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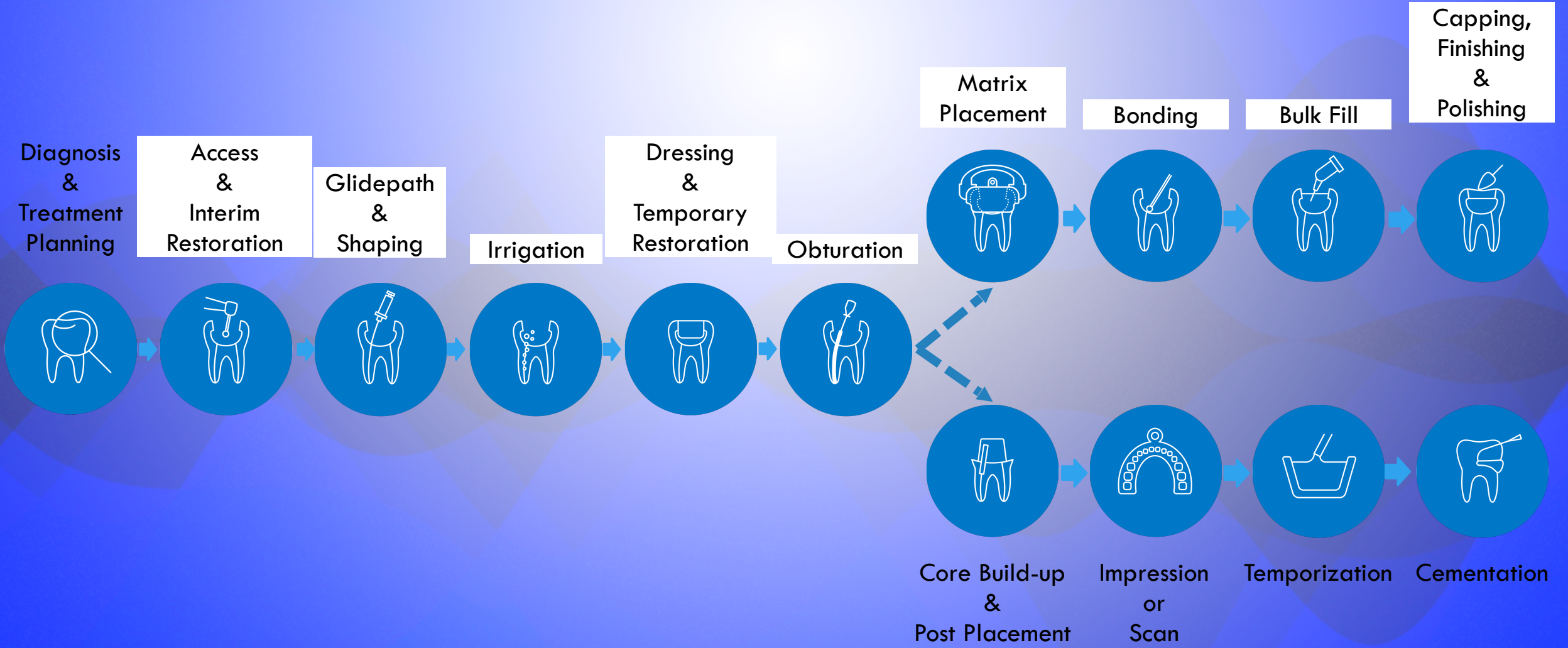
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## IMPORTANCE OF INSTRUMENTATION



Make...“a shape that facilitates optimal irrigation, debridement and placement of local medicaments and permanent root filling.”

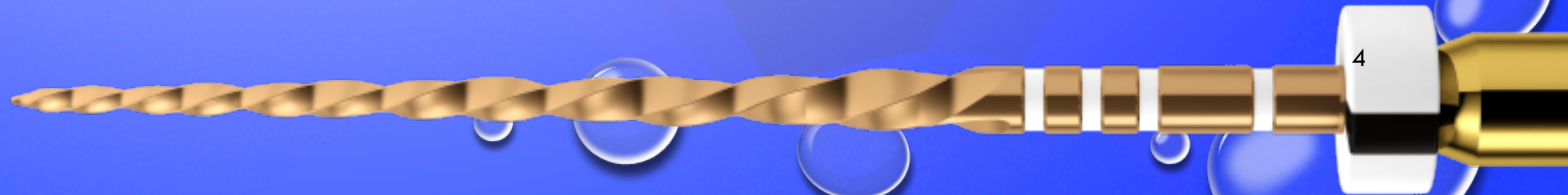
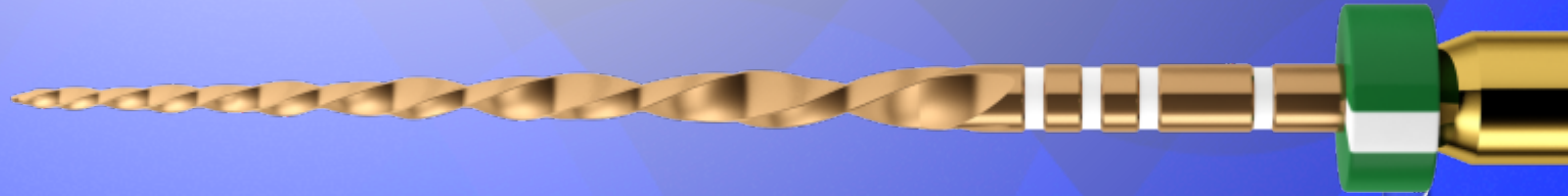
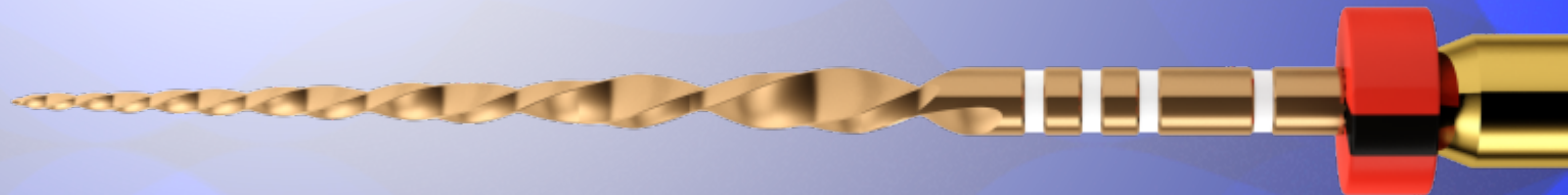
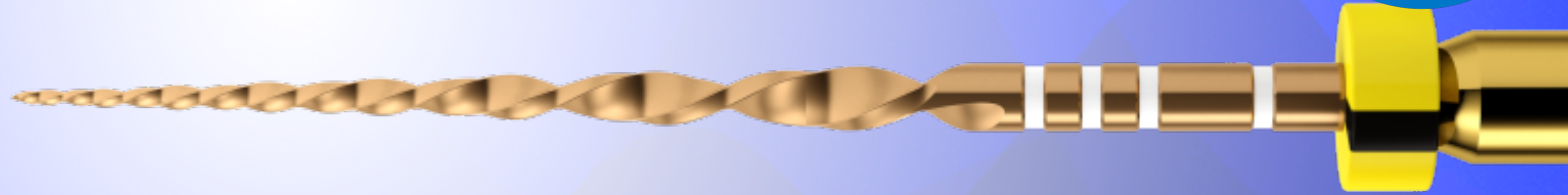




# OBJECTIVES FOR INSTRUMENTATION

- INSTRUMENT DESIGN FACTORS
- SHAPING EFFECTIVENESS OF VARYING TAPERS
- FLEXIBILITY AND FATIGUE RESISTANCE/METALLURGY
- USAGE RULES AND PROTOCOLS

