



Considerations for treatment planning

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In recent days, the technology improvement help endodontists a lot in our daily practice like examination, cleaning, shaping and obturation. In the future, maybe most of our job can take over by technology or computer. But there are 2 things we can not be replaced. They are diagnosis and treatment planning.

Also, there are 7 specialties to deal with the tooth which are orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, oral surgery, periodontics, endodontic and prosthodontics. Often time we just look at the root canal and periapical tissue. If we want to make ideal treatment plan for our patients, we have to take more consideration.

First of all, restorability would be important issue. There are several things we have take into consideration such as periodontal support, remaining tooth structure, restorative design.

Secondly, there is no doubt that the introduction of predictable implant reconstructive therapy has significantly altered the landscape of comprehensive patient treatment planning. However, rather than being viewed as a replacement for predictable conventional treatment modalities, implant therapy must be considered as an adjunct to our already existing treatment armamentarium.

Thirdly, there are lots of endodontic failure cases. For the retreatment of these cases, non-surgical retreatment or surgical retreatment will be the important issue to maintain and functioning the teeth.



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