# OrthoMTA FAQ



#### Indications?

For file separation cases, cracked teeth, severely infected canal, c-shape canal obturation, retreatment, internal resorption and apical perforation cases.

## Differences with other MTAs?

OrthoMTA is bioceramic, other MTA is Portland cement based.

OrthoMTA is for root canal obturation, other MTA is for root repair.

# Reason for doing total canal filling?

To prevent path of bacterial penetration into the canal and ensure perfect sealability to rule out differential diagnosis to give better treatment and outcome.

# Apical Stop formation and easier handling method?

Difficulty in forming the apical stop is because of the wetness inside the canal. MTA only coats the wall but not fill the canal. Use paper points to absorb excess water and then use compacter to fill the canal.

# Retrieving after it has set?

After it has set, the compressive strength is 25MPa. For gross removal, dental bur is used and for the remaining particles, Retx Sol is used.

However, if OrthoMTA is used to obturated the canal properly, retreatment is not the cause of reinfection.

#### Effect on cracked tooth?

Bactericidal effect will minimize pain or discomfort, not recover to its original form.

## Radio-opacity?

If more than 25% contrast medium is added, it will be more radiopaque but it will weaken the biocompatibility of MTA.

# Over Filling?

No pain or discomfort is felt because it neutralizes the pH of tissue but deliberate overfilling is not recommended.

## **Enlargement and Irrigation?**

0.02 taper, #25 file and above is recommended for canal enlargement. Greater taper shaping on the coronal area is not recommended because OrthoMTA is a micron-sized powder that can be filled and packed.

Avoid excessive irrigation with NaOCI and avoid usage of EDTA. Not only they weaken the root but interferes with the setting action of MTA. Prepare a 1:1 solution of H2O2 and Hexamedine and use this for irrigation. According to a journal, remaining hexamedine after irrigation provides a long-term antimicrobial effect.