# ENDODONTIC FILE DESIGN ELEMENTS





# FIXED TAPER

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# VARYING TAPER



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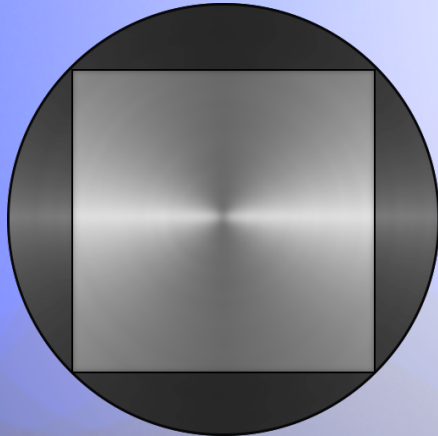
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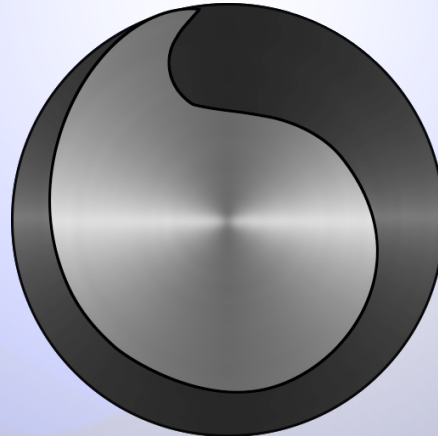
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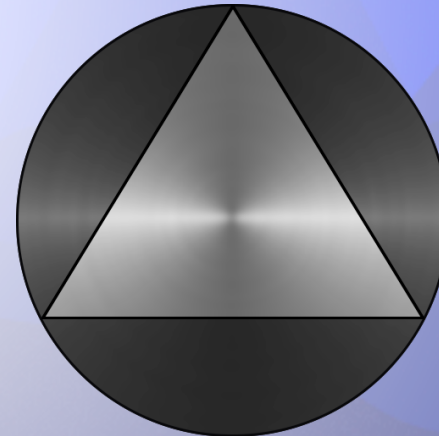
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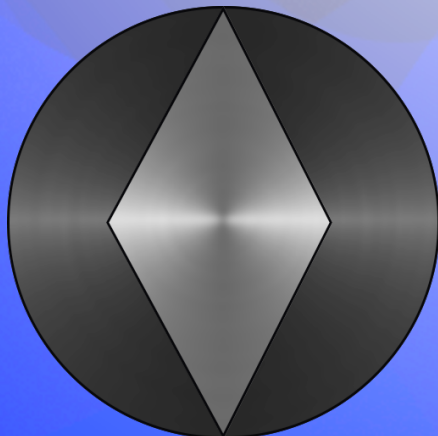
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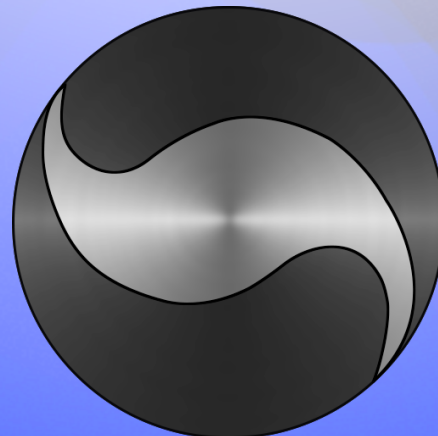
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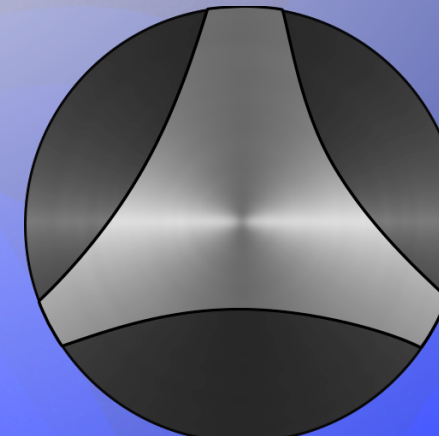
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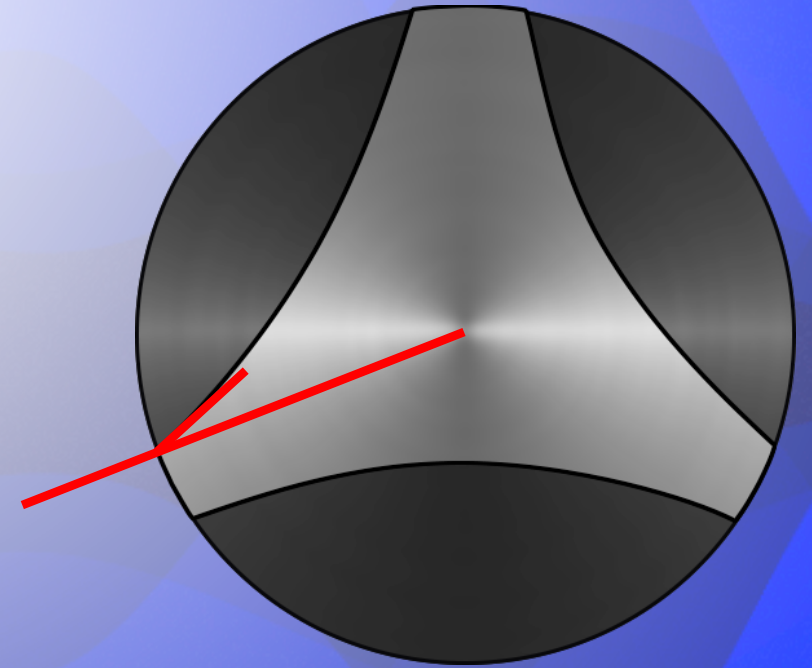
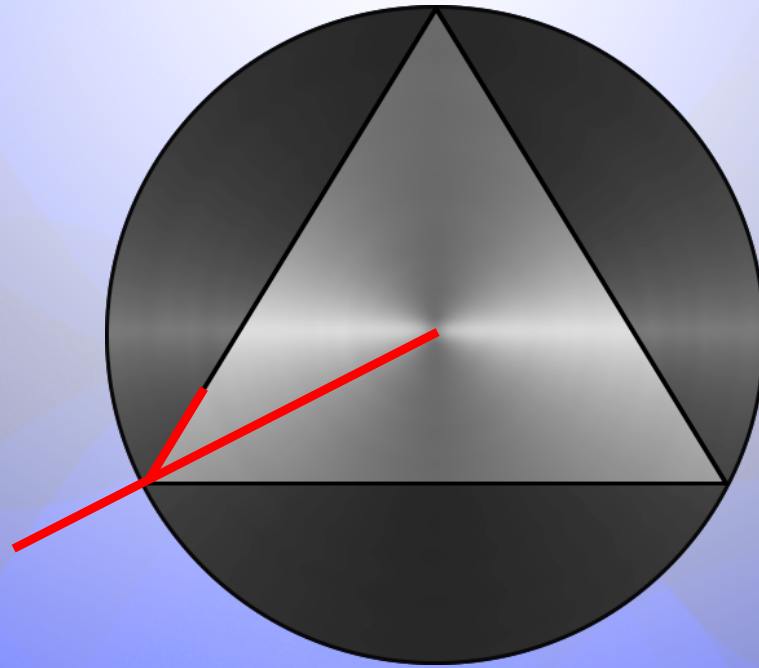
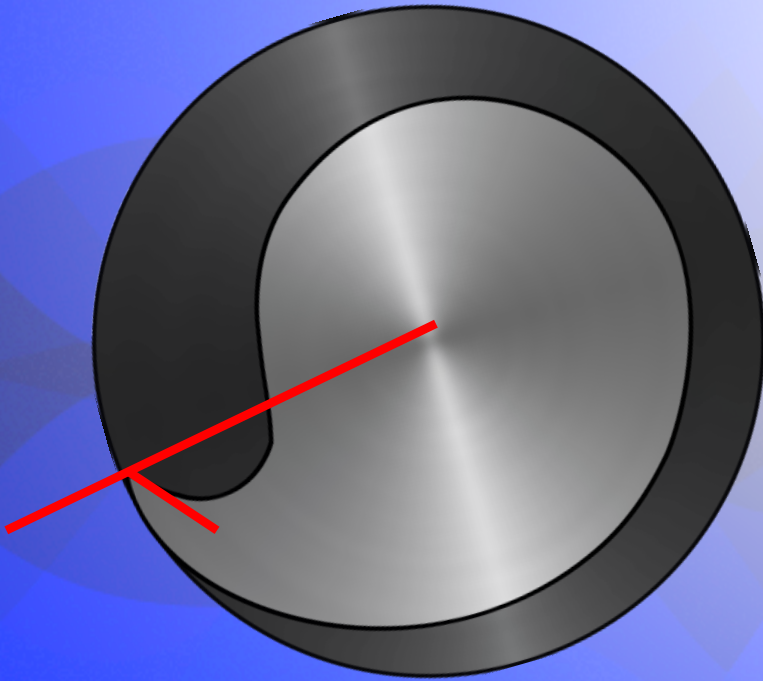


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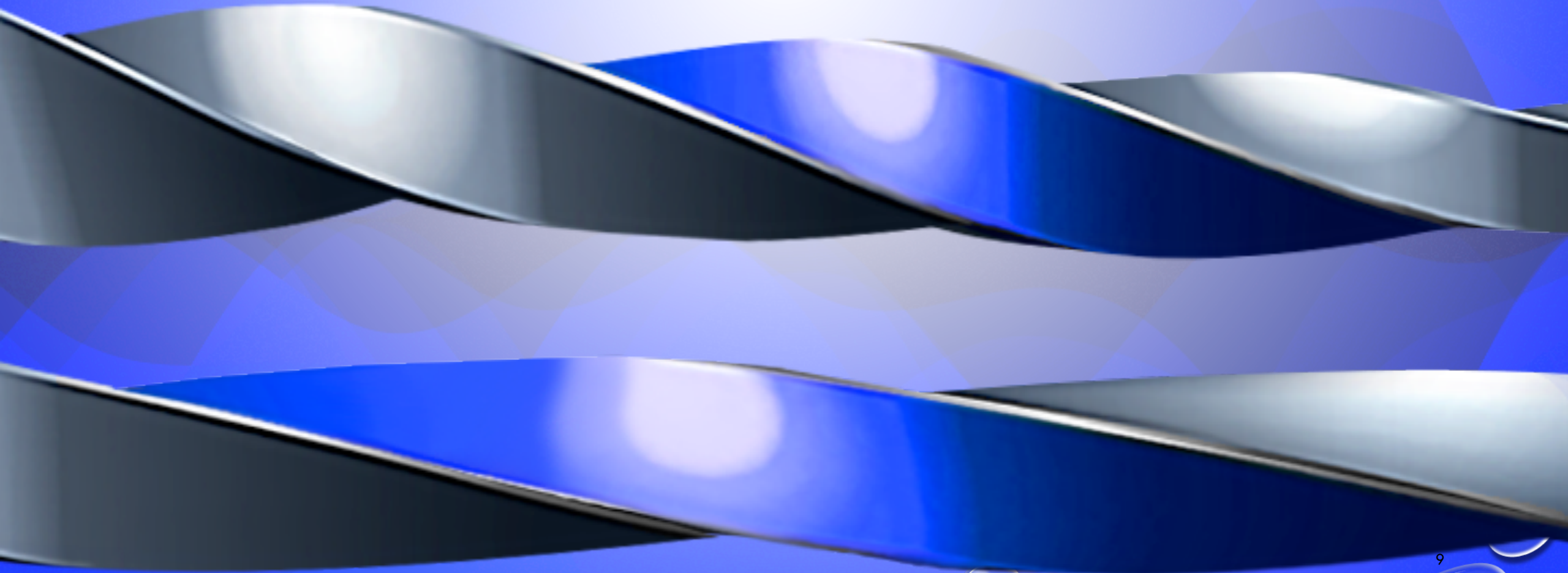




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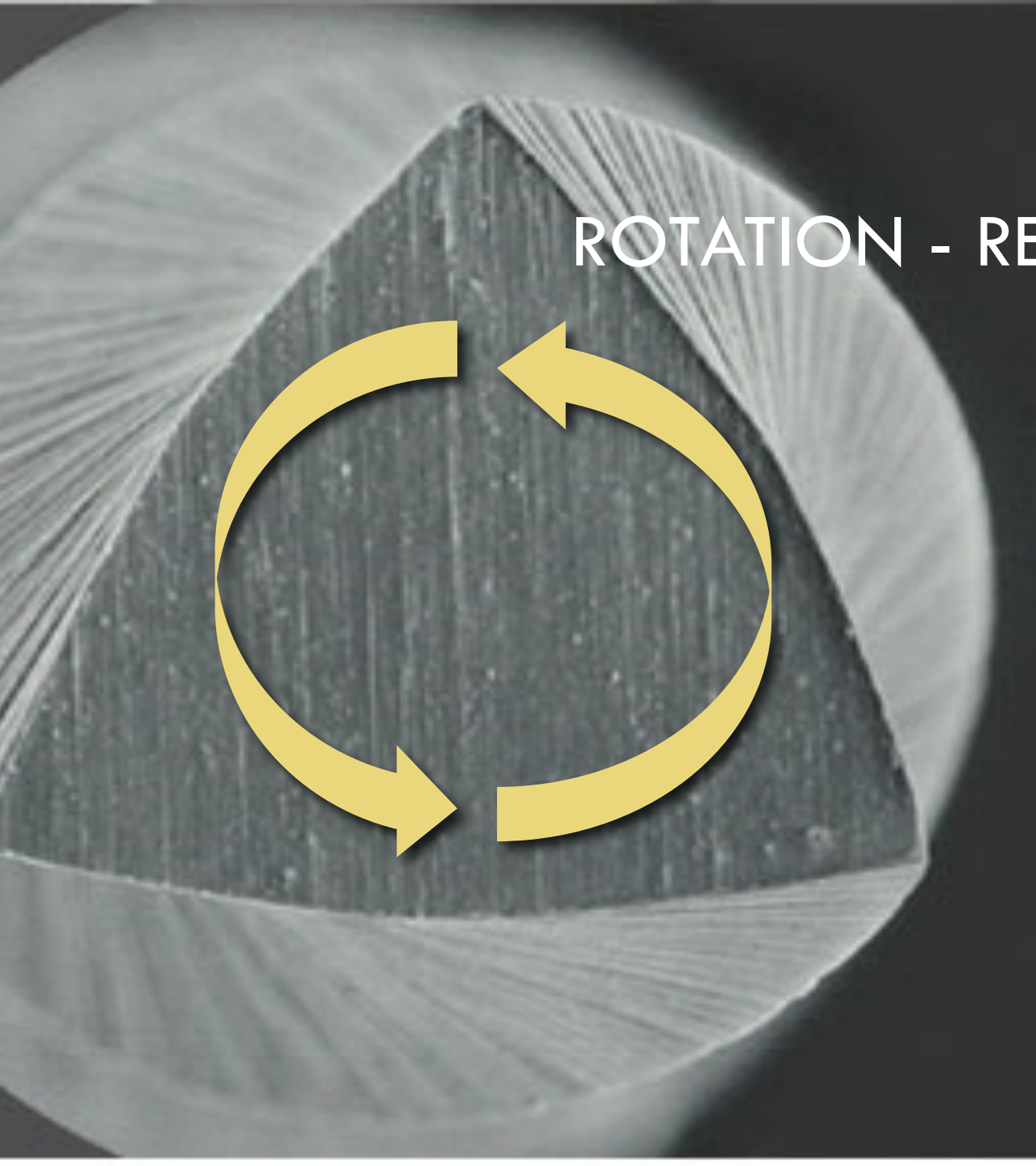


