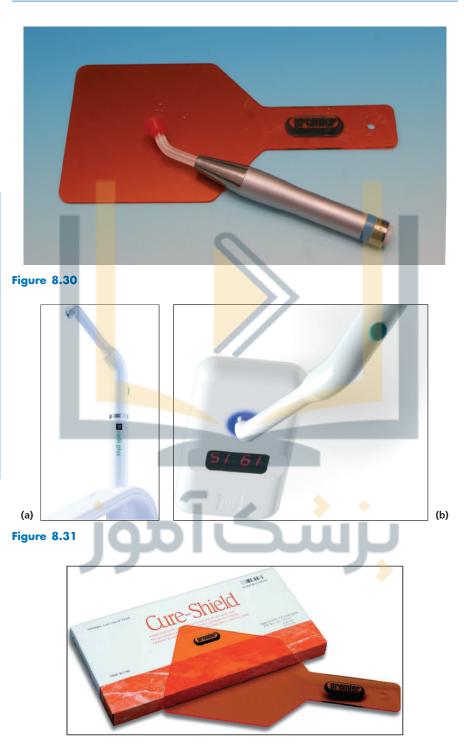


Figure 8.32

# **FIGURE 8.30**

#### Name

Halogen curing light

# Function and precautions

- Used to harden (cure) certain materials (e.g. composite, bonding agents, sealants and core build-ups)
- Materials should be built up and cured in increments of 2 mm
- Curing light can be monitored for safe and efficient operating
- Must be used with amber shield for eye protection

#### Varieties

Different manufacturers supply different types of halogen curing light

# FIGURE 8.31a, b

#### Name

(a) LED (light-emitting diode) curing light (b) Radiometer

# Functions, features and precaution

- Used to harden certain materials (e.g. composite, bonding agents, sealants and core build-ups)
- Generate light in wavelengths
- Curing light can be monitored for safe and efficient operating using a radiometer
- Cures at a high density allowing a greater depth of curing
- Must be used with amber shield for eye protection

# **Varieties**

Different manufacturers supply different types of LED curing light (the illustrated light is cordless)

# FIGURE 8.32

# Name

Amber shield

#### **Functions**

- Used to protect eyes from the curing light
- The orange colour blocks the harmful light

# **Varieties**

Available as safety glasses



Figure 8.33

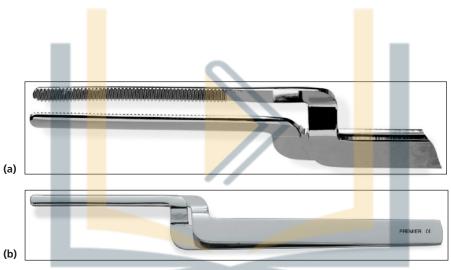
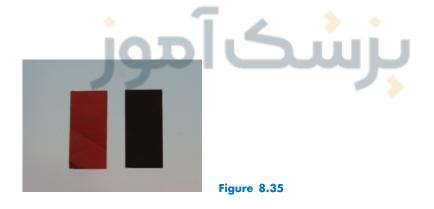


Figure 8.34



# **FIGURE 8.33**

#### Name

Composite polishing/finishing strip

#### Function and features

- To smooth and polish composite interproximally after final curing
- One strip has varying degrees of abrasiveness
- Single use
- Can also be used in conjunction with periodontal treatment to remove stain interproximally where there is a tight contact

#### Varieties

Various widths and abrasiveness available

# FOR ALL RESTORATIONS AGAIN

# FIGURE 8.34a, b

# Name

(a) Miller's articulating forceps (working end) (b) Miller's articulating forceps in closed position

# Function and precaution

- To secure the articulating paper in place while checking the occlusion
- The articulating paper should be 5 mm longer than the Miller forceps, if checking occlusion on posterior teeth. This is due to the patient closing down and causing discomfort by hitting off the end of the Miller's forceps, if the articulating paper is not extended

# False friend

College tweezers

# FIGURE 8.35

#### Name

Articulating paper

#### **Function**

Carbon paper used to create a mark on a surface of a restoration or prosthesis that is interfering with the correct occlusion of the maxillary and mandibular teeth

#### **Varieties**

- · Various colours and thicknesses available
- Available pre-cut or in a roll



**Figure 8.37** 

# FIGURE 8.36

#### Name

Straight blunt scissors

# Function and feature

- Cutting
- One side of blade is blunt and one is pointed to prevent causing trauma to the patient

#### Varieties

Different shapes and sizes available

# False friend

Surgical scissors

# FIGURE 8.37

# Name

Beebee crown scissors/shears

# **Function**

Cutting and tri<mark>mmi</mark>ng various materials, e.g. rubber dam septa, provisional/temporary crowns

# **Varieties**

Various shapes and sizes available



# Set-ups

The following instruments are common to all the below listed set-ups:

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (p. 39, 40)
- High and low volume/disposable saliva ejector suction tips (p. 42, 43)
- Instruments for local anaesthetic set-up (see Section 5, p. 49)
- Instruments for rubber dam set-up (see Section 6, p. 61)
- Spoon excavator
- Enamel chisels and gingival margin trimmers
- Air turbine handpiece (p. 70, 71)
- Conventional handpiece (p. 74, 75)
- Various burs (see Section 7, p. 69)
- Various base and liner materials
- Flat plastic instrument
- Air/water syringe/3-in-1 syringe (p. 46, 47)
- Wooden wedges/plastic wedges (p. 120, 121)
- Miller forceps and articulating paper
- Dental floss

# Amalgam restoration

- Amalgam carrier
- Amalgam pluggers
- Amalgam carvers
- Amalgam burnishers
- Matrix retainer and appropriate matrix material (see Section 9, p. 115)
- Amalgam well/glass dappen dish

# Composite restoration

- Shade guide
- Teflon tipped flat plastic instrument
- Celluloid strip/clear transparent matrix strip (see Section 9, p. 116, 117)
- Composite polishing/finishing strip
- Mandrel and pop-on sandpaper discs
- Light-curing unit
- Amber shield
- Composite polishing and finishing burs (see Section 7, p. 69)

# Posterior composites

- Clear proximal matrices (see Section 9, p. 116, 117)
- Light-reflecting wedges (p. 120, 121)
- Sectional matrices and BiTineTM rings (see Section 9, p. 124, 125)
- Contact formers

# SECTION 9

# MATRIX BANDS AND MATRIX RETAINERS

When a restoration involves an interproximal surface, it is not possible to achieve a properly adapted restoration without a matrix band. A matrix band creates a temporary interproximal surface, and, when appropriate, a matrix retainer secures the matrix band in place.



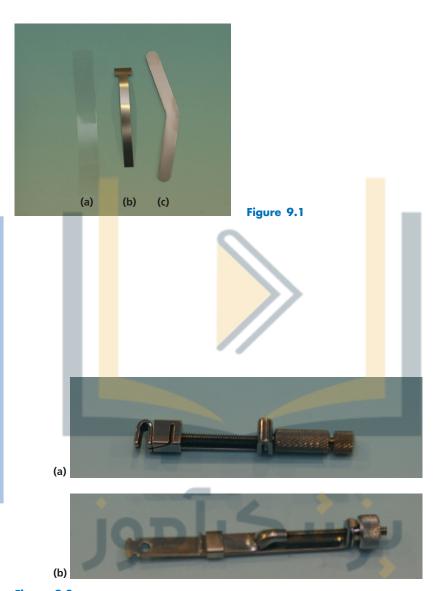


Figure 9.2

# FIGURE 9.1a, b, c

#### Name

Matrix material

#### **Function**

Used to form a temporary wall where a proximal surface has been removed or is missing

# **Varieties**

- (a) Celluloid strip
  - Used for anterior restorations with composite materials
  - Also referred to as clear transparent matrix strip
  - Single use
  - Disposed of in the sharps' container
  - Preformed posterior variety can be available (see Sectional matrix, Figure 9.3)
- (b) T-band matrix (straight and curved)
  - Most commonly used in paedodontics
  - Single use
  - Disposed of in the sharps' container
- (c) Stainless steel matrix band (universal)
  - Used in conjunction with amalgam restorations and a matrix retainer
  - Single use
  - Disposed of in the sharps' container
  - Different sizes and shapes available
  - Available in pre-contoured shapes

# FIGURE 9.2a, b

#### Name

(a) Tofflemire matrix retainer (b) Siqueland matrix retainer

#### Function and features

- Used to hold a stainless steel matrix band securely
- Assembled to fit in a particular quadrant of the mouth
- Autoclavable

# **Varieties**

Can be available in disposable plastic

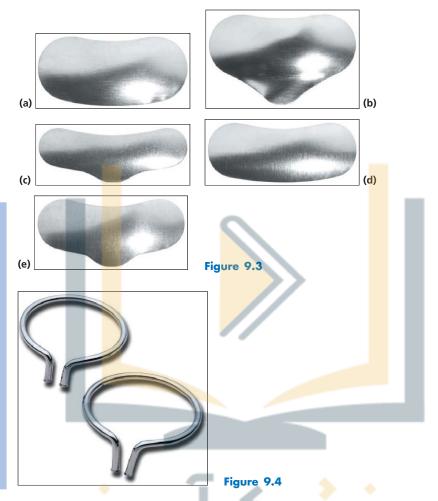




Figure 9.5

# FIGURES 9.3a, b, c, d, e; 9.4

#### Name

Sectional matrix (Figures 9.3a, b, c, d, e) and BiTine<sup>TM</sup> ring (Figure 9.4)

# Function and features

- Used in conjunction with posterior restorations to temporarily replace proximal walls during Class II restorations
- Available in four sizes: paedodontic, bicuspids, smaller molars and standard molars
- The matrices are shaped to conform to tooth shape

#### **Varieties**

Many different systems available

# FIGURE 9.5

# Name

Hawe Supermat Matrix®

#### Function and features

- Used in conjunction with posterior composite and amalgam restorations to temporarily replace proximal walls during restorations
- Available in different sizes to adapt to different sized teeth
- Available in stainless steel and clear matrix materials
- The matrices are shaped to conform to tooth shape

# **Varieties**

Many other different types available from different manufacturers



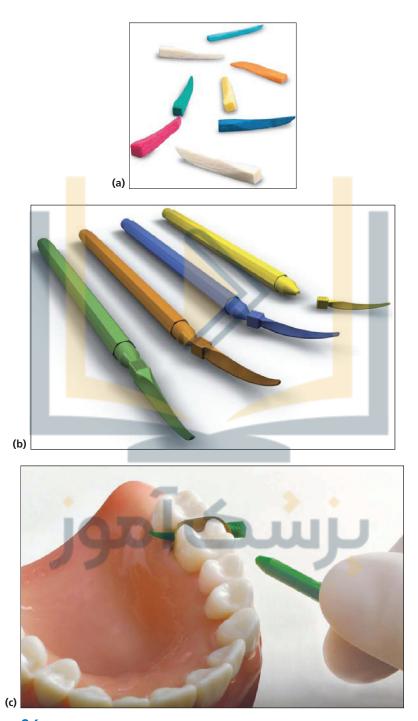


Figure 9.6

# FIGURE 9.6a, b, c

#### Name

(a) Wooden wedges (b) Plastic wedges

# Functions and features

- Used in conjunction with a matrix band, sectional matrix or celluloid strip
- Help to support and adapt the matrix to the tooth
- Assist in maintaining adequate contact points between two adjacent teeth
- Essential for the elimination of overhangs
- Single use
- Disposed of in the sharps' container

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes, shapes and materials

# FIGURE 9.7

#### Name

Light-reflecting wedges

# Functions and features

- Used in conjunction with a matrix band and composite restorations
- Reflect the light from the curing light onto the composite material
- Help support and adapt the matrix to the tooth
- Assist in maintaining adequate contact points between two adjacent teeth
- Essential for the elimination of overhangs
- Single use
- Disposed of in the sharps' container

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes and shapes available



Figure 9.7

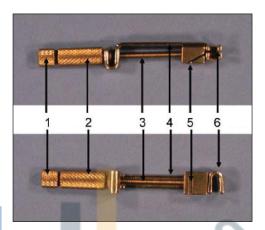


Figure 9.8



Figure 9.9

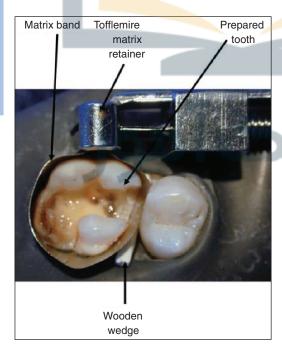


Figure 9.10

# TOFFLEMIRE MATRIX RETAINER AND STAINLESS STEEL MATRIX BAND SET-UP

# FIGURE 9.8

# Parts of a Tofflemire matrix retainer

- (1) Outer nut Used to tighten or loosen the spindle to hold the matrix band
- (2) Inner nut Used to change the size of the matrix band by adjusting the position to fit a specific tooth
- (3) Spindle A straight screw used to secure the matrix band
- (4) Frame Hold the parts of the matrix retainer together
- (5) Guide slot Diagonal slot where the matrix band is placed and is secured by the spindle
- (6) Outer guide slots Extensions that aid in the positioning of the matrix band in left, right or anterior/universal positions

# FIGURE 9.9

Tofflemire matrix retainer with matrix band in the universal position

# FIGURE 9.10

Tooth with Tofflemire retainer and matrix band in place

# FIGURE 9.11a, b

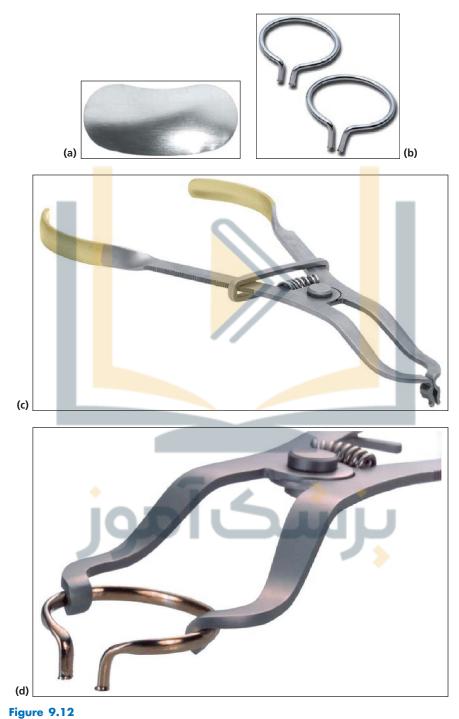
#### Name

(a) Celluloid strip in place (b) Light curing an anterior restoration through a celluloid strip





Figure 9.11



# SECTIONAL MATRIX AND BITINE RING SET-UP

# FIGURE 9.12a, b, c, d

Sectional matrix and BiTine ring set-up

# Consists of

- Sectional matrix (Figure 9.3a)
- BiTine ring (Figure 9.3b)
- Special ring placement instrument

# FIGURE 9.13

Tooth with sectional matrix, plastic wedges and BiTine rings in place



Figure 9.13



Figure 9.14



Figure 9.15

# HAWE SUPERMAT MATRIX SET-UP

# FIGURE 9.14

Hawe Supermat Matrix set-up

# Consists of

- Pre-formed matrix bands of various shapes in both stainless steel and clear matrix
- Special tool to tighten and release matrix band (Figure 9.14)





# Set-up

Set-up for using matrix retainers and matrix bands (in conjunction with a restoration set-up)

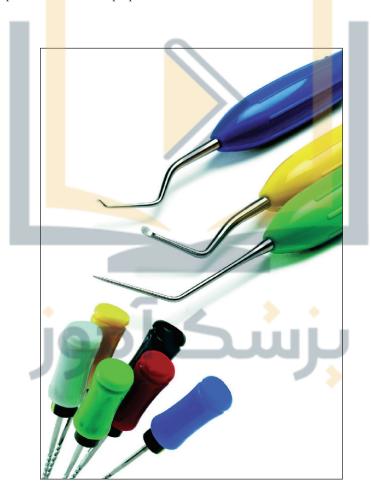
- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (p. 39, 40)
- Matrix band select the appropriate type
- Matrix retainer if necessary
- Burnisher to burnish the band if it has been bent (p. 98, 99)
- Wooden, plastic or light-reflecting wedges select proper size and shape
- Beebee crown scissors/shears (p. 112, 113)



# SECTION 10

# INSTRUMENTS USED IN ENDODONTIC TREATMENT

When the pulp suffers irreversible pulpitis, the only way to retain the natural tooth is by complete removal of the pulp.





