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List of Abbreviations

Abb.	Full term
CLT	Cold lateral condensation
CWT	Continuous wave of condensation
GC	Gutta-Core
GP	Gutta-percha
NaOCl	Sodium hypochlorite
PGFA	Percentage of Gutta-percha-filled area
PSFA	Percentage of sealer filled areas
PVA	Percentage of voids area
SD	Standard deviation
SLCs	Simulated lateral canals
WL	Working length

The three-dimensional obturation of the root canals is the final step of an intricate therapeutic chain of procedures that comprises cleansing, disinfection and shaping of the canals. Nevertheless, despite the indisputable advancements of Endodontics, completely

sealing the canals after biomechanical preparation remains

a critical phase of the endodontic treatment.

The difficulty in adequately obturating the root canal system is attributed to its anatomical complexity and peculiar morphological configuration, which includes multiple foraminas, apical deltas, accessory and lateral root canals. Since these components may constitute a pathway for passage of bacteria and products of tissue degradation between the root canal space and the surrounding extradental periodontal environment, the hermetic filling of the entire canal system consists of an essential approach to yield the healing of periapical tissues. Therefore, the overall success of an endodontic treatment is closely related to the filling materials and techniques utilized.

Many materials and techniques for obturation are available on the market. Although Gutta-percha is not the ideal filling material for root canals, it has satisfied most of the criteria for an ideal root filling material. It, since the middle of the 19th century, has marked endodontics.

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