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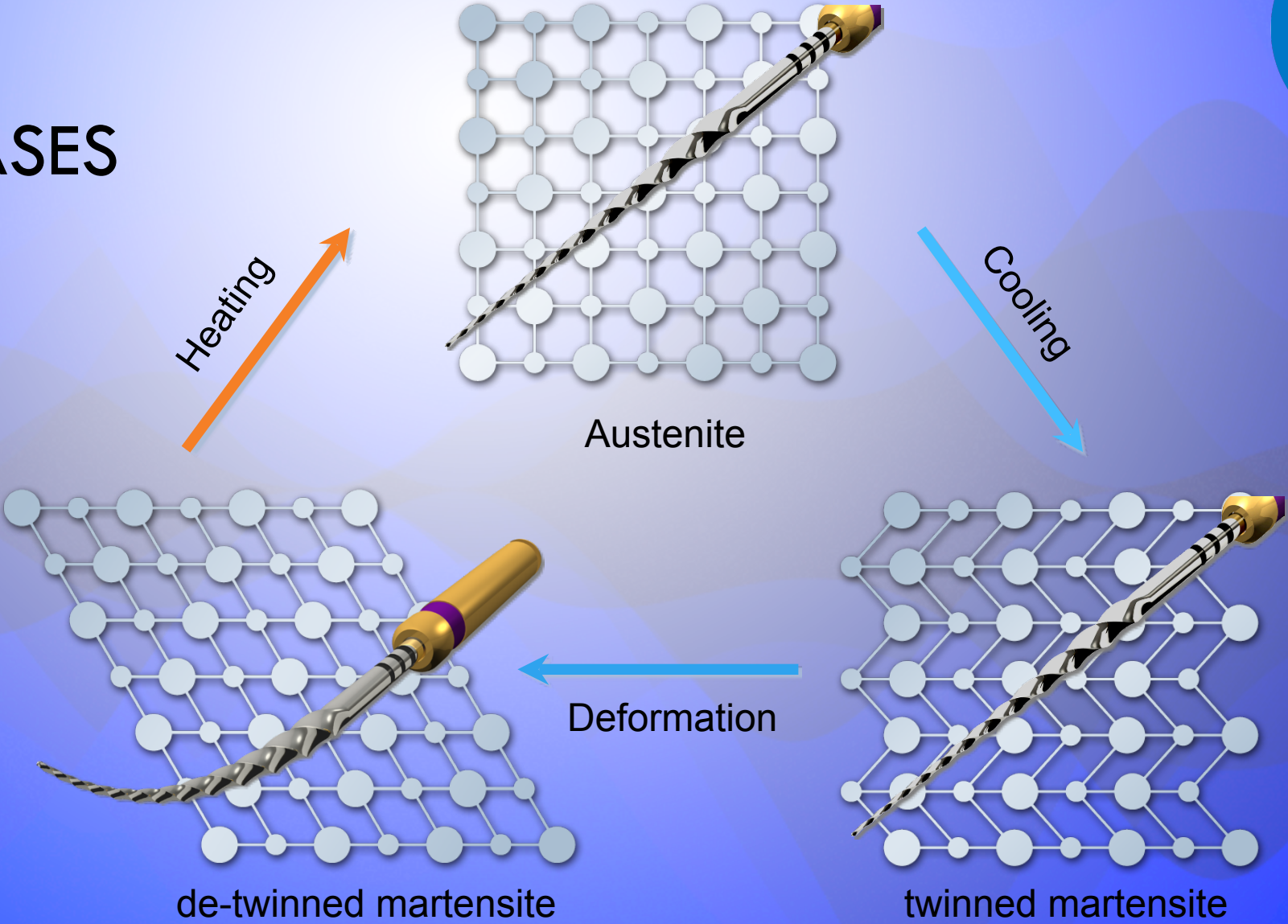


# ROTATION - RECIPROICATION



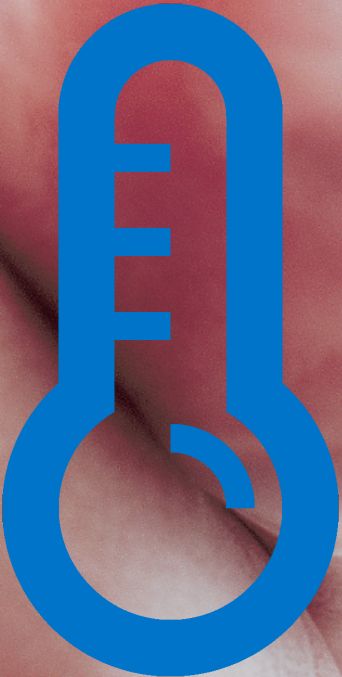


# NITI PHASES





# NITI AND METAL TREATMENTS





# METALLURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- INSTRUMENT WEAR
- MECHANICAL PROPERTIES
  - CYCLIC FATIGUE
  - TORSIONAL RESISTANCE
- CUTTING EFFICIENCY
- CORROSION
- STERILIZATION

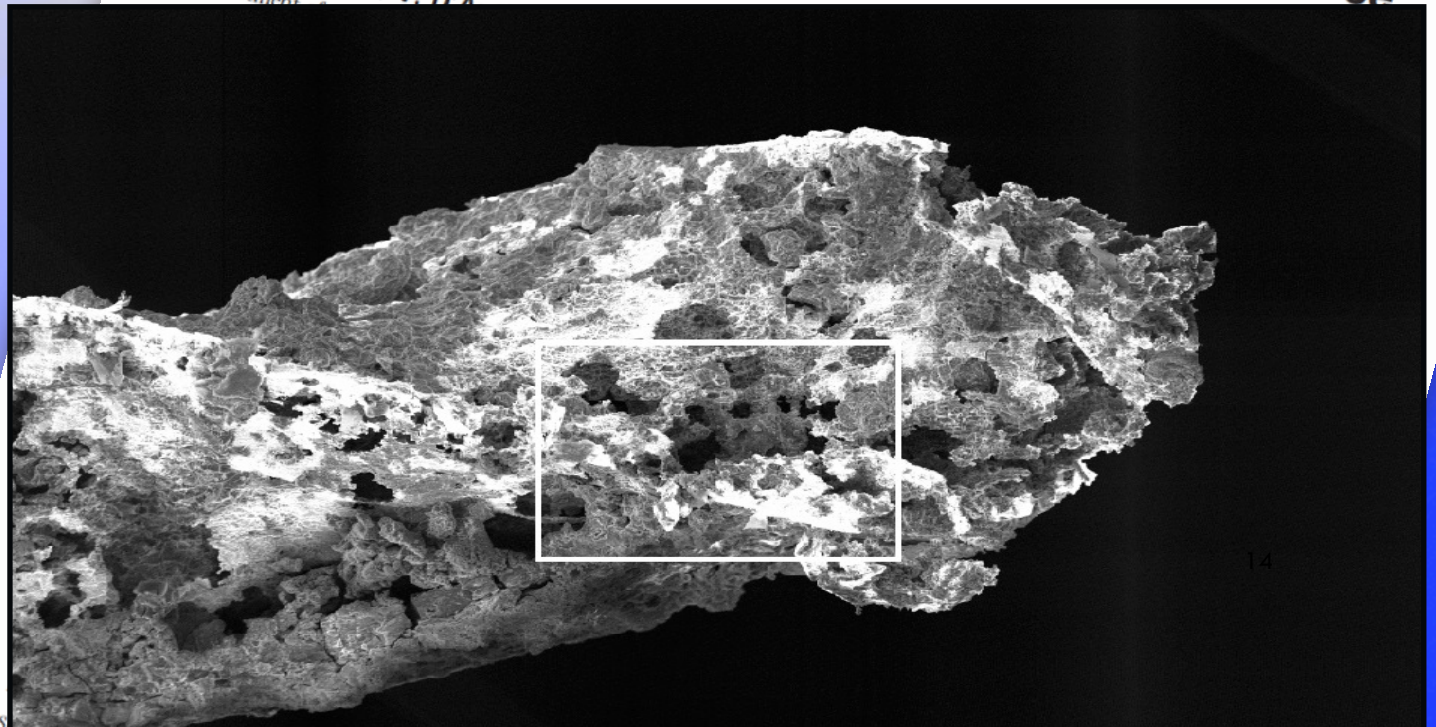
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- SHORT TERM CONTACT BETWEEN NAOCL AND EDTA CAUSED ALTERATIONS IN THE SURFACES

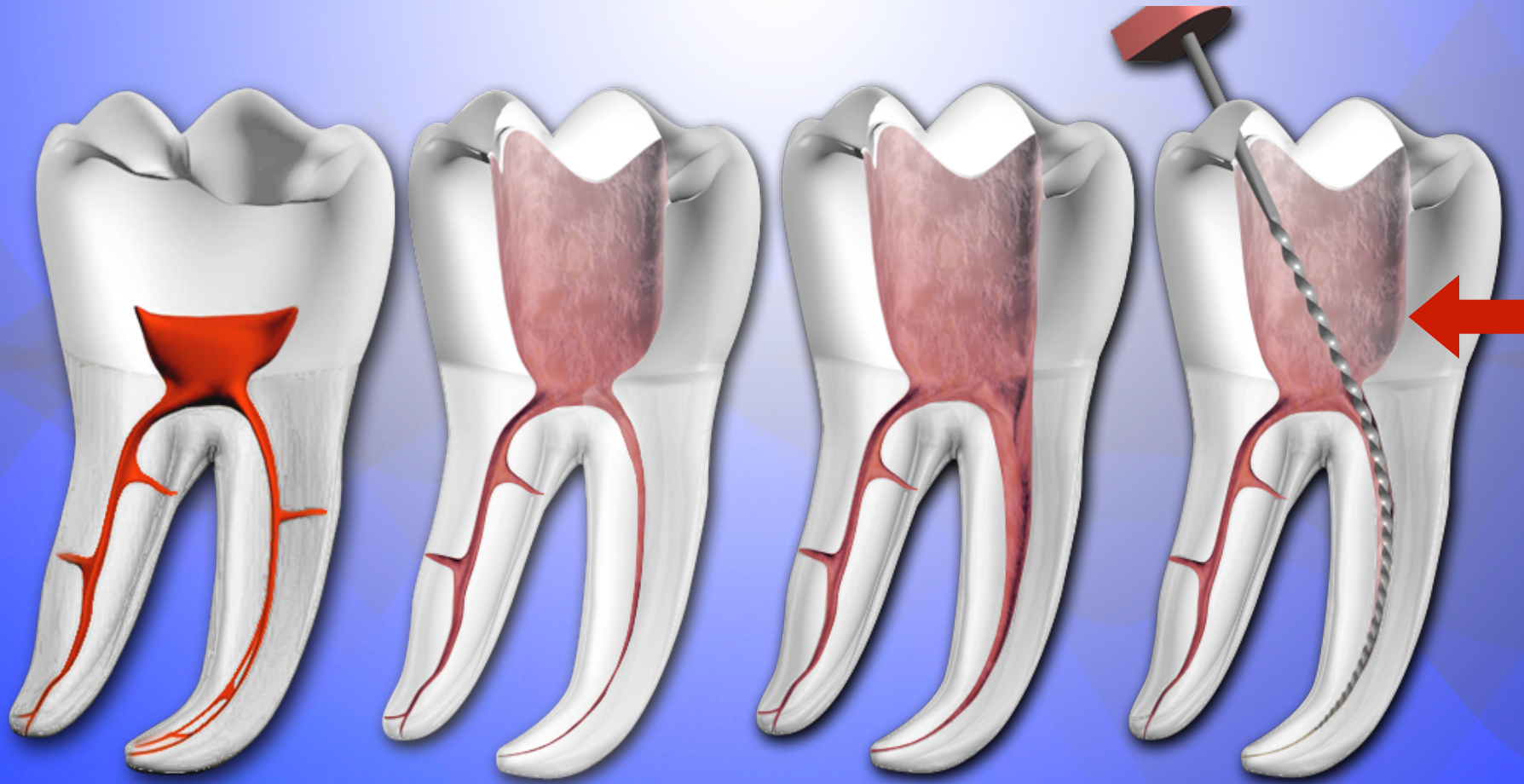
**Effects of sodium hypochlorite and ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid on rotary nickel-titanium instruments evaluated using atomic force microscopy**