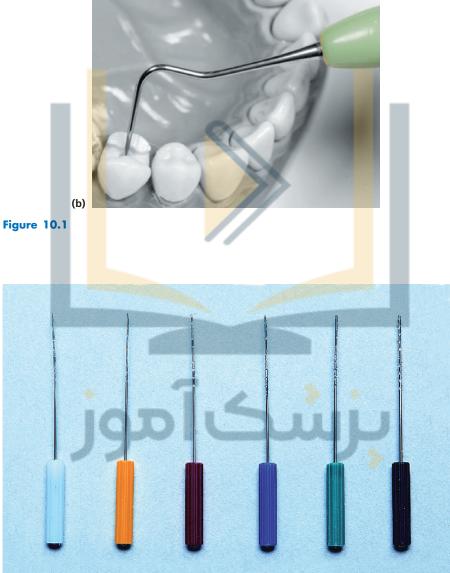


Figure 10.2

# **ENDODONTIC INSTRUMENTS**

# FIGURE 10.1a, b

#### Name

DG16 probe/root canal explorer

# **Function**

Used to probe and detect canal openings within the pulp chamber

# False friends

Root canal spreader, sickle/contra-angled probe

# FIGURE 10.2

#### Name

Barbed broaches

# Functions and precautions

- Single use finger instruments
- Disposed of in the sharps' container
- Used to remove the intact pulp
- 'Barbs' on the broach snag the pulp to facilitate removal
- They need to be used cautiously as they can bind and break in the canal

# **Varieties**

Available in different sizes and widths

# False friends

Endodontic K files, Hedström files (used as an alternative), finger spreaders



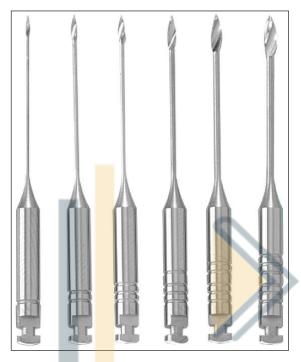


Figure 10.3



Figure 10.4

# FIGURE 10.3

# Name

Gates Glidden drills

# Function, features and precautions

- To enlarge the coronal third of the canal during endodontic treatment
- Small flame-shaped cutting instrument used in the conventional handpiece
- Different sizes coded by rings or coloured bands on shank
- Are slightly flexible and will follow the canal shape but can perforate the canal if used too deeply
- Dispose of in sharps' container and are single use
- Should be used only in the straight sections of the canal

# False friend

Peeso reamer drill

# FIGURE 10.4

#### Name

Peeso reamer drills

# Function, features and precautions

- To remove gutta percha during post-preparation
- Small flame-shaped cutting instrument used in the conventional handpiece
- Different sizes coded by rings or coloured bands on shank
- Peeso reamers are not flexible or adaptable, if not used with care can perforate canal
- Dispose of in sharps' container

# False friend

Gates Glidden drill

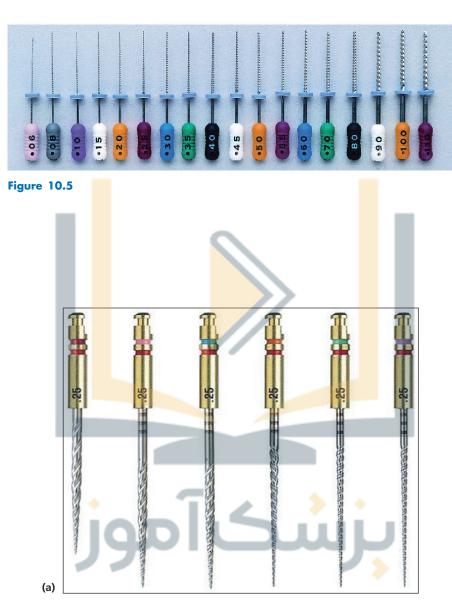




Figure 10.6

# FIGURE 10.5

#### Name

Endodontic K files. Also called: root canal hand files

# Function, features and precaution

- Finger instrument
- Colour coded by size. The six colours used most often are: size 15 (white), 20 (yellow), 25 (red), 30 (blue), 35 (green) and 40 (black). Also available in size 6 (pink), 8 (grey) and 10 (purple)
- Operator gradually increases the size of the file to smooth, shape and enlarge canal
- The larger the number of the file, the larger the diameter of the working end
- Disposed of in the sharps' container and are single use

#### **Varieties**

- Different lengths: 21 mm, 25 mm and 30 mm
- Hedström files, Flexofiles®

# False friends

Barbed broaches, finger spreaders

# FIGURE 10.6a, b

#### Name

NiTi (Nickel titanium) rotary instruments

# Function, features and directions for use

- Used to clean and shape the canals
- Used with endodontic handpiece and motor (see Section 7)
- NiTi is flexible and instruments follow the canal outline very well
- Several varieties of systems with different sequences of instruments are used
- Important to follow the manufacturer's recommended speeds and instructions for use

#### **Varieties**

Different lengths: 21 mm and 25 mm

#### False friends

Gates Glidden drills, Peeso reamer drills

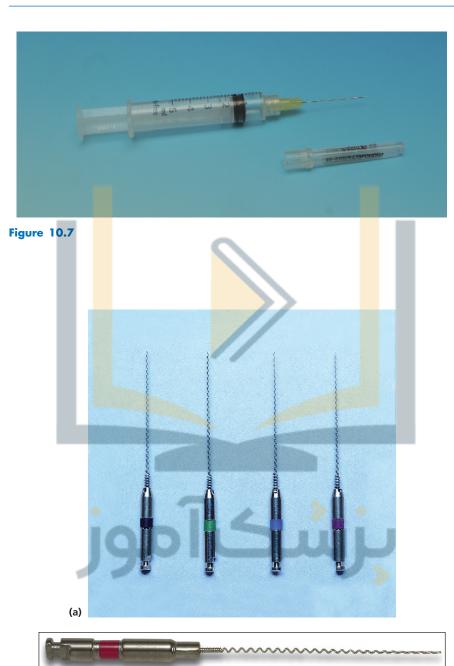


Figure 10.8

# FIGURE 10.7

#### Name

Disposable irrigating syringe and disposable needle

# Function, features and precaution

- Used with an irrigant to clean and disinfect the canal during endodontic treatment
- A blunt needle with side exiting delivery will reduce the risk of the needle binding within the canal
- Size of syringe and needle vary depending on operator preference
- Needle to be disposed of in the sharps' container and are single use

#### Varieties

Locking type: assists in prevention of splashing and needle displacement

# FIGURE 10.8a, b

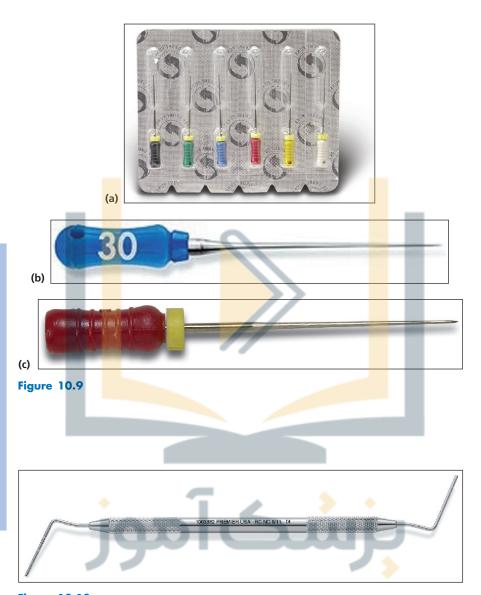
#### Name

Lentulo spiral filler/rotary paste filler

# Function and features

- Small flexible instrument used to place materials into the canal
- Fits into the conventional handpiece
- Use with caution as it can be easily broken
- Different sizes available
- Disposed of in the sharps' container and are single use





**Figure 10.10** 

# FIGURE 10.9a, b

#### Name

Finger spreader

# Function, features and precaution

- Used to condense gutta percha into the canal during obturation
- Finger instrument with a smooth, pointed, tapered working end
- Disposed of in the sharps' container

# **Varieties**

Can be of the hand instrument type (lateral condenser)

# False friends

Endodontic K files, Hedström files, barbed broaches

# **FIGURE 10.10**

#### Name

Endodontic plugger

# **Function**

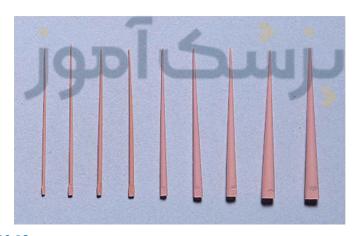
Working end is flat to facilitate plugging or condensing the gutta percha after the excess has been removed by melting off with a heated instrument

# **Varieties**

- Different sizes of working ends are available
- Available as hand or finger instruments







**Figure 10.12** 

**Figure 10.11** 

# **ENDODONTIC ACCESSORIES**

# FIGURE 10.11a, b, c

#### Name

Absorbent paper points

#### **Functions**

- To absorb any moisture in the canal (i.e. blood, pus and saliva)
- To carry medicaments into the canal

#### **Varieties**

Can be packaged in unidose (sterile) or bulk packaging (once package is open they are not sterile)

#### **FIGURE 10.12**

#### Name

Gutta percha points

#### Function and features

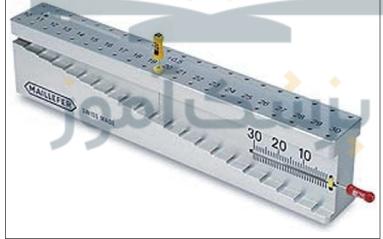
- Non-soluble, non-irritant points that are condensed into the pulp chamber during obturation
- Standardised type: follows same ISO classification as endodontic files
- Non-standardised: have a greater taper than the standard ISO type

#### **Varieties**

- Can be packaged in single dose or bulk packages
- Different sizes with different tapers available







**Figure 10.13** 

(b)

# FIGURES 10.13a, b; 10.14a, b

#### Name

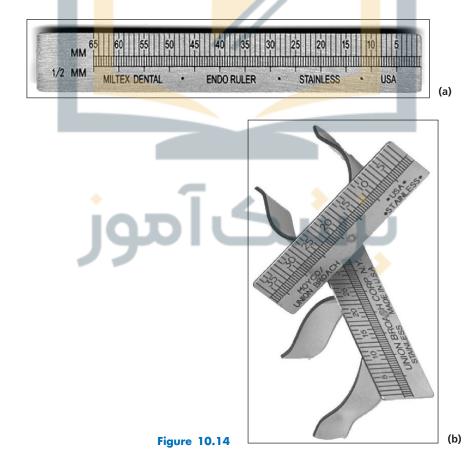
(Figure 10.13a) Endodontic ring (Figure 10.13b) Endodontic block (Figure 10.14 a, b) Endodontic rulers

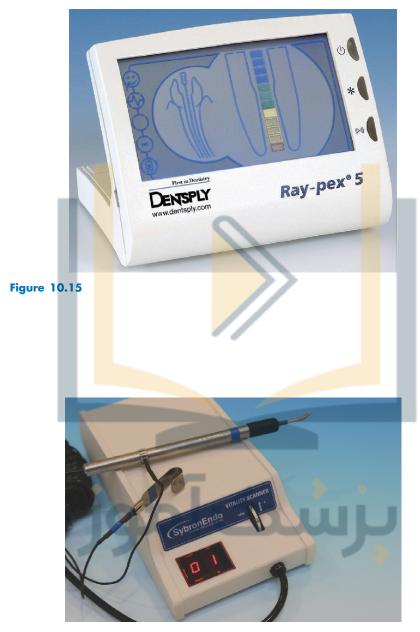
#### **Functions**

- An endodontic block is a sturdy block used to organise and hold endodontic finger and rotary instruments during procedures; allows easy and accurate measurement of the length of finger instruments (measuring device incorporated)
- Reduces the possibility of percutaneous injuries when handling endodontic finger and rotary instruments
- Special endodontic rulers are available for measuring the length of finger instruments

#### **Varieties**

Different varieties available





**Figure 10.16** 

## **FIGURE 10.15**

#### Name

Apex locator

#### **Functions**

- An electronic instrument used to determine the distance to the apical foramen
- The screen allows the operator to visualise the file movement during instrumentation

#### Varieties

- Different manufacturers provide different varieties
- Available with a pulp tester incorporated in the machine

## **FIGURE 10.16**

#### Name

Electric pulp tester

#### Function and directions for use

- Used to test the vitality of a tooth using electric stimulus
- Electric stimulus is increased in small increments until the patient can feel the stimulus
- Toothpaste or prophy paste is used to conduct the current from the pulp tester to the tooth

#### **Varieties**

- Available with an apex locator incorporated in the machine
- Different manufacturers supply different varieties of pulp testers
- Can use a cold substance to test the vitality of the pulp, i.e. ethyl chloride or Endo Cold Spray

## Set-ups

The following instruments are common to all the below listed set-ups:

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (locking type optional) (p. 39, 40)
- High and low volume/disposable saliva ejector suction tips (p. 42, 43)
- Instruments for local anaesthetic set-up (see Section 5, p. 49)
- Instruments for rubber dam set-up (see Section 6, p. 61)
- Sterile cotton pellets (p. 44, 45)
- Air turbine handpiece (p. 70, 71)
- Conventional handpiece (p. 74, 75)
- Various burs (see Section 7, p. 69)
- Radiographs and appropriate film and holders (suitable for use with the rubber dam and clamp in position) (see Section 2, p. 15)

Root canal treatment (first appointment is the same as a pulpectomy): removal of the pulp, cleaning and disinfection of the canal and obturation (may take multiple visits).

- DG16 probe/endodontic probe
- Barbed broaches
- Gates Glidden drills
- Endodontic K files
- Ruler
- Spiral fillers
- Finger spreaders
- Irrigation syringe, needle and irrigation fluid
- Paper points
- Gutta percha and heat source
- Mortonson-Clevedent plugger (p. 96, 97)
- Sealing material and desired filling material (temporary or permanent)

Pulpotomy: removal of the infected or exposed portion of the pulp.