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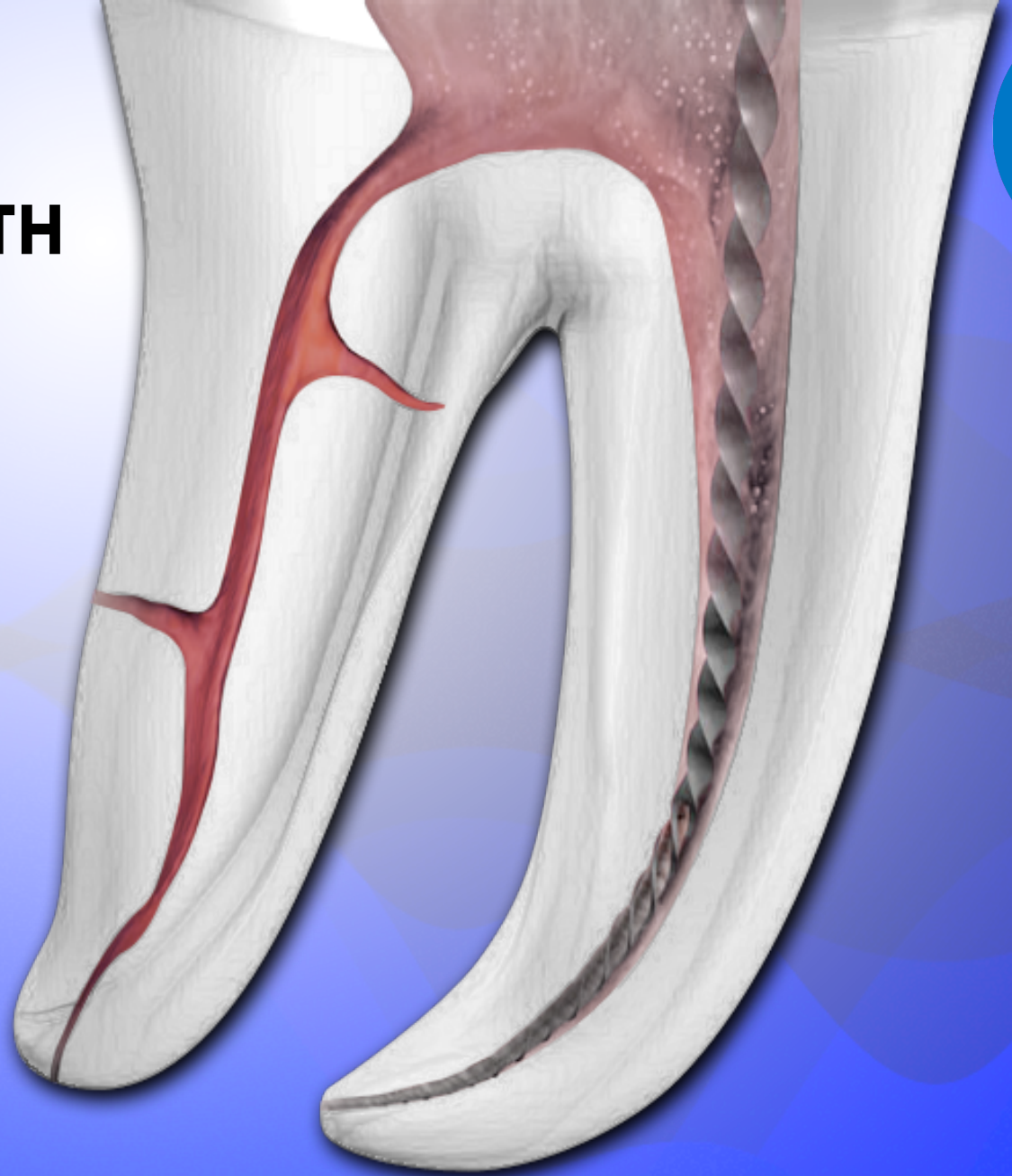


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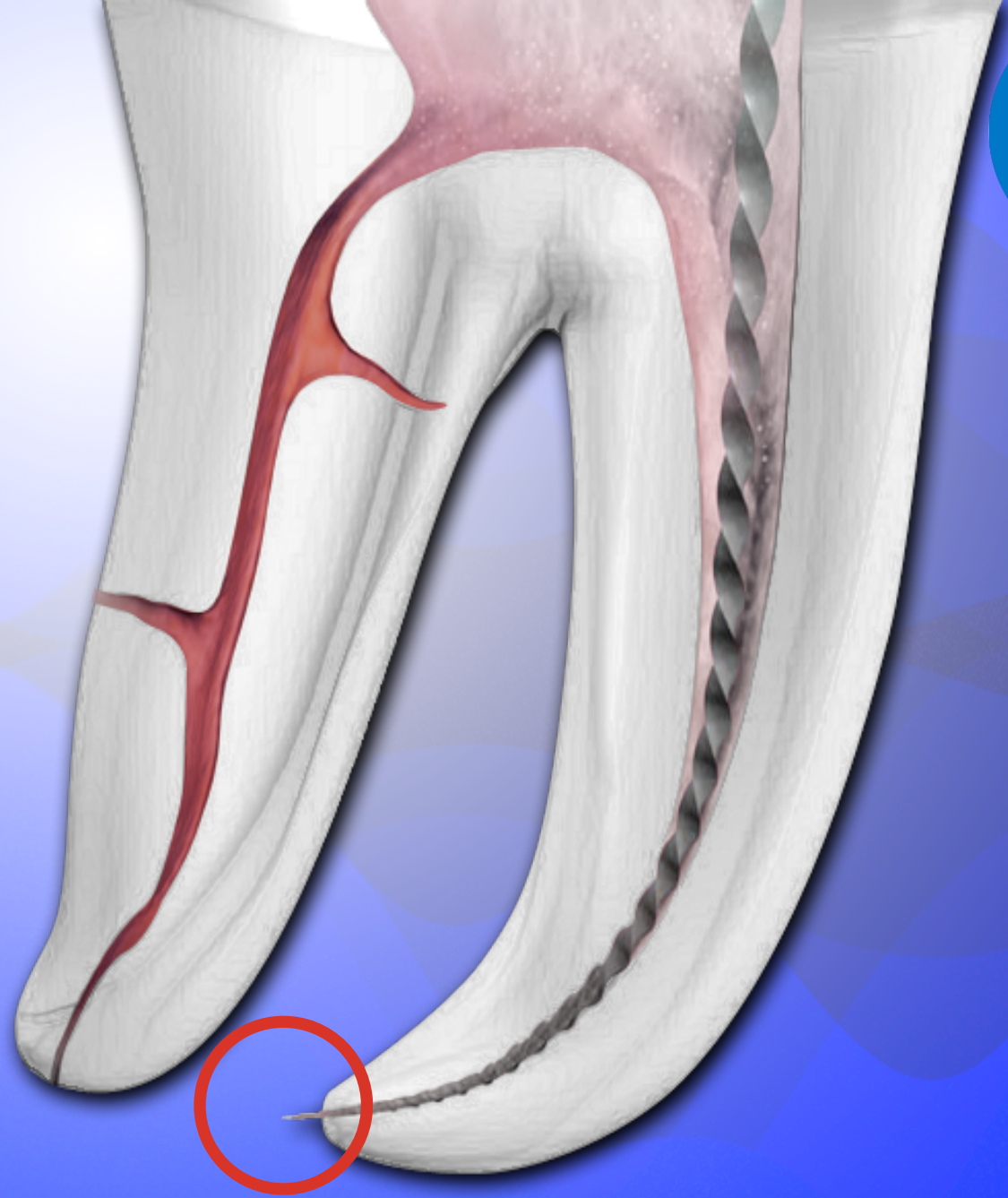




# CARDINAL RULES - GLIDE PATH AND PATENCY



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# CARDINAL RULES - ABUNDANT IRRIGATION



**SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION**  
For Irrigation of Root Canals  
FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY  
REF 11507  
CAUTION: This solution is not suitable for application to exposed soft tissue.  
Store at temperatures not above 25°C. Higher temperatures will  
hasten deterioration.  
Poison: Do not take internally.  
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# CARDINAL RULES - MINIMAL APICAL PRESSURE



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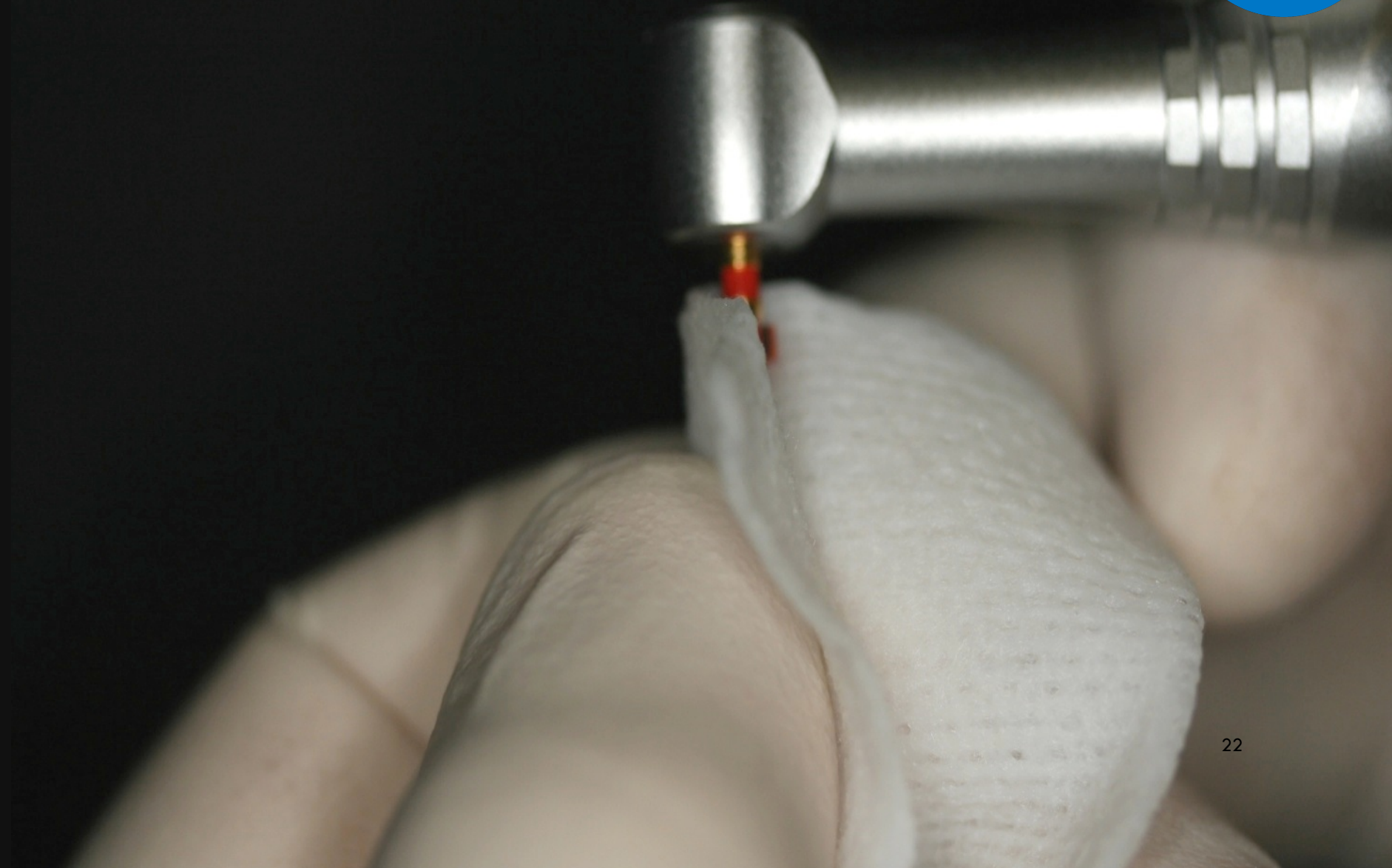
# CARDINAL RULES - MINIMAL APICAL PRESSURE



# CARDINAL RULES - INSTRUMENTATION TIME



# CARDINAL RULES - INSPECT AND CLEAN FILES



# WHAT IS... AND WHY CREATE A GLIDE PATH



- “...PREFLARING IS NECESSARY TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCE OF PERMANENTLY BLOCKING A CANAL WITH A BROKEN ROTARY INSTRUMENT.”



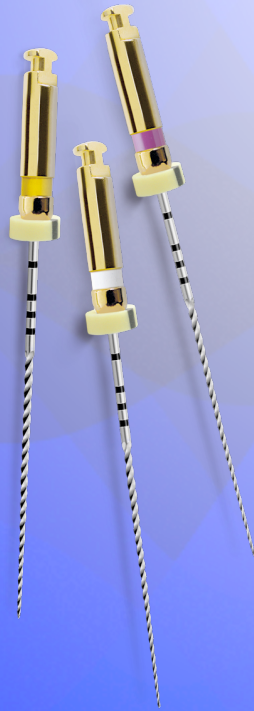
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Hand files



Pathfiles



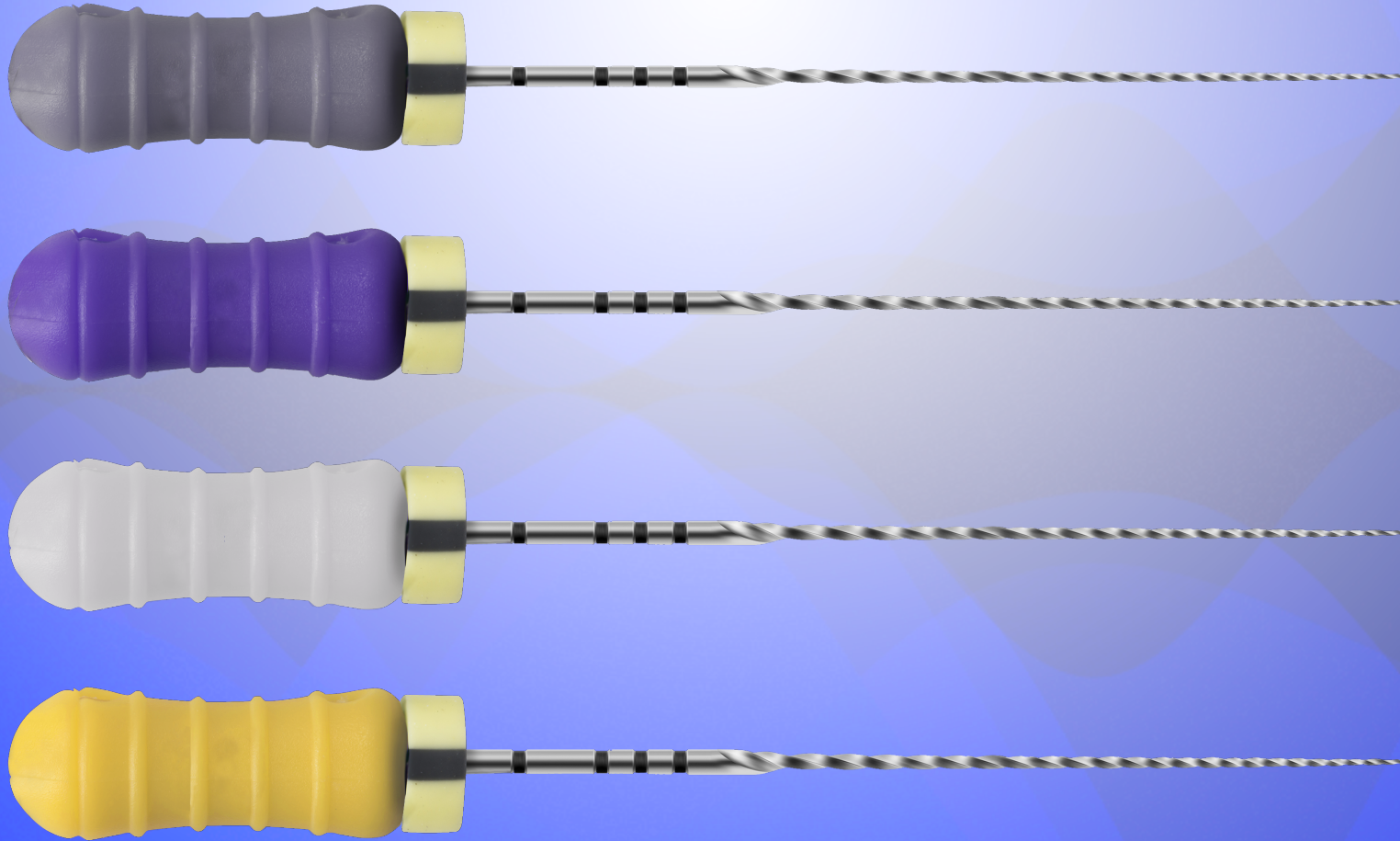
ProGlider



## WaveOne Gold Glider



# TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUE



# FIRST: "OPENING THE GLIDE PATH"

The road map to the apex...follow gently...

# TIME TO GIVE CREDIT...

- THE INFORMATION ABOUT GLIDEPATH IS MOSTLY FROM DR. JOHN WEST AND TWO ARTICLES HE WROTE IN DENTISTRY TODAY IN SEPTEMBER OF 2010 AND JANUARY OF 2011.
- WEST, J.D. "THE ENDODONTIC GLIDEPATH: "SECRET TO ROTARY SAFETY". DENTISTRY TODAY. 2010: 86-93.
- WEST, J.D. "MANUAL VERSUS MECHANICAL ENDODONTIC GLIDEPATH". DENTISTRY TODAY. 2011: 136-145.

REMEMBER:  
ALL ROTARY INSTRUMENTATION BEGINS WITH A  
HAND FILE!



# WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HAND FILING?

- NO ROTARY INSTRUMENT SHOULD ENTER A CANAL FIRST
- USE SMALL HAND FILES TO EXPLORE THE CANAL
- DETERMINE WORKING LENGTH WITH A HAND FILE
- A GLIDE PATH FOR THE ROTARY INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE CREATED FIRST WITH HAND FILES
- A #10 HAND FILE SHOULD BE SUPER LOOSE IN THE CANAL AT WORKING LENGTH

# INSTRUMENTATION BEGINS WITH HAND FILES **BECAUSE..**

- SMALL FLEXIBLE HAND FILES CAN BE PRE-CURVED
- WE MUST CREATE A **GUIDE PATH** FOR ROTARY FILES
- THEY **MAP** THE ANATOMY OF THE CANAL SYSTEM