- Calcium hydroxide
- Temporary filling material

Apicectomy: may be needed when root canal treatment has failed. Involves removal of the infected apex and the surrounding infection and replacement with desired filling material.

- Sterile bib and barriers
- Surgical suction tip
- Scalpel handle and disposable scalpel blade (pp. 174 and 175)
- Periosteal elevator, surgical curette
- Spoon excavator (p. 88, 89)
- Straight handpiece and burs (see Section 7, p. 72, 73)
- Ultrasonic unit with appropriate tip (p. 264, 265)
- Irrigation syringe, needle, irrigant (saline) and galley pot
- Desired filling material, mixing slab, messing gun, small pluggers and a burnisher
- Set-up for suturing (see Section 13, p. 169)

# SECTION 11

# **ELEVATORS**

Elevators are used to loosen and 'elevate' the teeth in their sockets prior to extraction. Care needs to be taken when using elevators to avoid causing trauma to the adjacent teeth.



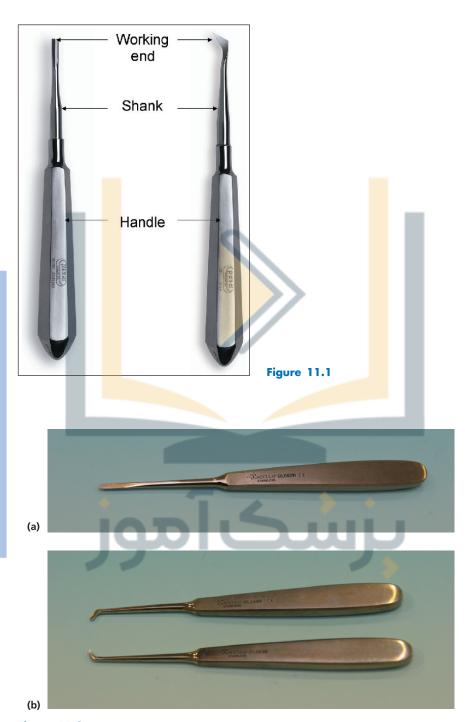


Figure 11.2

Elevators 149

# PARTS OF AN ELEVATOR

#### FIGURE 11.1

## Working end

The working end is the functional, elevating and retracting end of the elevator

- Single-ended
- The working end is adapted to the function of the instrument

#### Shank

- The area between the working end and the handle
- The shank may be straight or angled for easy access to some areas in the mouth
- The shank may also have a finger rest to enable the operator to get a better grip and apply more force

#### Handle

- The part of the instrument that the operator holds
- Designed for stability and leverage
- The handle can be of many different varieties (i.e. serrated, smooth, hollow, solid, octagonal, round, large and small)
- The function dictates the type of handle

## TYPES OF ELEVATOR

## FIGURE 11.2a, b

#### Name

(a) Warwick James elevator - straight (b) Warwick James elevators - left and right

#### Family

Elevators

## Function and features

- Used to elevate and loosen the tooth from the periodontal ligament
- Elevation is done to create space and prevent trauma to adjacent teeth and tissues
- Available as left and right elevators, designed to adapt to the mesial and distal aspects
  of the tooth, respectively.
- Always used as a pair

#### False friends

Couplands chisel, Mershon band pusher



Figure 11.4

Elevators 151

## FIGURE 11.3

#### Name

Couplands chisel

## **Family**

Elevators

## Function and types

- Used to elevate and loosen the tooth from the periodontal ligament
- Elevation is done to create space and prevent trauma to adjacent teeth and tissues
- Available in sizes 1, 2 and 3 working end gets larger with increase in size number

#### False friends

Warwick James straight elevator, Warwick James left and right elevators, Mershon band pusher

## FIGURE 11.4

#### Name

Luxator/Luxating elevator

## Family

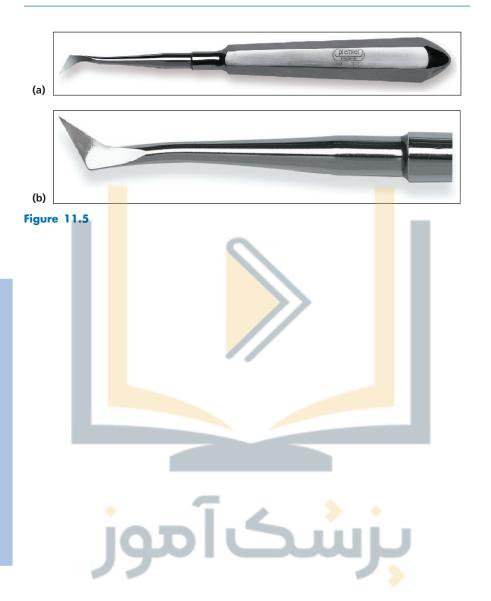
Elevators

## Function and types

- Used to elevate and loosen the tooth from the periodontal ligament
- Elevation is done to create space and prevent trauma to adjacent teeth and tissues

## False friends

Warwick James straight elevator, Warwick James left and right elevators, Mershon band pusher



# FIGURE 11.5a, b

#### Name

Cryers elevators – left and right (Enlarged working end Figure 11.4b)

## **Family**

Elevators

#### **Functions**

- Used to remove interseptal bone
- Used to loosen root tips

# Set-up

- Elevators are always used in conjunction with other dental instruments
- Please see set-ups in Sections 12 and 13 (p. 155, 169)



# SECTION 12

# **EXTRACTION FORCEPS**

Extraction forceps are used along with elevators to extract teeth. Each extraction forcep is designed for a particular area of the mouth. The beaks are designed to fit around the cervical portion of the tooth. Pointed beaks are designed to grip the furcation area.



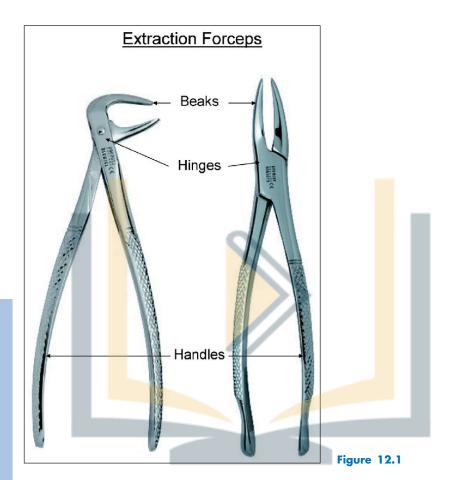




Figure 12.2

# PARTS OF EXTRACTION FORCEPS

#### FIGURE 12.1

#### Beak

 The beaks of extraction forceps are designed to fit around the curve of the tooth's crown

- Universal forceps have a beak that can be used in any quadrant of the mouth
- Forceps designed for multi-rooted teeth have beaks with a point that is adapted to grip the tooth furcation
- Forceps designed for single-rooted teeth usually have smooth beaks

#### Hinge

- Extraction forceps have hinges (can be screw or pin type) allowing the beak and handle to be opened and grasped
- Care must be taken with hinges to prevent damage during sterilisation (see manufacturer's instructions for appropriate care)

#### Handle

- A serrated handle allows the operator to have a better grip
- A palm grasp is used with the handle of extraction forceps
- A curve on the end of the handle may be present for the little finger, to provide more stability and leverage
- Handles of maxillary forceps are often curved upwards, with the beak in line with the handle
- Mandibular forceps tend to have a straight handle with the beak at a 90° angle to the handle

# TYPES OF EXTRACTION FORCEPS

## FIGURE 12.2a, b

#### Name

Bayonet extraction forceps

#### Family

Extraction forceps

#### **Function**

Elongated beak is designed for extraction of maxillary third molars and roots



Figure 12.3

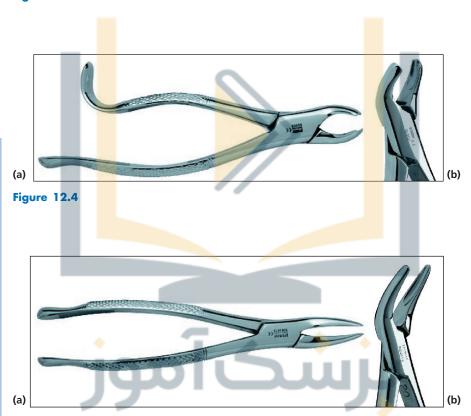


Figure 12.5

## FIGURE 12.3a, b

#### Name

Maxillary right permanent molar extraction forceps

## Family

Extraction forceps

#### **Function**

Used for extraction of maxillary right permanent molar teeth

## Identifying features

To determine whether left or right forceps:

- Hold forceps in hand loosely (beak facing patient)
- The point of the beak should grip the furcation on the buccal side ('beak to cheek')

#### False friend

Maxillary left permanent molar extraction forceps

## FIGURE 12.4a, b

#### Name

Maxillary left permanent molar extraction forceps

#### Family

Extraction forceps

#### **Function**

Used for extraction of maxillary left permanent molar teeth

#### Identifying features

To determine whether left or right forceps:

- Hold forceps in hand loosely (beak facing patient)
- The point of the beak should grip the furcation on the buccal side ('beak to cheek')

#### False friend

Maxillary right permanent molar extraction forceps

## FIGURE 12.5a, b

#### Name

Maxillary root extraction forceps

#### Family

Extraction forceps

#### **Function**

The extended beak is designed for extraction of maxillary roots

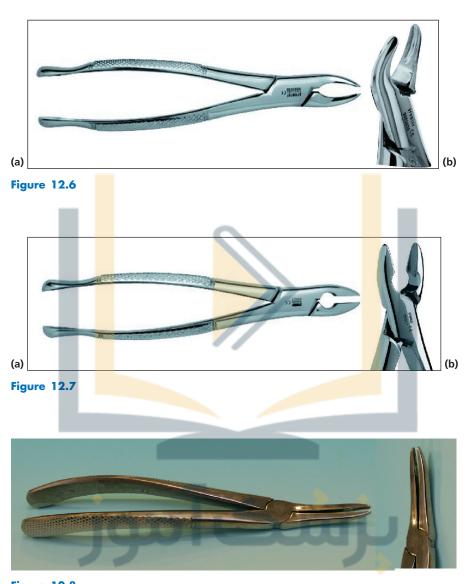


Figure 12.8

# FIGURE 12.6a, b

#### Name

Maxillary premolar extraction forceps

## **Family**

Extraction forceps

#### **Function**

Used for extraction of maxillary permanent canines, premolars and anterior deciduous teeth

## False friend

Maxillary permanent straight extraction forceps

# FIGURE 12.7a, b

#### Name

Maxillary straight extraction forceps/maxillary permanent incisor extraction forceps. Also called: maxillary permanent anterior extraction forceps

## Family

Extraction forceps

## **Function**

Used for extraction of maxillary anterior permanent teeth. Smaller version available for extraction of maxillary deciduous canines

## **FIGURE 12.8**

#### Name

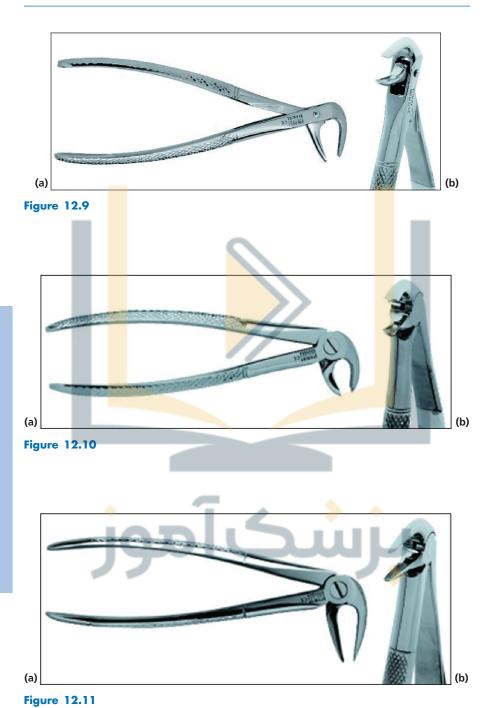
Greyhound extraction forceps. Also called: maxillary root extraction forceps

## **Family**

Extraction forceps

## **Function**

Used for extraction of maxillary roots



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## FIGURE 12.9a, b

#### Name

Mandibular permanent premolar extraction forceps

## **Family**

Extraction forceps

#### **Function**

- Used for extraction of mandibular permanent anterior and premolar teeth
- Can be used on mandibular right or left side

#### False friends

Mandibular root forceps

# FIGURE 12.10a, b

#### Name

Mandibular permanent molar extraction forceps

## Family

Extraction forceps

#### Function and feature

- Used for extraction of mandibular permanent teeth
- Point of the beak fits in the furcation of the molars
- Can be used on mandibular right or left side

#### False friend

Mandibular deciduous molar extraction forceps

# FIGURE 12.11a, b

#### Name

Mandibular root extraction forceps

## **Family**

Extraction forceps

#### **Function**

- Used for extraction of permanent mandibular roots
- Can be used on mandibular right or left side



**Figure 12.12** 



# FIGURE 12.12a, b

#### Name

Cowhorn extraction forceps

## **Family**

Extraction forceps

## Function and features

- Used for extraction of mandibular permanent molars
- Point of the beak is designed to grip the furcation of the molars
- Can be used on the mandibular right or left side

# FIGURE 12.13a, b

#### Name

Mandibular deciduous anterior extraction forceps

## Family

Extraction forceps

#### **Functions**

- Used for extraction of mandibular deciduous anterior teeth
- Can be used on mandibular right or left side

# FIGURE 12.14a, b

#### Name

Mandibular deciduous posterior extraction forceps

#### Family

Extraction forceps

#### **Functions**

• Used for extraction of deciduous mandibular posterior teeth



**Figure 12.15** 



# FIGURE 12.15a, b

#### Name

Maxillary deciduous molar extraction forceps

## **Family**

Extraction forceps

#### **Functions**

- Used for extraction of deciduous maxillary molar teeth
- Can be used on maxillary right or left side

# FIGURE 12.16a, b

#### Name

Mandibular deciduous molar extraction forceps

# Family

Extraction forceps

## **Functions**

- Used for extraction of deciduous mandibular molar teeth
- Can be used to extract small permanent third molars
- Can be used on mandibular right or left side



## Set-ups

The following instruments are common to all the below listed set-ups:

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (p. 39, 40)
- Instruments for local anaesthetic set-up (see Section 5, p. 49)

#### **Routine** extractions

- High and low volume/disposable saliva ejector suction tips (p. 42, 43)
- Periosteal elevator (p. 174, 175)
- Couplands chisel (p. 150, 151)
- Operator's choice of forceps and elevators

#### Surgical extractions

- Sterile bib and barriers
- Surgical suction (p. 180, 181)
- McKesson mouth prop (p. 170, 171)
- Scalpel handle and disposable scalpel blade (pp. 174 and 175)
- Periosteal elevator (p. 174, 175)
- Bowdler Henry rake, Kilner or Austin retractor (p. 172, 173)
- Irrigation syringe, disposable needle and irrigant (p. 136, 137)
- Galley pot (p. 188, 189)
- Straight handpiece (p. 72, 73)
- Various burs (see Section 7, p. 69)
- Couplands chisel (p. 150, 151)
- Warwick James left and right elevators (p. 148, 149)
- Warwick James straight elevator (p. 148, 149)
- Surgical curette (p. 176, 177)
- Bone file (p. 180, 181)
- Operator's choice of extraction forceps
- Suturing set-up (see Section 13, p. 169)
- Sterile gauze, bib and barriers
- Post-operative instruction sheet

# SECTION 13

# **SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Many procedures may involve an invasive surgical approach, requiring special dental instruments. Due to the specialised nature of this area, some of these instruments may not be used in the general dental surgery, and some of these procedures may be carried out in conjunction with various sedation techniques. It is important that during these procedures the dental team tries to maintain the most sterile field possible.





Figure 13.1



Figure 13.3

# **GENERAL SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS**

## FIGURE 13.1

#### Name

Towel clip

#### **Function**

Used to secure bibs and towels in place

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes and shapes available

## FIGURE 13.2

#### Name

McKesson mouth prop

#### Function and feature

- Used to prop open mouth
- Attached to a parachute chain for retrieval in case of displacement (made of rubber to protect teeth)

#### **Varieties**

- Various colours and shapes available
- Available in small, medium and large sizes, or sizes 1, 2 and 3

## FIGURE 13.3

#### Name

Mouth spreader/gag

#### **Functions**

- Used to prop open mouth
- A locking mechanism on handle props open the mouth
- Can be used during sedation procedures

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes and shapes available



# FIGURE 13.4

#### Name

Kilner cheek retractor

## **Functions**

- Retraction of cheek
- Aids in visibility
- Protection of tissues

# FIGURE 13.5

#### Name

Austin retractor

## **Functions**

- Aids in visibility
- Protection of tissues
- Retraction of cheek and tongue

# FIGURE 13.6

#### Name

Bowdler Henry rake retractor

#### **Functions**

- Retraction of periodontal flap during surgical procedures
- Aids in visibility
- Protection of tissues



Figure 13.6



Figure 13.7

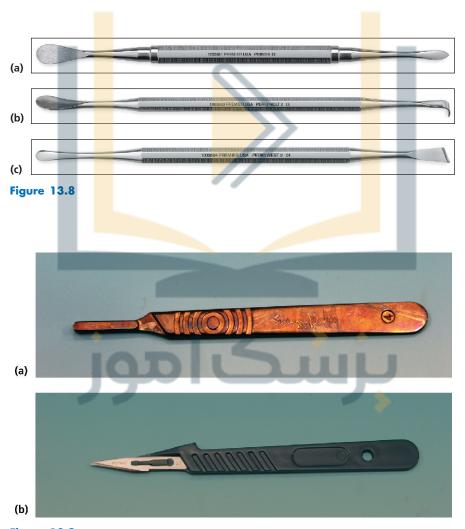


Figure 13.9

## FIGURE 13.7

#### Name

Minnesota retractor

#### **Functions**

- Aids in visibility
- Protection of tissues
- Retraction of the cheek and tongue

#### **Varieties**

Different varieties of retractors available

# FIGURE 13.8a, b, c

#### Name

Howarths periosteal elevator

## Family

Elevators

## Functions and features

- Retraction
- To separate the tissue from the bone
- One working end is a pointed tip and the other is rounded with sharp edges

#### **Varieties**

Different lengths and shapes of working ends available

## False friend

Bone file

## FIGURE 13.9a, b

#### Name

(a) Stainless steel scalpel handle (b) Disposable scalpel handle and scalpel blade

## Functions and features

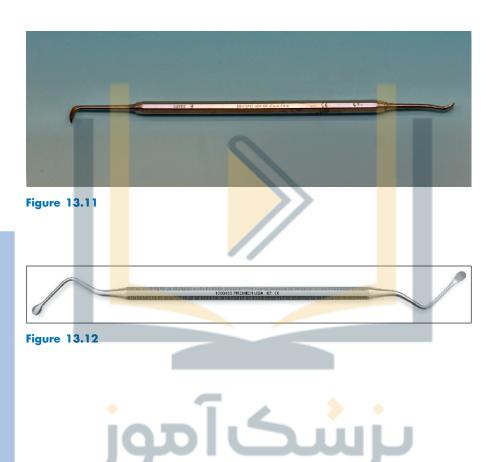
- Scalpel handle holds disposable scalpel blade securely
- Surgical blade used to make incisions intra-orally
- Stainless steel scalpel handle autoclavable

#### **Varieties**

- Can have a plastic scalpel handle disposable
- Various sizes and shapes of scalpel blades available



**Figure 13.10** 



## Name

Disposable scalpel blade

## Function and features

- Scalpel blades are used to make incisions
- Made of surgical carbon steel
- Different shapes for different procedures (e.g. 11 blade and 15 blade)
- Single use
- Disposed of in the sharps' container
- Supplied in a sterile package

### **Varieties**

Available in different shapes, sizes and lengths depending on procedure

## **FIGURE 13.11**

# Name

Mitchells trimmer

## **Functions**

- To aid in raising the mucoperiosteal flap for access
- To aid in removing pathology

## False friend

Wards carver

# **FIGURE 13.12**

## Name

Spoon curette/surgical curette

## Function

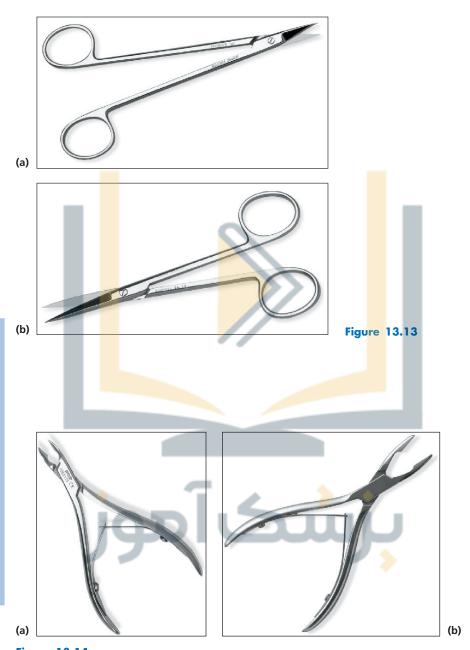
Used in the socket of an extracted tooth to remove debris and infectious material

#### **Variations**

Shank can be straight, curved or shaped like a spoon, with different sizes of working ends

## False friend

Spoon excavator



**Figure 13.14** 

# FIGURE 13.13a, b

## Name

(a) Curved surgical scissors (b) Straight surgical scissors

## **Function**

Sharp pointed scissors are used for cutting soft tissues in surgical procedures

## **Variations**

- Different lengths and sizes available
- Working ends can be curved or straight

## False friends

Suture scissors, blunt scissors

# FIGURE 13.14a, b

### Name

(a) Bone rongeurs (b) Bone nibblers

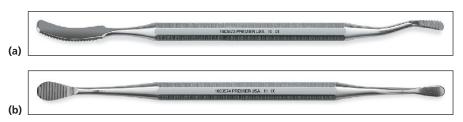
## Function and features

- Used to trim sharp edges of bone remaining after extractions
- Usually used during multiple extractions
- Have a spring mechanism between the handles
- Have a sharpened working end
- Can be end-cutting or side-cutting
- Can be used in any quadrant in the mouth

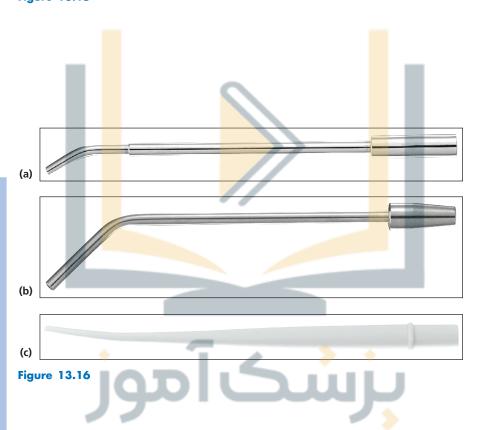
#### False friend

Extraction forceps





**Figure 13.15** 



# FIGURE 13.15a, b

## Name

Bone file

## Function and direction for use

- Used to remove and smooth sharp pieces of alveolar bone remaining after extraction
- Used with a push-pull action

## False friend

Periosteal elevator

# FIGURE 13.16a, b, c

#### Name

(a, b) Metal autoclavable surgical suction tips (c) Plastic disposable surgical suction tip

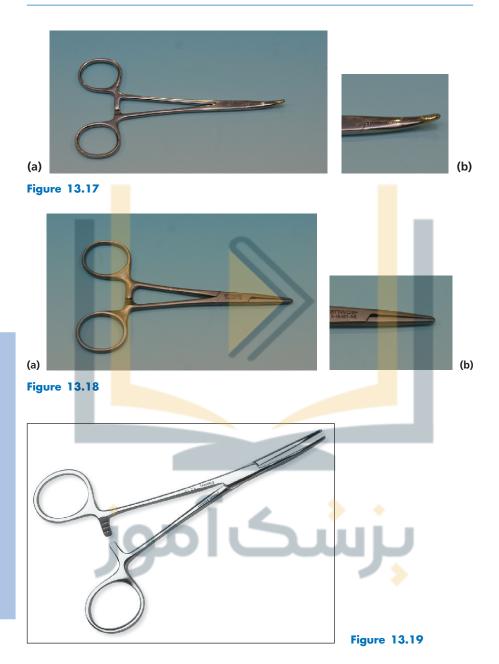
## **Function**

For suction in surgical procedures

## **Varieties**

- Different sizes and shapes available
- Can be made of metal, plastic or sterile disposable plastic





# FIGURES 13.17a, b; 13.18a, b; 13.19

## Name

(Figure 13.17a, b) Mosquito artery forceps – straight (Figure 13.18a, b) Mosquito artery forceps – curved (Figure 13.19) Haemostat

### Functions and features

- Used for grasping objects and holding them securely
- Can be used to apply pressure to a severed artery
- Handle has a locking mechanism

#### **Varieties**

- Many different sizes available
- Working end angle can vary

#### False friends

Beebee crown scissors, needle holders

# FIGURE 13.20a, b

## Name

(a) Mayo needle holder (b) Castroviejo needle holder

## Function and feature

- Used along with tissue dissecting forceps during suturing
- Locking mechanism on the handle holds suture securely while suturing
- Scissor-like surgical instrument with serrated edges for better grip

#### **Varieties**

Many different shapes and sizes available

#### False friends

Mosquito artery forceps, suture scissors, surgical scissors, haemostats





(b)

**Figure 13.20** 



**Figure 13.21** 



#### Name

Toothed dissecting forceps/tissue dissecting forceps

## Functions and feature

- Used to retract tissues, 'teeth' on working end aid in grasping tissue
- Facilitate suturing

## False friend

College tweezers

# FIGURE 13.22a, b

## Name

Various sutures

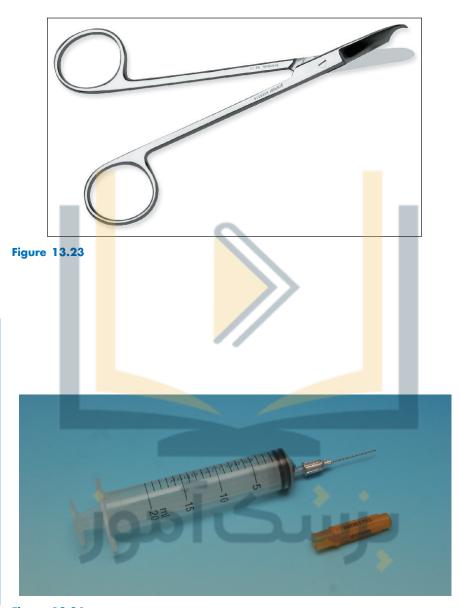
## Function and features

- Aid in healing by closing tissue after surgery
- Pre-threaded disposable suture needles
- Supplied sterile in a package
- Suture needles are curved with a sharp edge

## **Varieties**

- Many different sizes available
- Can be made of different materials (e.g. silk and absorbable materials)





**Figure 13.24** 

## Name

Suture scissors

## Function and features

- Scissors designed for suture removal
- Blades one has a curved edge and one has a notched edge
- During suture removal, suture is scooped up by blade with the notched end before cutting to prevent tissue trauma

## False friends

Surgical scissors, needle holders

## **FIGURE 13.24**

#### Name

(a) Disposable irrigating syringe and disposable needle (b) Assembled disposable irrigation syringe and disposable needle

# Function and precaution

- Used in conjunction with saline solution to provide water spray when using handpiece during a surgical procedure
- Used to irrigate and rinse treatment area
- Should be used with a blunt needle to prevent injury

#### **Varieties**

- Locking type prevents splashing and needle displacement
- Size of syringe and needle vary depending on operator preference





**Figure 13.27** 

## Name

Nail brush

# Function and precaution

- Used to clean under fingernails during a surgical scrub
- Surgical scrub technique should be followed according to the local infection control policy

## **Varieties**

Different sizes and shapes available

# **FIGURE 13.26**

#### Name

Kidney dish

## **Functions**

- Used to hold instruments when preparing for a surgical procedure
- Used to hold liquids or materials
- Used if patient gets ill

## **Varieties**

- Many different sizes and shapes
- Available in disposable or metal types

# **FIGURE 13.27**

## Name

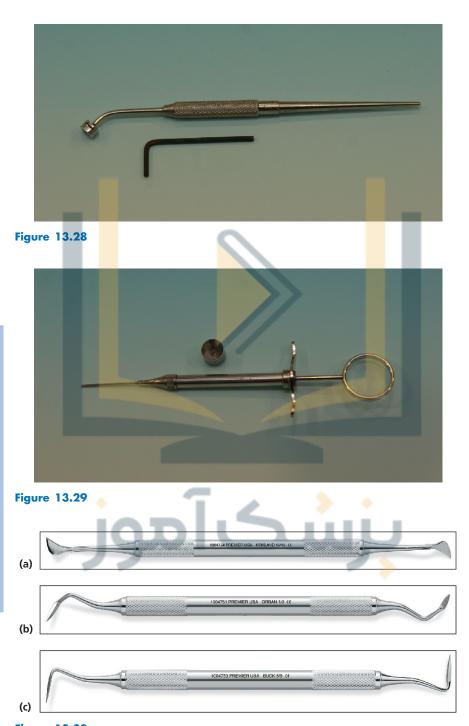
Galley pot

## **Function**

Used to hold saline for irrigation

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes available



**Figure 13.30** 

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## **FIGURE 13.28**

#### Name

Blake's gingivectomy knife handle

## Function and features

- A handle designed specifically to grasp a disposable scalpel blade for cutting gingival tissue
- Allen key provided to secure blade to handle

#### Varieties

Can be used with different sizes and shapes of blades

# **FIGURE 13.29**

## Name

Messing gun

# Function and description

- Modified and specialised amalgam carrier
- Used in retrograde filling procedure (of a root apex)
- Used during apiceoctomy

#### False friend

Amalgam carrier

# FIGURE 13.30a, b, c

### Name

(a) Gingivectomy knives (b) Kirkland (c) Orban Goldman-Fox Buck

## **Function**

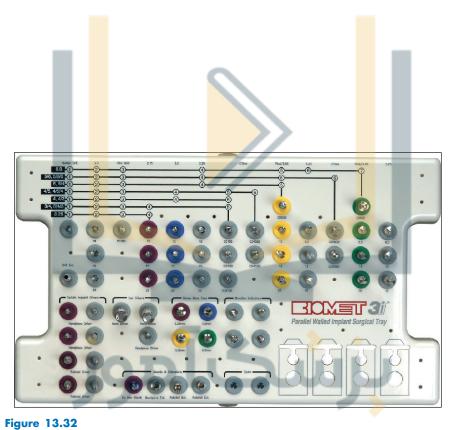
Used to contour and incise gingival tissue during periodontal surgery

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes available



**Figure 13.31** 



#### Name

Ochsenbein chisel

## Function, features and direction for use

- Used to remove and smooth areas of the bone during surgical procedures
- Working end is a flat bevelled cutting blade
- Used with a small broad push stroke

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes available

# **IMPLANTS**

A dental implant is a surgically placed device which is placed in the maxilla or mandible, which in conjunction with a prosthesis replaces a missing tooth or teeth. The implant replaces the root of the tooth and supports a crown, bridge or denture with the purpose of replacing the missing tooth/teeth.