# WHY STAINLESS STEEL?

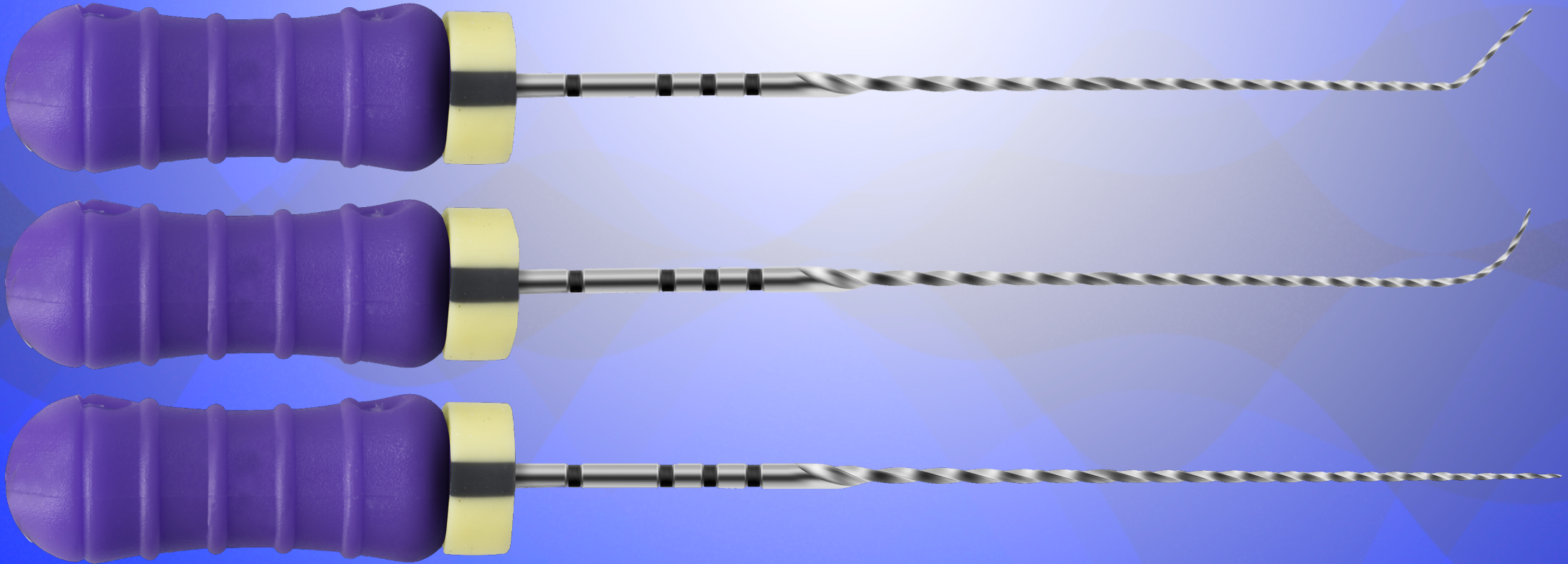
## PROPERTIES OF STAINLESS STEEL

- **STRONG (FRACTURE RESISTANT)**
- **FLEXIBLE-ACCEPTS PRE-CURVING**



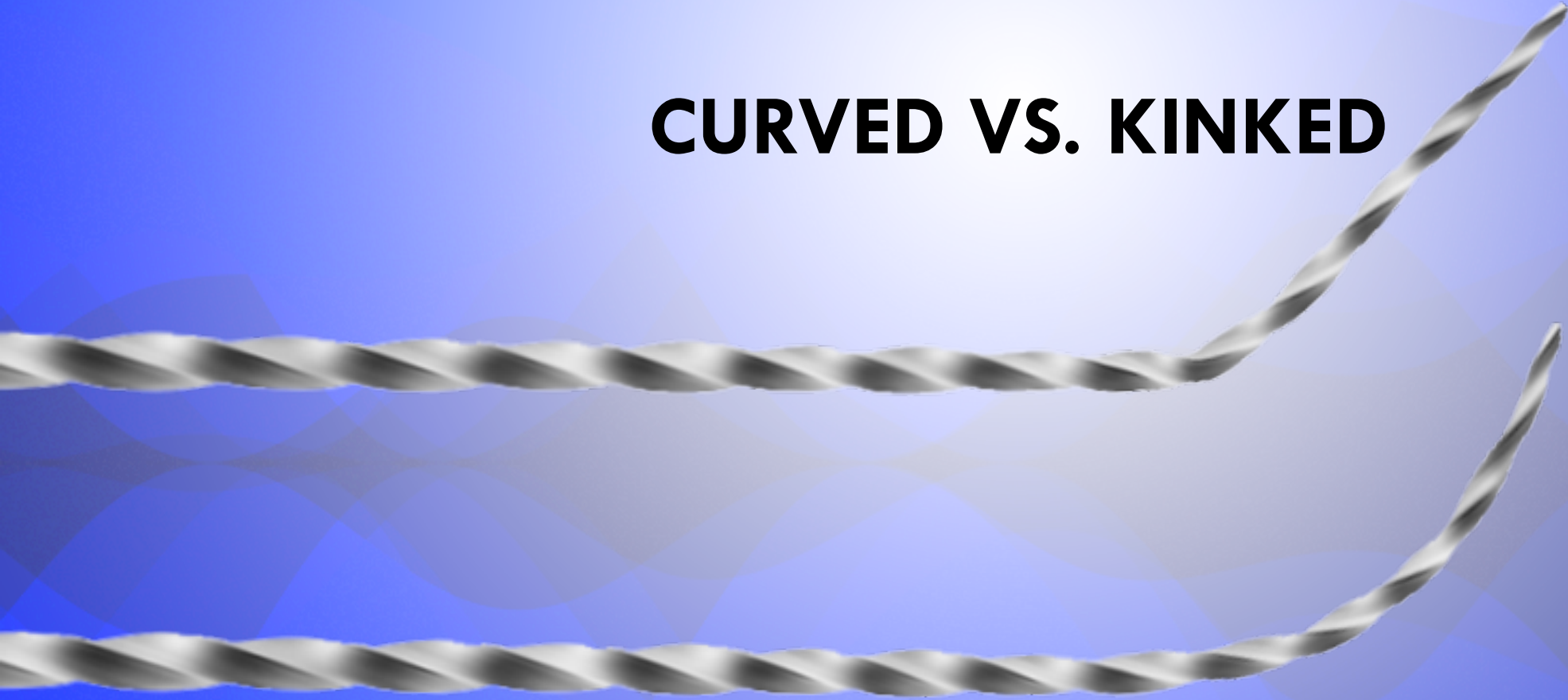


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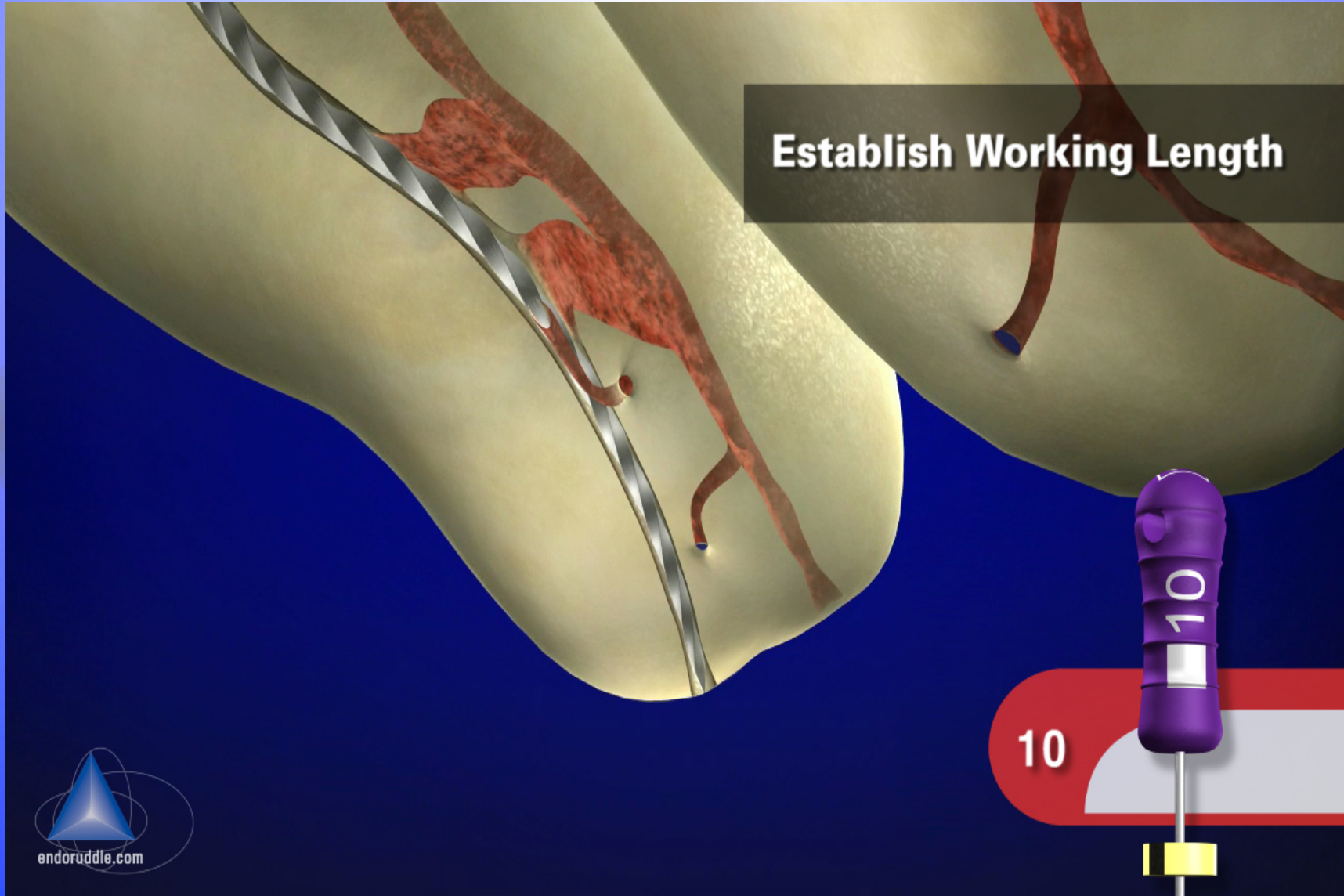