## **FIGURE 13.32**

#### Name

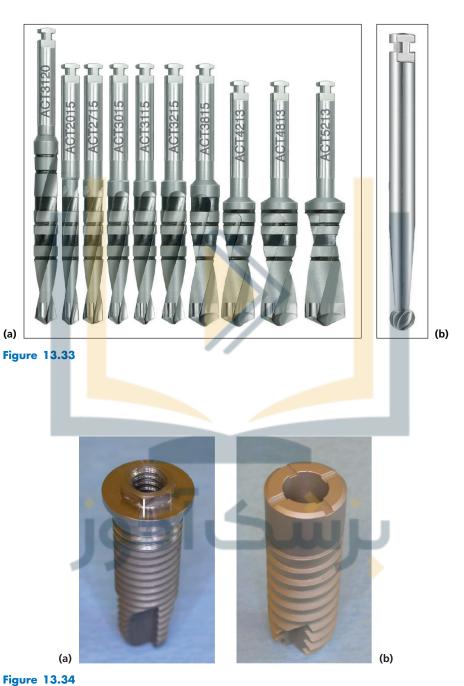
Implant kit

## Function and features

- Used in conjunction with the placement of dental implants
- Specialised drills used in conjunction with implant procedures
- Drills may be colour coded for easy identification
- Requires a special conventional handpiece
- Sterile technique must be practiced during dental implant placements
- Implant systems vary between dental suppliers

## **Varieties**

Many different types of drills and kits available



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# FIGURE 13.33a, b

#### Name

Implant drills

## Function and features

- Various drills are used for preparation of the implant placement site
- Small round drill increasing in size and moving to twist drills
- Prepared implant placement site is slightly smaller than the size of the dental implant to be placed
- Use of burs and drills during dental implant placement is done using copious amounts of water

#### **Varieties**

Many different types of drills available

# FIGURE 13.34 (a) External connection – Biomet 3i and (b) Internal connection – Ankylos

#### Name

Implant/screw/fixture/post

#### Function and features

- A 'screw' which is surgically inserted into the maxillary or mandibular arch which acts as a replacement for the natural root of a tooth or teeth
- Surfaces are designed for osseointegration
- Available in various diameters and lengths which correspond to the size and length of the tooth to be replaced
- The 'top' or cervical portion of the dental implant is referred to the platform, where the cover screw, healing abutment and final abutment seat
- The platform of the implant is available as an external (protruding) connection or an internal (screw access hole) connection which may be shaped in hexagonal, triangle or tapered cone shapes
- Each implant has a screw access hole that is accessed from the platform and receives the cover screw, healing abutment and final abutment

#### **Varieties**

Vary depending on operator preference, use and manufacturer



(b)

(c)

**Figure 13.36** 

(a)

# FIGURE 13.35 (a) Ankylos, (b) Biomet 3i and (c) Nobel Biocare

### Name

Cover screw

## Function and features

- A screw which threads into the screw access hole, covering the platform and connection (screwed into the screw access hole) of the dental implant immediately after placement
- Its function is to protect the dental implant and sealing it from debris, bone and gingiva during the healing and integration period
- The cover screw projects approximately 1 mm above the platform of implant, and during the integration period is covered by the soft tissues
- The cover screw is normally in place for approximately 3–4 months
- The cover screw is surgically removed during the next stage of implant placement and replaced with a healing abutment

### **Varieties**

Vary depending on manufacturer

# FIGURE 13.36 (a) Biomet 3i, (b) Nobel Biocare and (c) Ankylos

#### Name

Healing abutment/healing cap/sulcus former

## Function and features

- Its function is to protect the dental implant, sealing it from debris, bone and gingiva during the healing process
- The healing abutment screws into the screw access hole and fits the platform of the implant
- It projects above the gingiva, leaving it exposed in the mouth
- Available in different heights

#### Varieties

Vary depending on manufacturer



**Figure 13.37** 



## FIGURE 13.37a

#### Name

Pick up (impression) coping

## Function and features

- Used with the open tray technique for impression
- Once impression material sets, the retaining screw is loosened allowing the coping to be removed with the impression
- An analogue is fitted to the coping prior to the cast being poured
- Most commonly used

# FIGURE 13.37b

#### Name

Transfer (impression) coping

## Function and features

- Used with a closed impression tray
- The impressi<mark>on is removed from the mouth and the coping remains</mark> screwed to the implant
- After removal of the impression the coping is removed and placed into the impression
- An analogue is fitted to the coping prior to the cast being poured
- Used in circumstances where patients have limited opening

# FIGURE 13.37c Nobel Biocare

#### Name

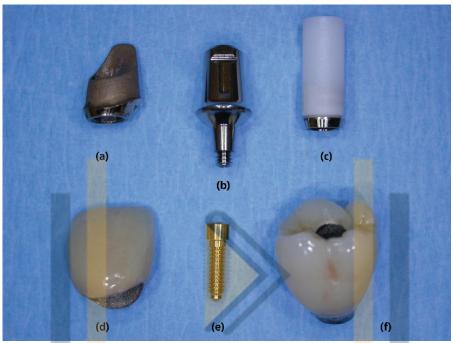
Implant analogue

#### Function and features

- A copy or replica of the dental implant
- Used when the impression of the dental implant is being 'poured up' to replicate the position of the implant in the oral cavity to allow the laboratory technician to construct the prosthesis to fit the implant

## **Varieties**

Vary depending on manufacturer





**Figure 13.39** 

(b)

# FIGURE 13.38 (a) custom abutment – Biomet 3i, (b) stock abutment – Ankylos and (c) UCLA abutment

#### Name

Abutment

#### Function and features

- Is used to connect the implant to the prosthetic component
- Prosthetic components may be attached to the abutment either by screw or cementation
- May be temporary, custom made or pre-fabricated
- Abutment type is dependent on the implant chosen

## **Varieties**

Vary depending on manufacturer

FIGURE 13.38 (d) cement retained crown, (e) retaining screw and (f) screw retained crown

## Name

Crown

## Function and features

The crown is the portion which is visible in the patient's mouth which resembles a
natural tooth

# FIGURE 13.39 (a) Biomet 3i and (b) Anklylos

### Name

Torque wrench

## Function and features

• Used to tighten the retaining screw



**Figure 13.41** 

# FIGURE 13.40 (a) Ankylos, (b) Nobel Biocare and (c) Biomet 3i

## Name

Implant driver

## Function and features

- Resembles a small screw driver
- Used to fasten and remove cover screws, healing abutment and final abutments retaining screw

# **EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of emergency equipment that
 may be needed. These are included in this section due to the nature of surgical procedures.

## **FIGURE 13.41**

## Name

Oro-pharyngeal airway/guedel airway

# Function and precautions

- Used in an emergency situation to maintain the patient's airway
- Should be kept in emergency kit
- Must be on premises when conscious sedation is being performed

#### **Varieties**

Various sizes available



## Name

Pocket mask

# Function and features

- Used in an emergency situation to provide artificial respiration
- Is fitted with a one-way valve that does not allow fluids to flow between the rescuer and the victim







The following instruments are common to all the below listed set-ups:

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- Sterile surgical suction (p. 180, 181)
- Instruments for local anaesthetic set-up (see Section 5, p. 49)

## Surgical procedure set-up

- Towel clips
- McKesson mouth props (small, medium or large)
- Sterile gauze, barrier and wrapping
- Sterile surgical gloves
- Kilner cheek retractor, Bowdler Henry rake retractor and Austin retractor
- Scalpel handle and disposable scalpel blade
- Periosteal elevator
- Couplands chisel (standard size 3)
- Warwick James elevators: left, right and straight
- Mitchell trimmer and spoon curette
- Mosquito artery forceps: straight and curved
- Surgical scissors
- Galley pot and kidney dish
- Disposable irrigation syringe and disposable needle
- Straight handpiece and surgical burs
- Bone rongeurs, cutters and nibblers
- Bone file
- Selected sterile sutures
- Toothed dissecting forceps/tissue dissecting forceps
- Mavo needle holder
- Suture scissors
- Post-operative instructions' sheet

### Separates

• Extraction forceps (see Section 12, p. 155)

# Set-up for suturing

- Pre-threaded sterile suture pack (size and type indicated by operator and procedure)
- Choice of needle holder
- Suture scissors
- Sterile gauze squares
- Toothed dissecting forceps/tissue dissecting forceps

# SECTION 14

# **MEASURING DEVICES**

There are many times when instruments are needed for measurement. Some examples of what we may need to measure are: length of root canals, width of lesions and the thickness of crowns.



Figure 14.2

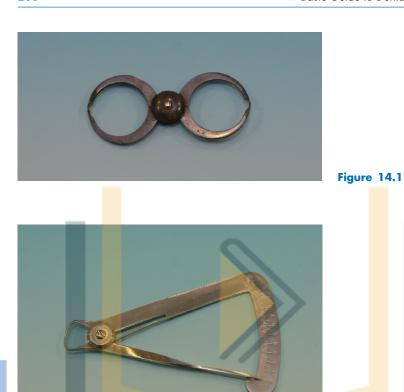




Figure 14.3

# FIGURE 14.1

#### Name

Figure-of-eight calipers

## Function and features

- Used for measuring thickness of porcelain and metal
- Calibrated in millimetres and 1/10 millimetre

# **FIGURE 14.2**

## Name

Iwanson gauge

## Function and features

- Used for measuring thickness of porcelain and metal
- Calibrated in millimetres and 1/10 millimetre

# FIGURE 14.3

## Name

Boley gauge

## Function and features

- Used in the clinic and in the laboratory
- Calibrated in millimetres and 1/10 millimetre





Figure 14.4



Figure 14.5

# FIGURE 14.4

## Name

Vernier gauge

# **Function**

Used for measuring in many disciplines of dentistry

# FIGURE 14.5

# Name

Dividers

# **Function**

Used for measuring in many disciplines of dentistry



# SECTION 15

# **IMPRESSION TRAYS**

Impression trays are used in conjunction with various types of materials to take imprints of the patient's dentition. The type of tray chosen depends on the type of impression needed and the procedure that is indicated.



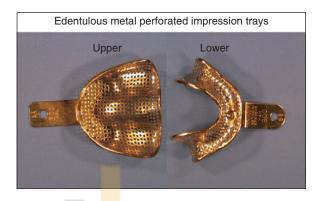


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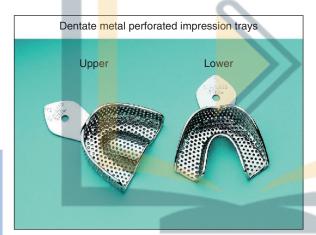


Figure 15.2



Figure 15.3

Impression Trays 215

# **FUNCTIONS AND FEATURES OF IMPRESSION TRAYS**

- Used to hold impression material
- Can be perforated for better retention
- Have a handle for better grasp during placement and removal
- Dentate impression trays for patients with teeth
- Edentulous impression trays for patients with no teeth

# TYPES OF IMPRESSION TRAYS

# FIGURES 15.1; 15.2

### Name

Metal perforated type trays

### **Features**

- Autoclavable
- Available in different sizes (denoted by numbers)
- Not easily adapted
- Available as solid metal trays

# FIGURES 15.3; 15.4

### Name

Plastic type/stock tray

### **Features**

- Disposable, single use
- A tray adhesive may be used for added retention of impression material
- Available in different sizes (denoted by colours)
- Can be adapted using a heat source



Figure 15.4

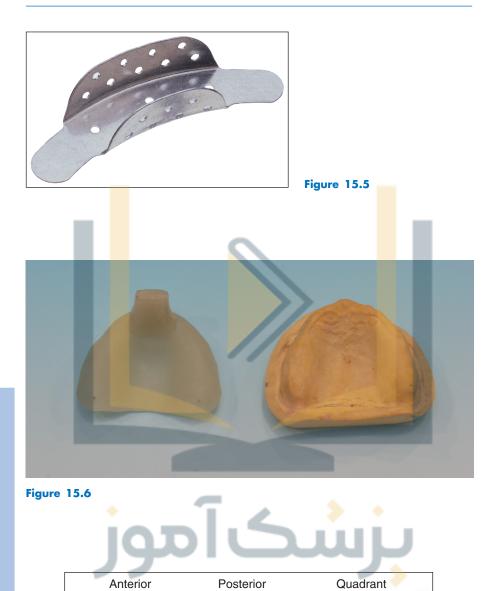


Figure 15.7

Impression Trays 217

# **FIGURE 15.5**

### Name

Universal sectional impression tray

### Function and features

- Modified tray used to take an impression of a specific area of the mouth
- May be perforated for retention
- Fabricated from flexible metal adaptable
- Only suitable for dentate patients
- Autoclavable

# FIGURE 15.6

### Name

Custom tray/special tray

### **Features**

- Fabricated from a plaster model of the patient's dentate or edentulous arches
- Fabricated from an acrylic material
- Disposable, single use
- Must be 'painted' with tray adhesive for retention of impression material

# FIGURE 15.7

### Name

Triple tray<sup>TM</sup>

# Function and features

- Used to take an impression of both arches simultaneously
- Fabricated from a combination of plastic and flexible webbing material
- Many different sizes available (anterior, posterior, quadrant)
- Disposable, single use
- Must be painted with tray adhesive for retention of impression material



# Set-up

Set-up for taking an impression. Set-up will vary depending on the type of impression being taken

- Desired impression material
- Desired type of impression tray, tray adhesive and applicator brush
- If required, mixing spatula, mixing bowl and water measure
- Kidney dish in case of gag reflex when taking impressions (p. 188, 189)
- Tissues and rinse cup for patients
- Wax may be required if the tray needs to be extended
- Laboratory prescription form and laboratory bag
- Red ribbon wax (p. 274, 275)
- Equipment/materials for disinfection of impression prior to sending to the laboratory



# SECTION 16

# ORTHODONTIC INSTRUMENTS

Orthodontics is the study of the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of irregularities of the teeth and jaws. Orthodontic instruments are used in conjunction with fixed and removable appliances.