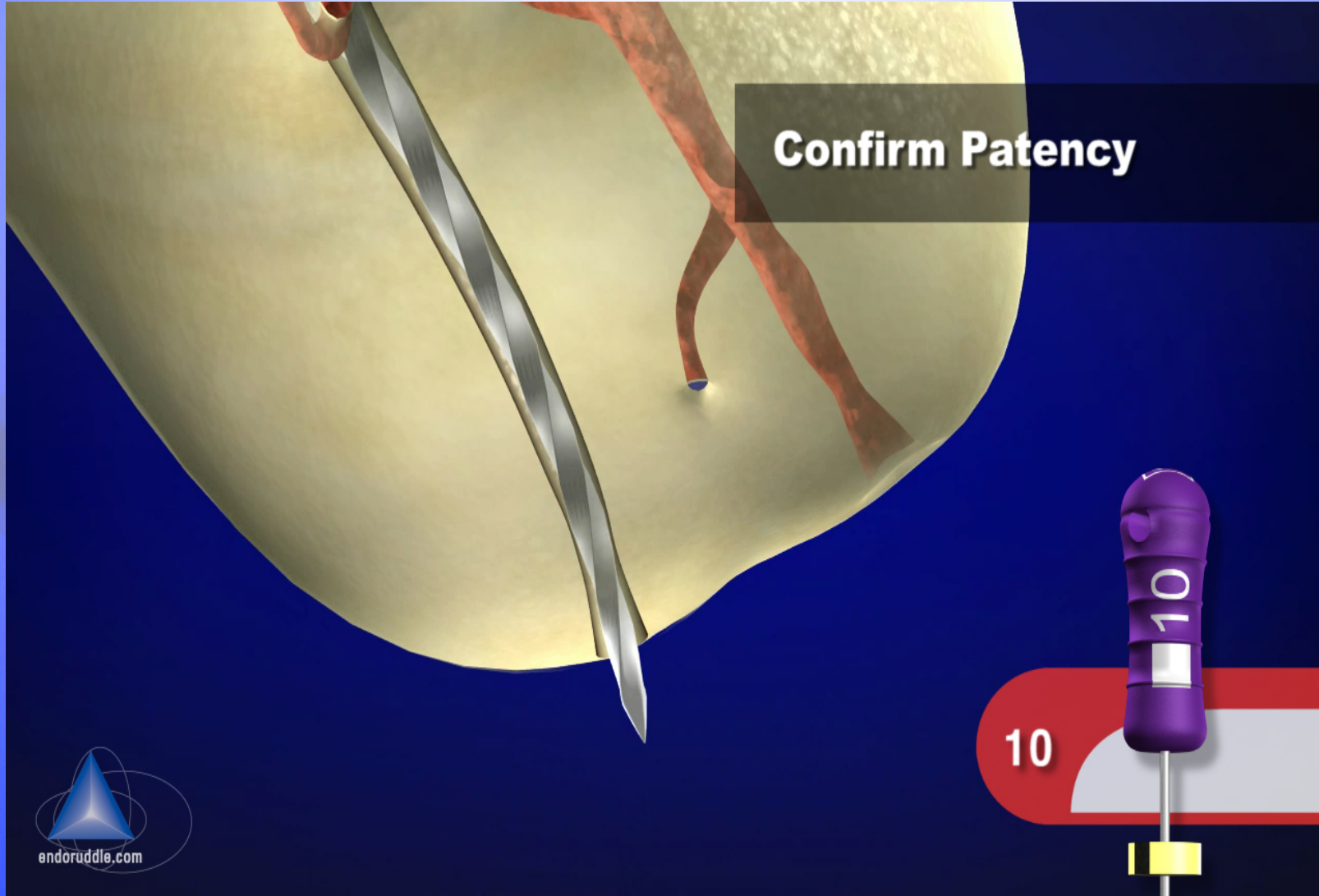
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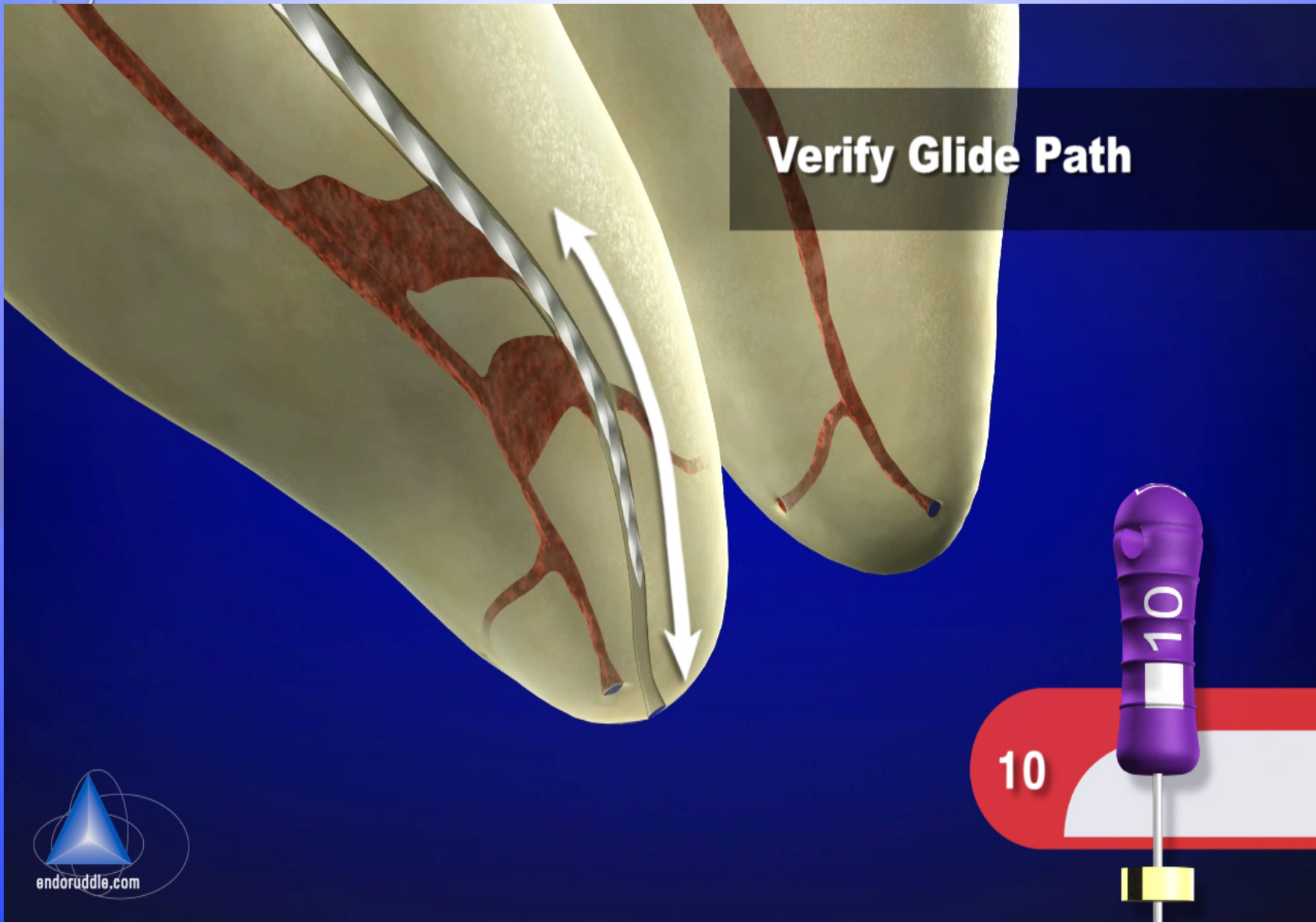
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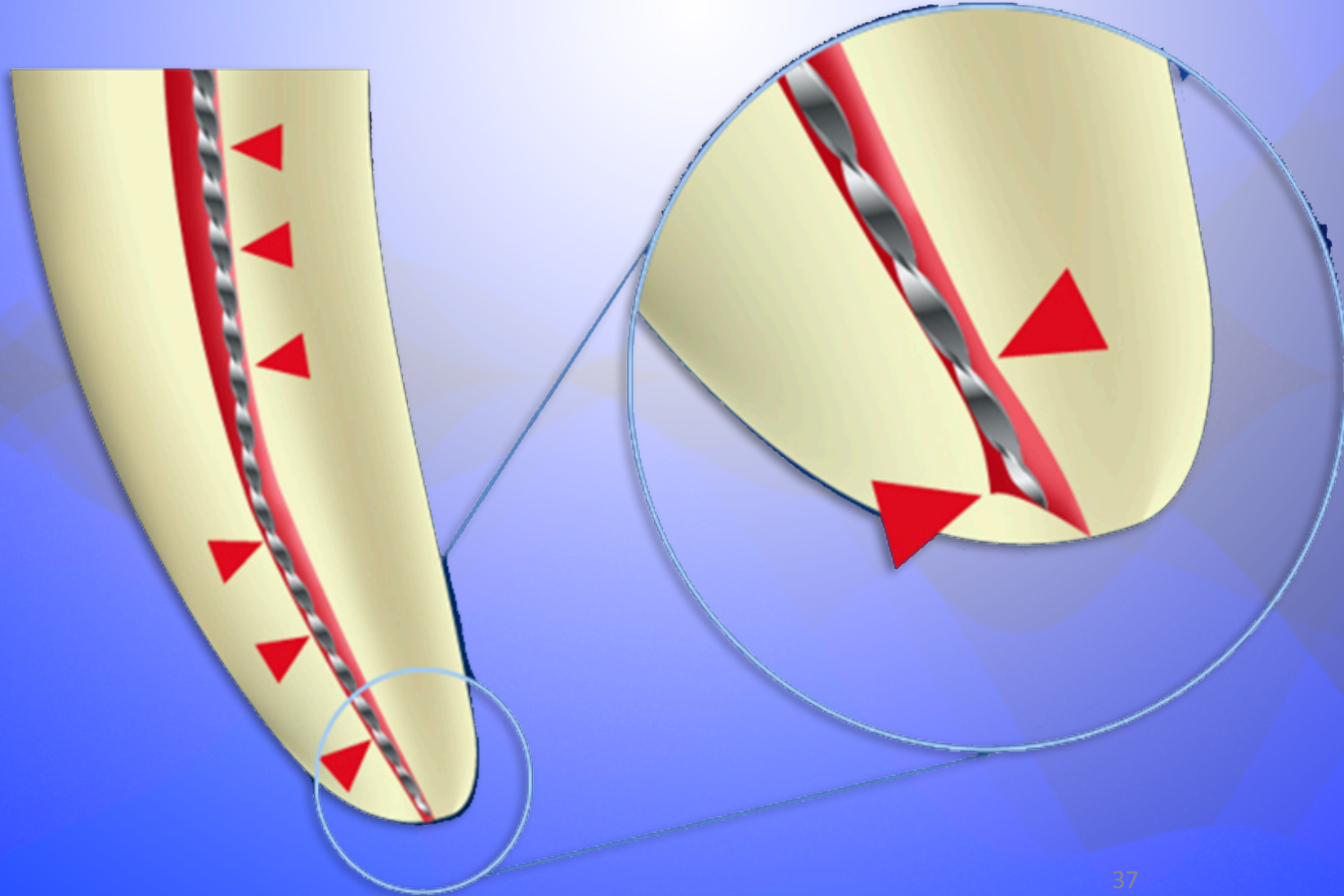
## Confirm Patency