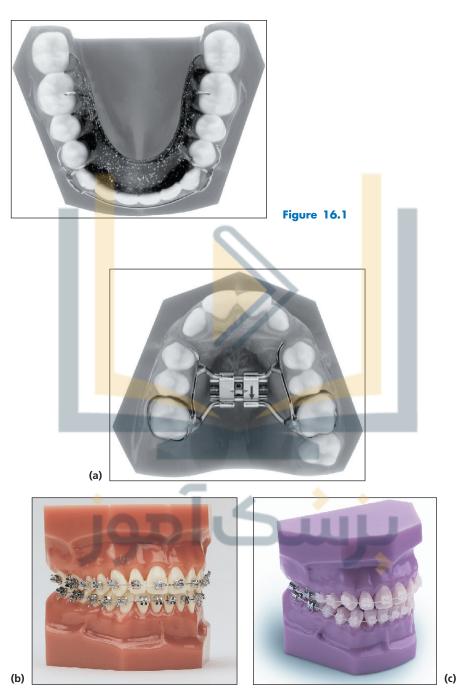


Figure 16.2

# **ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES**

### FIGURE 16.1

### Name

Removable orthodontic appliance (Hawley retainer)

### **Features**

- Is removable and depends on patient compliance for success
- Constructed from acrylic and a combination of stainless steel retentive clasps and springs
- The acrylic of a removable appliance can be adjusted by grinding with a straight handpiece and acrylic bur, and the clasps and spring can be adjusted with a variety of orthodontic pliers

### **Varieties**

There are many types of removable appliances depending on the needs of the patient (e.g. expansion appliances and Hawley retainers)

# FIGURE 16.2a, b, c

### Name

Fixed orthodontic appliances: (a) Rapid palatal expander (b) Metal fixed appliance (c) Ceramic fixed appliance

# **Features**

- Are cemented to the teeth and cannot be removed by the patient
- Consist of a combination of orthodontic bands, orthodontic brackets or orthodontic wires
- Require special orthodontic pliers for adjustments

### **Varieties**

There are many types of fixed appliances depending on the needs of the patient (e.g. braces and palatal expanders)



Figure 16.3



### Name

Headgear and face bow

### Function and features

- Has an inner bow (fits into the buccal tubes of the fixed appliance) soldered to an outer bow (can be attached to a strap)
- The headgear is worn outside the mouth, and the face bow is attached to the buccal tubes intra-orally
- The orthodontic headgear is used to prevent establishment of deep overbites by restricting the growth of the maxillary arch. Can also be used to prevent mesial drifting of maxillary molars when teeth have been extracted anterior to the molars
- The strap has a safety mechanism which prevents the bow from springing back at the patient if it is pulled forwards

### **Varieties**

Different sizes available colour coded

# **ORTHODONTIC MATERIALS**

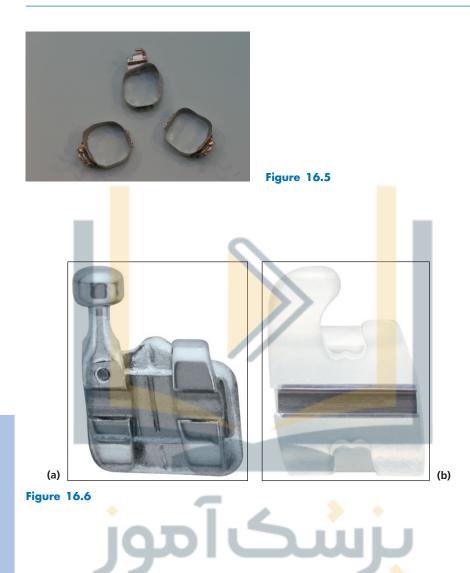
### FIGURE 16.4

### Name

Elastic separators

# Function and placement

- Used to create inter-proximal space to allow orthodontic bands to be placed
- Separators can be placed with floss or separator placing pliers (see Figure 6.11)



### Name

Orthodontic band

# Function, features and placement

- Used to secure auxiliary devices to aid in tooth positioning
- Stainless steel bands are cemented on posterior teeth
- Pre-formed variety of sizes available
- Occlusal edge is slightly rounded, whereas gingival edge is straight
- Placement is preceded by placement of separators to create interproximal space

### Varieties

Available in different shapes and sizes

# FIGURE 16.6a, b

### Name

(a) Metal orthodontic bracket (b) Ceramic orthodontic bracket

### Function and features

- Used to secure an orthodontic archwire in place
- Most often bonded to the buccal surface of the tooth
- Orthodontic brackets may have coloured indicators to help orientate placement
- Orthodontic brackets often have a textured back that aids in bonding to the tooth

- Many different brands and sizes available
- Can be made from different materials (e.g. stainless steel and ceramics)



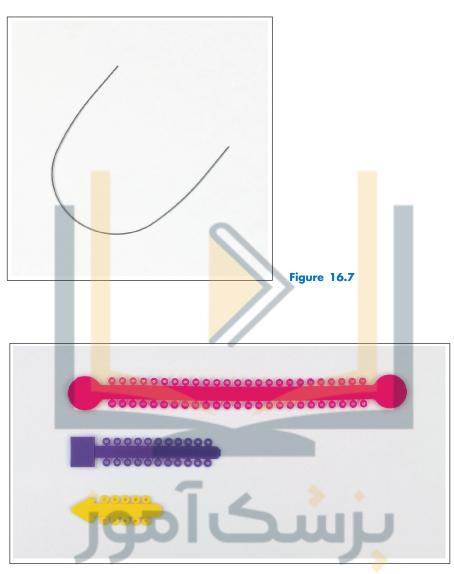


Figure 16.8

### Name

Orthodontic archwire

### Function and mechanism of action

- Archwires are tied into orthodontic brackets that have been previously bonded to teeth, and these act as a track to facilitate movement of teeth
- The archwire is pre-formed. When tied into the bracket its shape may be altered. This results in force being applied to the teeth as the archwire tries to regain its original shape

### Varieties

- Available in different shapes and diameters
- Made from many different materials, e.g. stainless steel and nickel titanium

# FIGURE 16.8

# Name

Elastomeric modules

### Function and directions for use

- Used to ligate or hold the orthodontic archwire in place
- Used with mosquito artery forceps or Mathieu ligature pliers to place around orthodontic brackets
- One use and changed each time the archwire is changed

- Can be made from a variety of materials
- Available in many colours





**Figure 16.10** 

# FIGURE 16.9a, b

### Name

Ligatures

# Function and directions for use

- Used to ligate or hold the orthodontic archwire in place
- Used with mosquito artery forceps or Mathieu ligature pliers to place around orthodontic brackets
- Changed each time the archwire is changed
- The excess ligature wire is cut with various orthodontic pliers and should be disposed of in the sharps' bin
- One use

### **Varieties**

- Can be made from a variety of materials
- Different types: (a) long ligature, (b) 'quick ligs' and Kobayashi tie hooks that facilitate tying elastics around

# **FIGURE 16.10**

# Name

Patient relief wax (bee's wax)

### **Function**

Given to the patient after fixed appliance placement to help relieve discomfort from tissue trauma



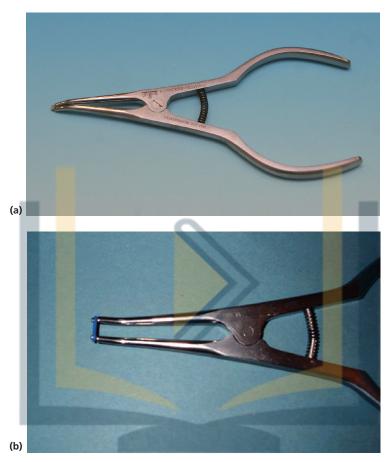


Figure 16.11



# **ORTHODONTIC INSTRUMENTS**

# FIGURE 16.11a, b

### Name

Separator placing pliers

### Function and features

- Used for placing elastic separators interproximally
- Single-ended instrument handle is adapted for a palm grasp

### **Varieties**

Different sizes and shapes are available

# False friends

Rubber dam clamp forceps and Coons ligature pliers

# **FIGURE 16.12**

### Name

Johnson contouring pliers

### Function and features

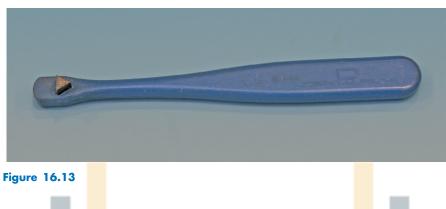
- Used to re-contour and adapt an orthodontic band to a tooth
- Beaks are tapered with a slight bow
- One beak is concave while the other is convex allowing re-contouring of bands

### **Varieties**

Shape of beaks may vary



**Figure 16.12** 



ORTHO CARE STAPILESS

Figure 16.14



**Figure 16.15** 

### Name

Nylon band seater

### Function and features

- Used for the patient to bite to facilitate the seating of an orthodontic band
- Edge of the tip is serrated to facilitate grip
- Autoclavable

### **Varieties**

Many shapes and sizes available

# **FIGURE 16.14**

### Name

Mershon band pusher

# Functions and features

- Aid in the placement and seating of orthodontic bands
- Can be used to adapt the coronal portion of the band to the tooth
- Handle is designed to allow better operator grasp

### False friend

Couplands chisel

# **FIGURE 16.15**

### Name

Posterior band remover

# Function, features and method of use

- Used to remove posterior orthodontic bands
- Two stainless steel beaks, one may have a nylon tip (may be replaceable)
- When removing a band, the nylon tip is placed on the occlusal surface, and the curved beak is placed at the gingival edge of the band

- Different sizes and shapes available
- Tip may be metal instead of nylon



**Figure 16.16** 

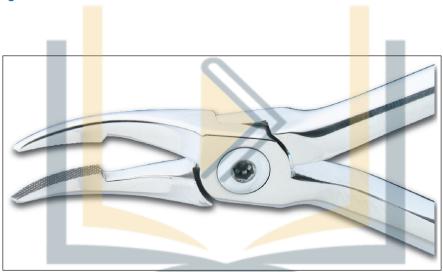


Figure 16.17



**Figure 16.18** 

### Name

Bracket holder

### **Function**

- Securely grasps the orthodontic bracket during placement
- Applying pressure opens working end and releasing closes working end

### **Varieties**

- Different sizes and shapes available
- Control mechanism may vary

# **FIGURE 16.17**

### Name

Weingart pliers

# Functions and feature

- Used to guide and move the archwire in and out of placement
- Used to hold the archwire during bending
- The bend in the beak facilitates easy grasping of the archwire and guiding into buccal tubes

### **Varieties**

Different shapes and sizes of beaks available

### **FIGURE 16.18**

### Name

Ligature tucker/ligature director

# Function and feature

- Used to tuck excess ligature wire out of the way to reduce tissue trauma
- Notch in working end allows operator to apply pressure to archwire to bend it into place

- Can be single-ended or double-ended
- Different sizes and shapes of working ends

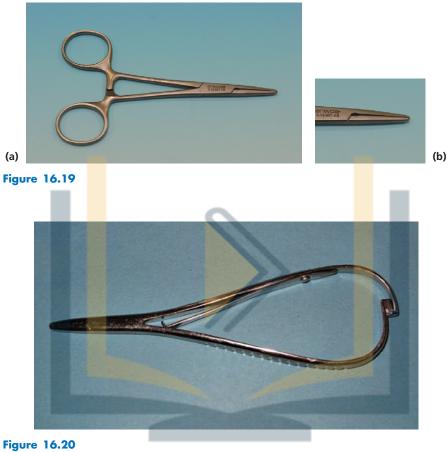




Figure 16.21

# FIGURE 16.19a, b

### Name

Mosquito artery forceps - straight

### Function and feature

- Used to grasp and place orthodontic separators, power chain and modules
- Beak is serrated for better grasp

### **Varieties**

Different sizes and shapes are available

# False friends

Beebee crown scissors/shears, needle holders

# **FIGURE 16.20**

### Name

Mathieu ligature pliers

### Function and features

- Used to grasp and place ligature wires and elastics
- Beaks are serrated for better grasp
- The handle has a locking mechanism and a spring mechanism that help the operator to quickly open and close the pliers

### **Varieties**

Beaks can vary in length and angle

# **FIGURE 16.21**

# Name

Coon's ligature pliers

### **Function**

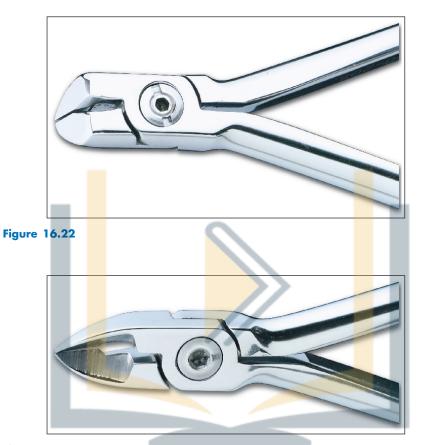
Used to tie long ligatures into a 'figure-of-eight'

### **Varieties**

Various angles and sizes of beaks

### False friends

Rubber dam clamp forceps and separator placing pliers



**Figure 16.23** 



**Figure 16.24** 

### Name

Distal end cutter

### Function and features

- Used to cut the distal portion of an orthodontic archwire
- Can be used extra-orally (prior to placement)
- Can be used intra-orally (after placement)
- There is a 'safety' mechanism to hold the cut archwire so it does not fall into the patients mouth

### **Varieties**

Various angles and sizes of beaks

# **FIGURE 16.23**

# Name

Ligature cutter

### Function and features

- Used to cut ligature wires (not to be used on ligatures more than 0.015 mm in diameter as it damages the cutting edge)
- Can also be used to cut elastics and power chains
- Edges are sharp and can be sharpened when they become dull

### **Varieties**

- · Variety of beaks and cutting angles
- Some may have replaceable beaks

# **FIGURE 16.24**

# Name

Triple beak pliers

### **Functions**

- Used to place a bend in an orthodontic archwire
- Used to contour and shape an orthodontic archwire

### **Varieties**

Beaks may vary in size and shape



Figure 16.25



**Figure 16.26** 



**Figure 16.27** 

### Name

Omega pliers

### Function and feature

- Used to bend and form loops in orthodontic archwires
- Grooves in beaks facilitate bending loops into archwires
- · Used to bend removable appliance wires

### **Varieties**

Beaks may vary in size and shape

# **FIGURE 16.26**

### Name

Nance pliers

# **Function**

Used to hold and bend orthodontic archwires

### **Varieties**

Beaks may vary depending on the type of archwire to be bent

# **FIGURE 16.27**

### Name

Light wire pliers

### **Function**

Used to bend and place loops in an orthodontic archwire

### **Varieties**

Variety of beaks

# False friend

Adams spring forming pliers







**Figure 16.30** 

### Name

Tweed pliers

### Function and feature

- Used to bend and form loops in orthodontic archwires
- Grooves in beaks facilitate bending loops into archwires

# **FIGURE 16.29**

### Name

How(e) pliers

# Functions and features

- Multipurpose orthodontic pliers
- A long beak with serrated tips for grasping
- Can be used to grasp bands and archwires during placement and removal, and to tie metal ligatures

### **Varieties**

Beaks may vary in size and shape

# **FIGURE 16.30**

### Name

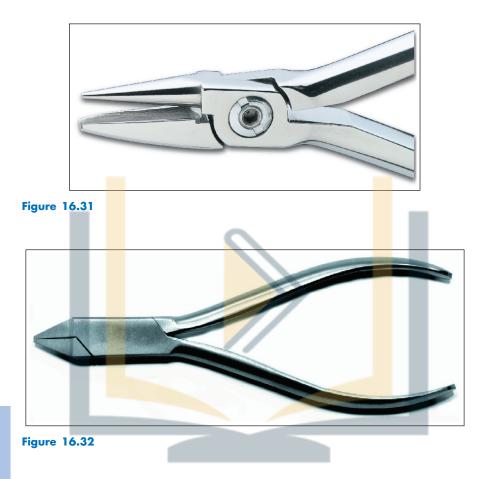
Mitchell trimmer

### **Functions**

- Used after placement of orthodontic bands to remove excess cement
- Can be used after de-bonding brackets in the removal of excess cement with a conventional handpiece and a de-bonding bur

### False friends

Hollenback 3½ carver, Wards carver





**Figure 16.33** 

### Name

Adams spring forming pliers

### Functions and features

- Used to adjust springs on orthodontic removable appliances
- Can be used to smooth and contour archwires
- One beak is rounded, the other is square/flat ended

# **Varieties**

Beaks may vary in size and shape

### False friend

Light wire pliers

# **FIGURE 16.32**

# Name

Adams universal pliers

### **Function**

Used to adjust headgear, face bows and Adams clasps on removable appliances

### **Varieties**

Different sizes are available

### False friend

Adams spring forming pliers

# **FIGURE 16.33**

# Name

Mauns heavy duty wire cutter

### **Function**

To cut heavy archwires or appliance wires – used extra-orally

### **Varieties**

Different sizes and shapes of beaks are available



**Figure 16.34** 

# **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

# FIGURE 16.34a, b, c

### Name

Cheek retractors

### **Functions**

- To retract cheeks and lips for better visibility
- Often used when bonding fixed appliances and taking photographs

# **Varieties**

- Different sizes and shapes available
- Plastic and metal types available

# **FIGURE 16.35**

# Name

Intra-oral mirrors

# **Function**

- Aid in visibility when taking intra-oral photographs
- Often used in conjunction with cheek retractors

### **Varieties**

Different sizes and shapes available



**Figure 16.35** 



Figure 16.36



# Name

Orthodontic bracket card

### Function and features

- Used to organise and hold orthodontic brackets to facilitate quick bracket placement
- Each circle on the card corresponds to a particular tooth in the mouth
- Brackets are placed corresponding to the tooth to be bonded
- Tape on the back of the card helps to keep brackets in place



# Set-ups

The following instruments are common to all the below listed set-ups:

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (p. 39, 40)
- Hand mirror

### Separator placement

- Dental floss
- Elastomeric separators
- Separator placing pliers

#### Band placement

- (Separators placed one week in advance of this appointment)
- Orthodontic bands
- High volume suction (p. 42, 43)
- Low volume suction/saliva ejector (p. 42, 43)
- Prophy handpiece (p. 74, 75)
- Rubber cup (p. 84, 85)
- Pumice
- Orthodontic bands
- Mershon band pusher
- Contouring pliers
- Posterior band remover
- Nylon band seater
- Cotton wool rolls (p. 44, 45)
- Glass ionomer cement
- Weston spatula (p. 92, 93)
- Mitchell trimmer
- Air/water syringe/3-in-1 syringes (p. 46, 47)

#### **Bracket placement**

- Instructions for care of new fixed appliance
- Orthodontic brackets, bands, archwire, elastics, power chain and ligatures
- High volume suction, low volume suction/disposable saliva ejector (p. 42, 43)
- Air/water syringe/3-in-1 syringe (p. 46, 47)
- Prophy handpiece, prophy cup and flour of pumice (pp. 74 and 75)
- Cheek retractors (p. 174–176)
- Acid etch
- Bonding agent
- Dappen dish (p. 94, 95)
- Composite gun (p. 102, 103)
- Composite (p. 102, 103)
- Curing light (p. 108, 109)
- Teflon-tipped flat plastic (p. 105, 106)
- Bracket holders

- Orthodontic archwire
- Ligature tucker
- Ligature cutter
- Distal end cutter
- Mosquito artery forceps
- Elastomeric modules
- Ligatures
- Johnson contouring pliers, Weingart, Tweed and triple beak pliers depending on operator's preference

#### Archwire change

- Weingart pliers
- Distal end cutter
- Ligature tucker
- Ligature cutter

# De-bond, fixed appliance removal

- Posterior band remover
- Conventional handpiece and de-bonding bur
- Mitchell trimmer
- How(e) pliers
- Posterior band remover

# If patient wil<mark>l need a r</mark>emovable appliance

- Impression materials
- Impression trays, adhesive, mixing spatula, mixing bowl and water measure (p. 213)
- Laboratory prescription and bag

# Delivery of removable appliance

- Straight handpiece
- Acrylic burs
- Adams pliers
- Mauns heavy duty wire cutter
- Appliance box
- Instructions on care of new appliance
- Hand mirror

# Appliance adjustment

- Straight handpiece (p. 72, 73)
- Acrylic burs (p. 78, 79)
- Adams universal pliers
- Adams spring forming pliers
- Mauns heavy duty wire cutter
- Miller's forceps (p. 110, 111)
- Articulating paper (p. 110, 111)

# SECTION 17

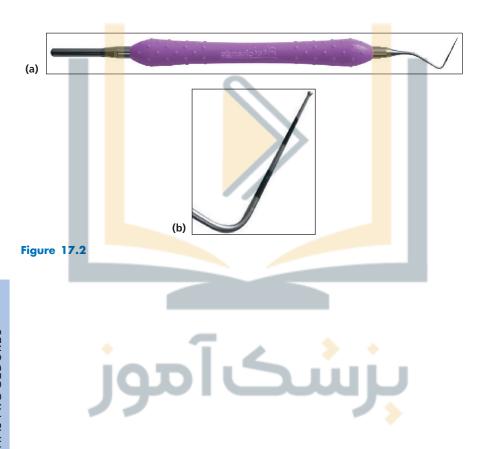
# INSTRUMENTS USED IN PERIODONTAL PROCEDURES

Maintenance of the health of the periodontium (gingiva, periodontal ligament and alveolar bone) is vital for an individual's overall dental health. Disease of the periodontium is referred to as periodontal disease and is a common dental problem. The dental team uses specialised instruments to maintain good periodontal health or to reverse the effects of periodontal disease.





Figure 17.1



# **VARIOUS PERIODONTAL PROBES**

#### **FIGURE 17.1**

#### Name

Williams periodontal probe

#### Function and feature

- Used to probe the depth of a periodontal pocket, allowing the operator to measure the pocket depth by reading the markings
- Working end is marked in millimetres to measure periodontal pockets around teeth (can probe depths as small as 0.4 mm)

#### **Varieties**

- Can be single-ended or double-ended
- Many different types of periodontal probes available

#### False friends

Endodontic probe (DG16 probe), endodontic spreader, BPE/CPITN probe (BPE, basic periodontal examination; CPITN, community periodontal index of treatment needs)

# FIGURE 17.2a, b

#### Name

BPE/CPITN probe

#### Function and features

- Ball on working end helps to prevent tissue trauma and detect sub-gingival calculus
- The coloured bands are for measuring the depth of periodontal pockets
- The measurements recorded will indicate to the operator the level of periodontal treatment needed
- Calibrated in millimetres

#### False friend

Periodontal probe



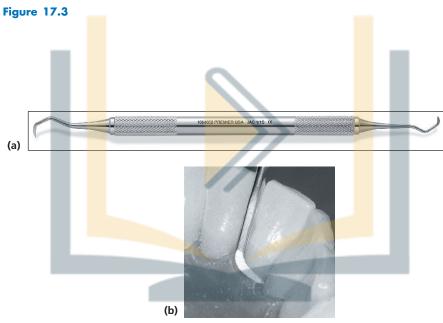


Figure 17.4

#### **FIGURE 17.3**

#### Name

Furcation probe

#### Functions and features

- To examine tooth surfaces and detect imperfections in furcations, pit, fissures, interproximal areas and around restorations
- Measures the depth of furcation involvement
- There is a pointed working end calibrated in millimetres (denoted by black markings)

#### **Varieties**

- Can be single-ended or double-ended
- Variety of working ends

# **SCALERS AND CURETTES**

# FIGURE 17.4a, b

#### Name

Jacquette scaler

#### Function, features and method of use

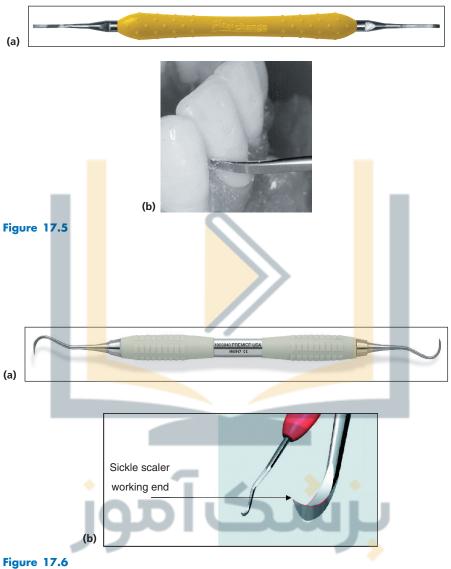
- Used with a pull action
- To remove supra-gingival calculus and plaque
- Two cutting edges that meet at a point
- Needs to be sharpened regularly

#### **Varieties**

- Can be single-ended or double-ended
- Many different types are available

#### False friends

Gracey curettes



# FIGURE 17.5a, b

#### Name

Push scaler

#### Function and method of use

- Used with a push action
- To remove supra-gingival calculus and plaque

#### **Varieties**

Can be single-ended or double-ended

#### False friends

Enamel chisel, enamel hatchet

# FIGURE 17.6a, b

#### Name

Sickle scaler

## Function and features

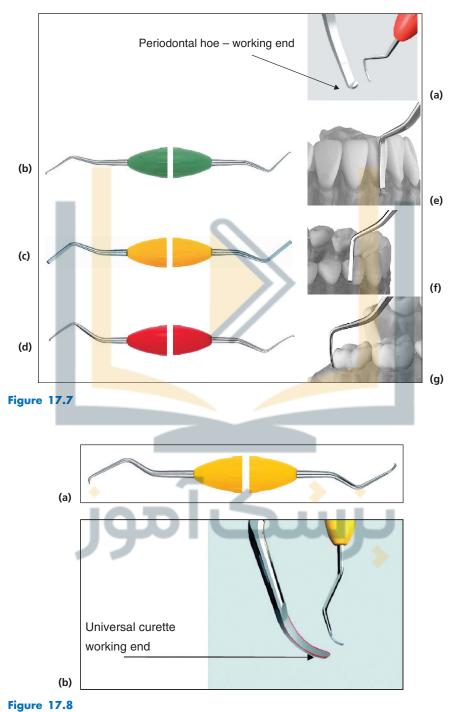
- To remove supra-gingival calculus and plaque
- Two cutting edges that meet at a point
- Needs to be sharpened regularly

#### **Varieties**

- Available as anterior or posterior instruments with a variety of working ends
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

#### False friends

Sickle/contra-angled probe, Gracey curettes



# FIGURE 17.7a, b, c, d, e, f, g

#### Name

Periodontal hoes

#### Function and method of use

- To remove supra-gingival and sub-gingival calculus and plaque
- Used with a push–pull action
- May have tungsten carbide working ends for added strength

#### **Varieties**

- Can be available as different types for working in specific areas (anterior, buccal/lingual surfaces and posterior)
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

#### False friends

Push scaler, enamel chisel

# FIGURE 17.8a, b

#### Name

Universal curette

#### Function and features

- Used to remove stains, supra-gingival and sub-gingival calculus and plaque, and used in root planing
- Designed to adapt to all areas and surfaces of the mouth
- The working ends are usually mirror images of each other (double-ended instrument) and are perpendicular to the lower shank
- There are two cutting edges that meet at a rounded working end

#### **Varieties**

Can be single-ended or double-ended

#### False friend

Scalers

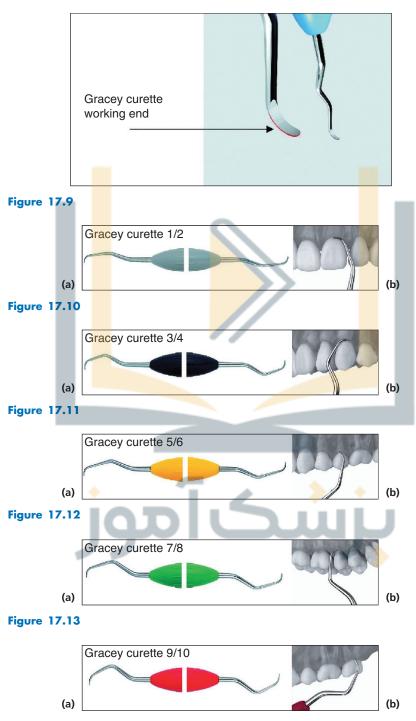


Figure 17.14

FIGURES 17.9; 17.10a, b; 17.11a, b; 17.12a, b; 17.13a, b; 17.14a, b; 17.15a, b; 17.16a, b

#### Name

Gracey curettes

#### Function and features

- Designed to adapt to specific areas in the mouth
- An operator will need a full set of instruments to work in all areas of the mouth
- Have one cutting edge and a rounded working end
- Used to remove stains, sub-gingival calculus and for root planing
- The name of the instrument consists of a name (usually indicating the person, institution, etc., who designed the instrument) followed by two numbers (if the instrument is double-ended) that refer to the working ends
- If the instrument has two numbers on the handle, each number refers to the working end that it is closest to
- The number indicates the specific area the Gracey curette will be used in:
  - Gracey 1/2, 3/4 (Figures 17.10, 17.11) incisors and canines
  - Gracey 5/6 (Figure 17.12) premolars
  - Gracey 7/8, 9/10 (Figures 17.13, 17.14) buccal and lingual surfaces of the posterior teeth
  - Gracey 11/12 (Figure 17.15) mesial surfaces of posterior teeth
  - Gracey 13/14 (Figure 17.16) distal surfaces of posterior teeth
- Need to be sharpened regularly with a sharpening stone, or they can be professionally sharpened

#### **Varieties**

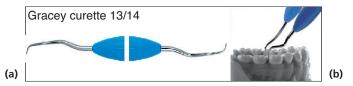
- Many types of curettes are available (mini, macro, standard and rigid Gracey curettes)
- Can be single-ended or double-ended

#### False friends

Scalers



Figure 17.15



**Figure 17.16** 



**Figure 17.17** 

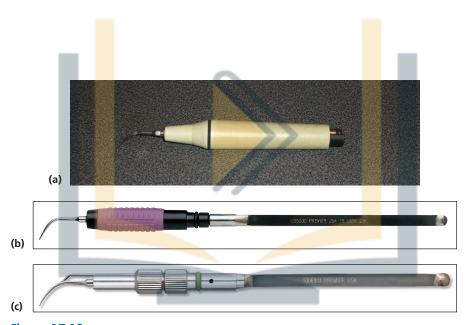


Figure 17.18

# FIGURE 17.17a, b

#### Name

Implant scalers

#### Function and feature

- Used to remove plaque, calculus and stains from implants
- Designed so as not to cause damage to or scratch the implant
- Available with gold-tipped working end or plastic so the implant will not be damaged or scratched

#### **Varieties**

Many different sizes and shapes available

# FIGURE 17.18a, b, c

#### Name

Ultrasonic scaler tips

#### Function and features

- Used in conjunction with an ultrasonic scaling unit to remove stains, plaque and calculus (using ultrasonic waves)
- Water is used with this instrument
- Handle fits on the dental unit
- The ultrasonic tips are interchangeable

#### **Varieties**

- Different tips are available depending on use, e.g. sub-gingival and universal
- Many different makes and systems available (e.g. Cavitron)

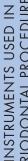




Figure 17.19



# MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

# FIGURE 17.19a, b

#### Name

(a) Sharpening stone (b) Plastic test stick

#### Functions and importance

- A sharpening stone is used to grind, sharpen and smooth the working ends of sharp hand instruments (can be used with a sharpening oil)
- A sharp instrument facilitates easier removal of deposits, reduces time needed to clean, minimises patient discomfort, improves tactile sensitivity of the operator and reduces hand fatigue for the operator
- A plastic test stick is used to check that the working end is sharp

#### **Varieties**

Sharpening stones are available in different grits, sizes and shapes

#### **FIGURE 17.20**

#### Name

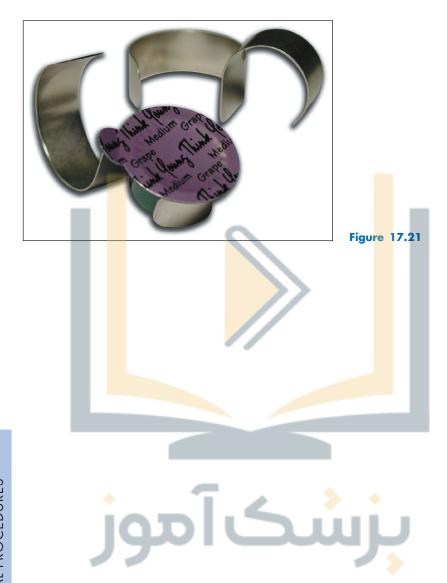
Disposable prophy angle attachments (please see Section 7 for conventional handpiece, rubber polishing cups and bristle brush)

#### Function and features

- Used to polish teeth
- Single use
- Designed for infection control purposes
- Attach to conventional handpiece

#### **Varieties**

Many different sizes and shapes available



# **FIGURE 17.21**

# Name

Prophy ring

# **Function**

Used to hold unidose prophy paste during rubber cup polishing

#### **Varieties**



# Set-ups

The following instruments are common to all the below listed set-ups:

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Periodontal probe (p. 36, 37)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (p. 39, 40)
- Hand mirror
- Furcation probe

# Routine periodontal recall

- Sickle scaler
- Various Gracey curettes
- Arkansas sharpening stone
- Plastic test stick
- Prophy handpiece (p. 74, 75)
- Rubber polishing cup (p. 74, 75)
- Prophy paste and/or flour of pumice

# Root planing

- Local anaesthetic set-up if required (see Section 5, p. 49)
- Sickle scaler
- Various Gracey curettes
- Ultrasonic scaler
- Arkansas sharpening stone
- Plastic test stick
- Prophy handpiece (p. 74, 75)
- Rubber polishing cup (p. 74, 75)
- Prophy paste or flour of pumice
- Air/water syringe/3-in-1 syringe (p. 46, 47)
- High-volume suction, low-volume suction/saliva ejector (p. 42, 43)



# SECTION 18

# INSTRUMENTS USED IN REMOVABLE AND FIXED PROSTHODONTICS

Prosthetic dentistry involves the 'prosthetic' or 'false' replacement of natural teeth. There are two divisions of prosthetic dentistry:

- Fixed prosthodontics: the prostheses cannot be removed by the patient, which includes crowns, bridges, implant restorations, veneers and inlays
- Removable prosthodontics: the prostheses can be removed by the patient, which includes full and partial dentures



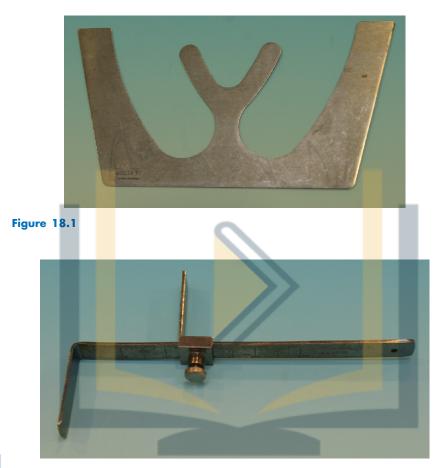


Figure 18.2



Figure 18.3

#### Name

Fox's occlusal plane guide

#### Functions and indications

- Used with edentulous patients
- Used during the jaw relationship stage of denture construction
- Used to check that the incisal line is in a horizontal plane and that the sides are parallel with a line joining the ala of the nose and the tragus of the ear (the ala-tragal line)
- Always used when the patient is sitting upright

# FIGURE 18.2

#### Name

Willis bite gauge

#### **Function**

- Used to measure vertical dimension
- Used during patient assessment and the jaw relationship stage in denture construction

This is how the operator can tell if the edentulous patient's mouth is over-closing or not closing enough during the stage of bite registration

#### FIGURE 18.3

#### Name

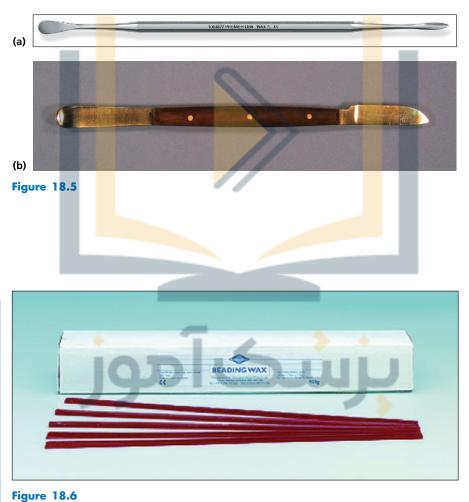
Paint scraper

#### **Function**

Used in conjunction with a heat source to soften and smooth wax rims while recording the patient's occlusion during the jaw relationship stage of denture construction



Figure 18.4



#### Name

Le Cron carver

#### **Function**

Used for fine trimming of wax at various stages of denture construction

#### False friends

Hollenback 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> carver, Wards carver, Mitchell trimmer

# FIGURE 18.5a, b

#### Name

Wax knife

# **Function**

For trimming wax during denture construction

# FIGURE 18.6

#### Name

Red ribbon wax

#### **Function**

- Used during construction of dentures, crowns and bridges
- Can be used to extend the length or height of impression trays





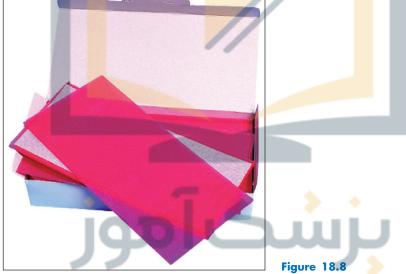




Figure 18.9

#### Name

Bite registration paste

#### **Function**

Used in conjunction with wax rims to record a patient's occlusal relationship

#### **Varieties**

Available in different types and thicknesses

# FIGURE 18.8

#### Name

Modelling wax

#### Function and method of use

- Used to record a jaw relationship
- May be softened under warm water or used in conjunction with a heat source

#### **Varieties**

Available in different types and thicknesses

# FIGURE 18.9

#### Name

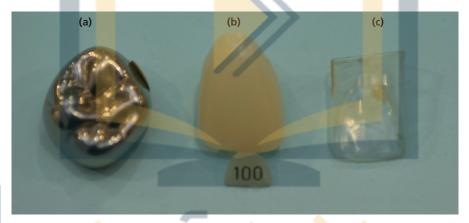
Greenstick composition

#### **Function**

Heated and softened to extend the periphery of an impression tray, commonly used for border moulding



**Figure 18.10** 



**Figure 18.11** 



**Figure 18.12** 

#### Name

Green occlusal indicating wax

#### **Function**

To check the occlusal relationship of upper and lower teeth

#### **Varieties**

Available in different delivery systems

# FIGURE 18.1 1a, b, c

#### Name

Crown forms:

- (a) Stainless steel crown form
- (b) Polycarbonate crown form
- (c) Acetate/clear crown form (celluloid)

#### **Functions**

- Used as temporary/provisional crowns during permanent crown fabrication
- Protect the prepared tooth from trauma and sensitivity
- Help to prevent drifting and maintains occlusion with other teeth
- Aesthetically pleasing
- Cemented with a temporary cement

#### **Varieties**

Available in different sizes and shapes

#### **FIGURE 18.12**

#### Name

Beebee crown scissors/shears

#### **Function**

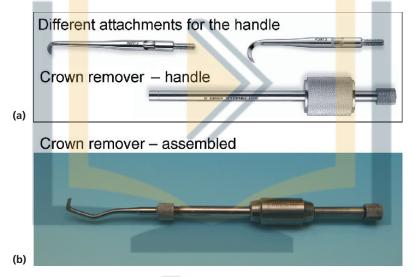
Cutting and trimming various materials, e.g. rubber dam septa and provisional/temporary crowns

#### **Varieties**

Various shapes and sizes are available



**Figure 18.13** 



**Figure 18.14** 



**Figure 18.15** 

#### Name

Johnson contouring pliers

#### Function and features

- Used to re-contour and adapt stainless steel crowns
- Beaks are tapered with a slight bow
- One beak is concave and the other is convex for re-contouring crowns

#### **Varieties**

Shapes of beaks may vary

# FIGURE 18.14a, b

#### Name

Crown remover

#### Function and method of use

- Used to remove cemented crowns
- Beak of instrument is placed at the gingival margin of the crown while the weight on the handle is lightly tapped
- The light tapping may result in enough force to remove the crown

# FIGURE 18.15a, b, c

#### Name

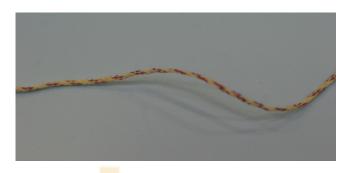
Cord packer/gingival retraction cord instrument

#### **Functions**

- Used to 'pack' gingival retraction cord into the sulcus prior to taking a final impression
- Can be used to retract tissues if access to a restoration is limited

# **Varieties**

Working ends are available in many different sizes and shapes

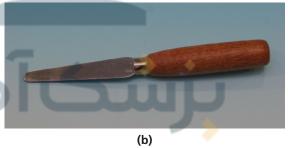


**Figure 18.16** 



Figure 18.17





**Figure 18.18** 



**Figure 18.19** 

#### Name

Gingival retraction cord

#### Function and direction for use

- Packed into the gingival sulcus to retract the gingiva, to get an accurate impression of the prepared crown margins
- Can be soaked in a haemostatic agent to control bleeding as most impression materials
  are moisture sensitive

#### **Varieties**

Available in different thicknesses, in single dose packets or a strand that must be cut to required size

#### **FIGURE 18.17**

#### Name

Pre-fabricated/pre-formed post-kit

#### Function and kit contents

- Used after root canal treatment to help retain the build-up on the tooth
- The kit contains post-drills and pre-fabricated posts

#### **Varieties**

- Many different types available
- Cast posts can be fabricated where indicated

# FIGURE 18.18a, b

#### Name

Wooden-handled impression spatulas

# **Function**

For mixing impression materials

#### **FIGURE 18.19**

#### Name

Fish-tail spatula

#### **Function**

For mixing alginate impression materials



**Figure 18.20** 



#### Name

Plaster spatula

# **Function**

For mixing plaster and stone materials



#### Set-ups

#### **Fixed Prosthodontics**

(Note: Many instruments listed here may be illustrated in other sections due to their multiple functions.)

The following instruments are common to all the below listed set-ups:

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (p. 39, 40)
- High and low volume/disposable saliva ejector suction tips (p. 42, 43)
- Cotton wool rolls (p. 44, 45)
- Local anaesthetic set-up (see Section 5, p. 49)
- Floss
- Miller forceps and articulating paper (p. 110, 111)

#### Inlays, crowns and bridges

First visit:

- Turbine handpiece and burs (see Section 7, p. 69)
- Conventional handpiece and burs (see Section 7, p. 69)
- Mandrels and discs (p. 82, 83)
- Impression materials, impression trays and adhesive material (opposing arch impression; see Section 15, p. 213)
- If a restoration is needed see set-up in Section 8, p. 87
- Temporary filling material or temporary/provisional crown or bridge material
- Laboratory prescription and laboratory bag
- Method for disinfection prior to sending to the laboratory
- Shade guide
- Gingival retraction cord
- Flat plastic instrument
- Waxes

#### Second visit:

- Mosquito artery forceps
- Gauze to protect patient's airway during cementation
- Cement for permanent cementation, e.g. zinc phosphate
- Turbine handpiece and burs (see Section 7, p. 69)
- Conventional handpiece, prophy cup, pumice and burs (see Section 7, p. 69)
- Mixing spatula and paper pad
- Shimstock

#### **Removable Prosthodontics**

The following instruments are common to all the below listed set-ups:

- Mouth mirror and handle (p. 34, 35)
- Sickle/contra-angled probe (p. 36, 37)
- College tweezers (p. 39, 40)

- Ball burnisher (p. 98, 99)
- Bowl of water to keep old denture moist
- Method for disinfection prior to sending to the laboratory

**Denture fabrication:** (if the construction is for replacement of dentures, a soft reline may be needed to restore tissue health)

#### First visit:

- Impression materials, impression trays and adhesive material
- Willis bite gauge
- Laboratory prescription and laboratory bag
- Shade guide

#### Second visit:

- Custom trays/special trays (made by the laboratory) (p. 215, 216)
- Impression materials, impression trays and adhesive material
- Laboratory prescription and laboratory bag

#### Third visit:

- Wax rims (made by laboratory)
- Fox occlusal plane guide
- Paint scraper
- Heat source
- Le Cron carver
- Wax knife
- Bite registration paste
- Laboratory prescription and laboratory bag

#### Fourth visit:

- Denture teeth set in wax try-in (made by laboratory)
- Le Cron carver
- Wax knife
- Fox occlusal plane guide
- Laboratory prescription and laboratory bag
- Hand mirror

#### Fifth visit:

- Final dentures fitting (made by laboratory)
- Straight handpiece and acrylic burs (see Section 7, p. 72, 73)
- Pressure-indicating paste
- Miller forceps and articulating paper (p. 110, 111)
- Instructions on home care and a box for the new denture

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