## Verify Glide Path



# MANUAL GLIDEPATH ISSUES





## RISK OF MANUAL GLIDE PATH CREATION



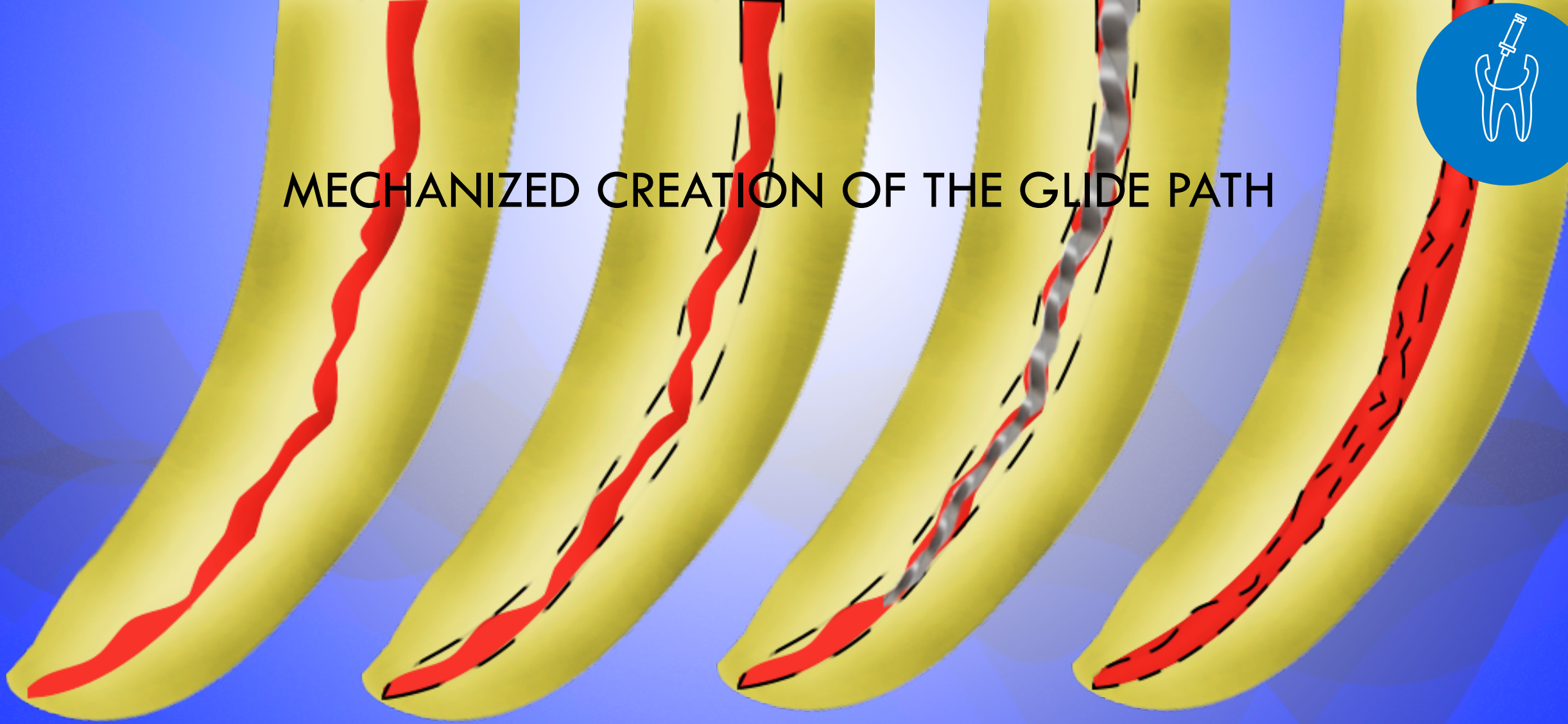


*Courtesy of Dr. Arnaldo Castellucci*





# MECHANIZED CREATION OF THE GLIDE PATH





# GLIDE PATH OPTIONS

Hand files



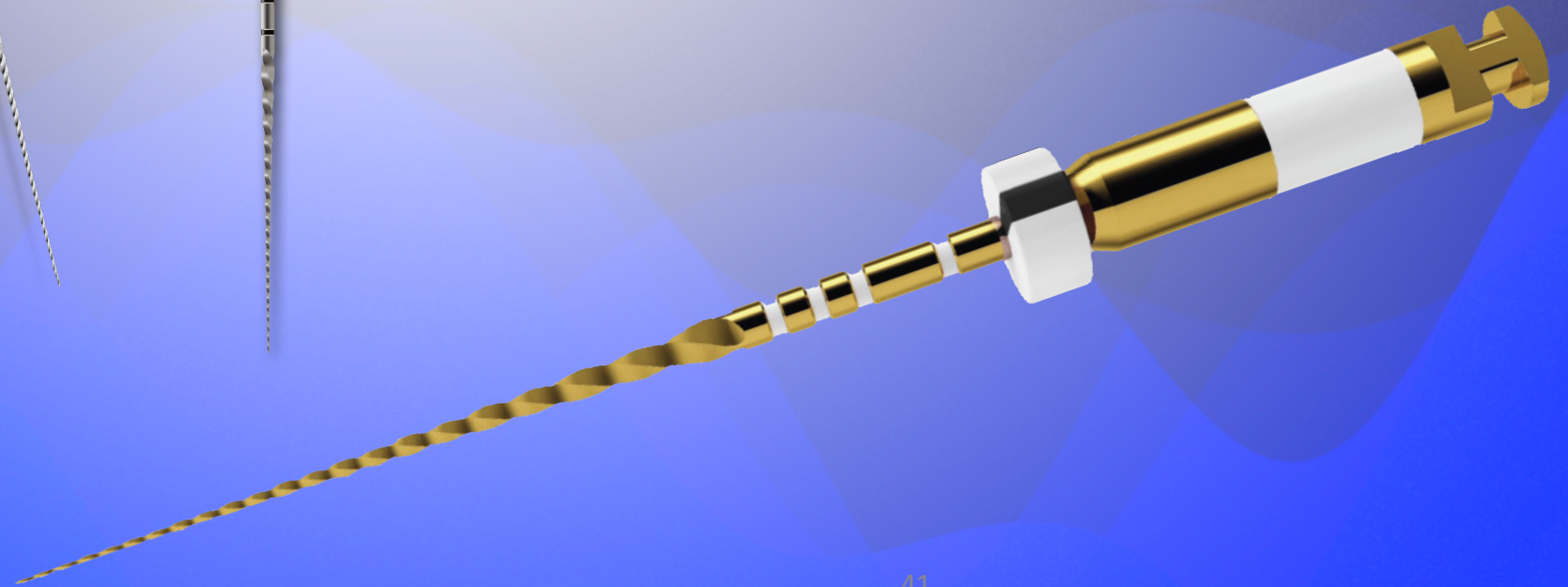
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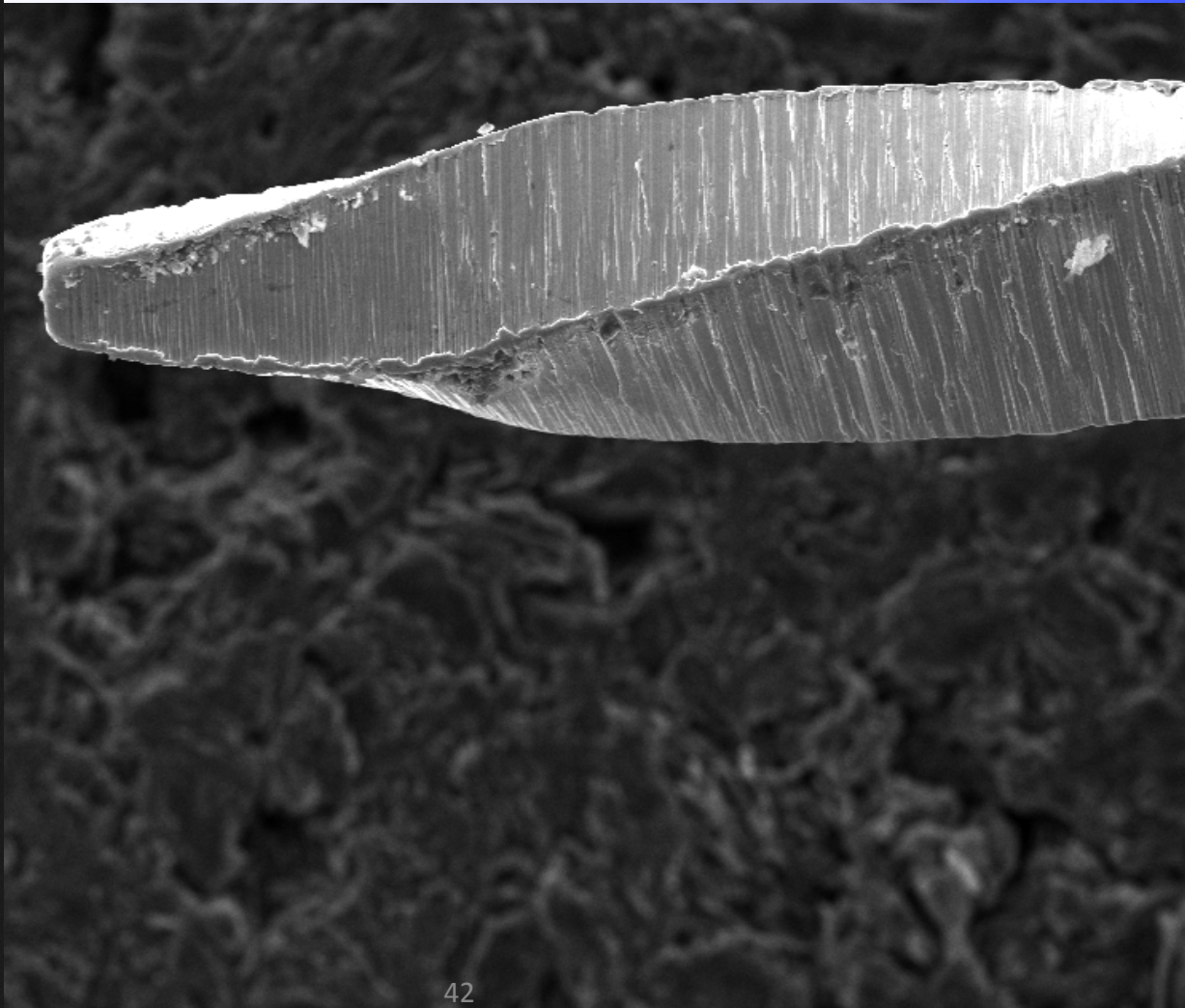
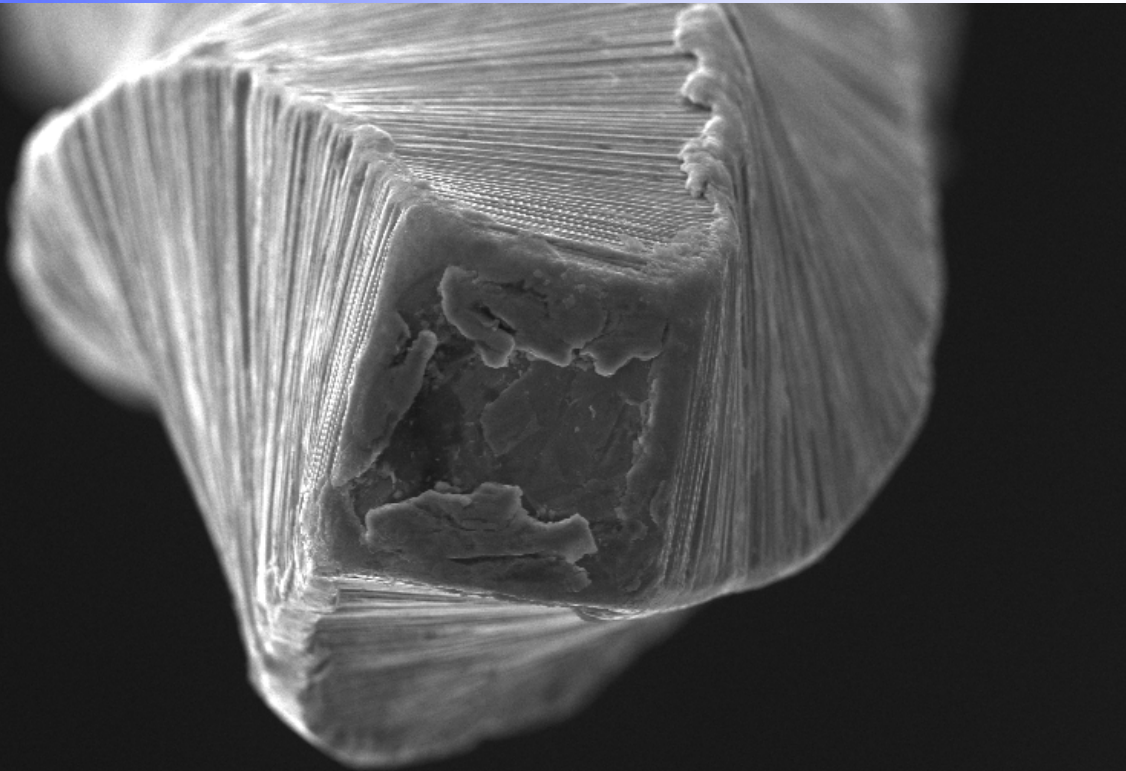


# WaveOne Gold Glider





# SEMI-ACTIVE TIP – ISO 015

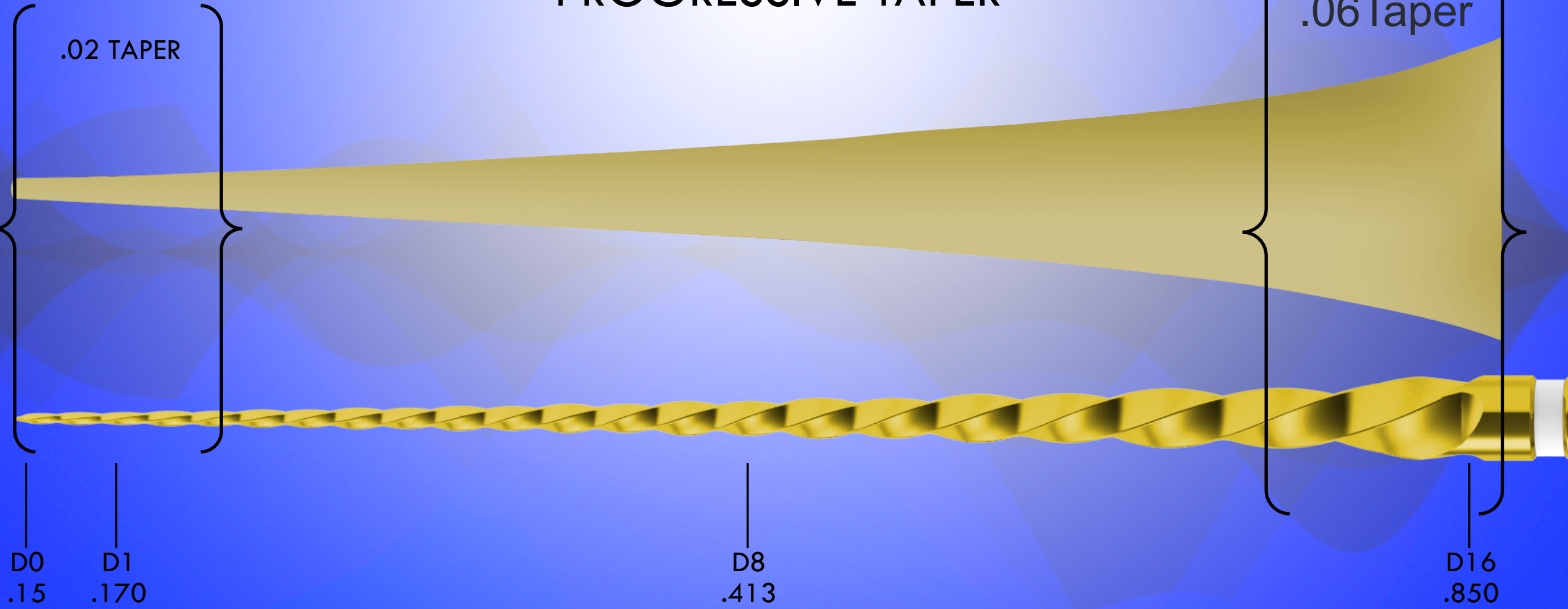


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# PROGRESSIVE TAPER

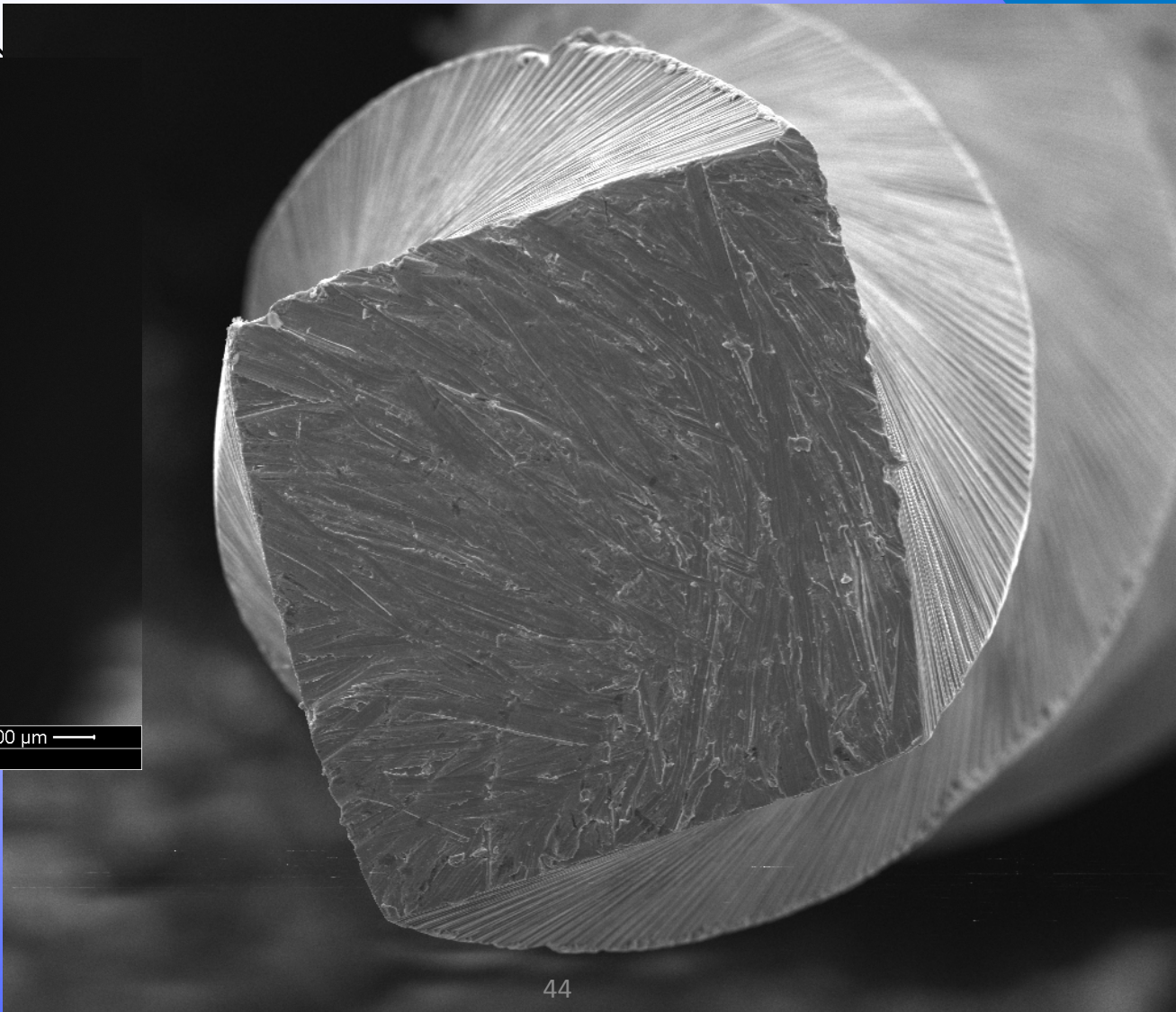




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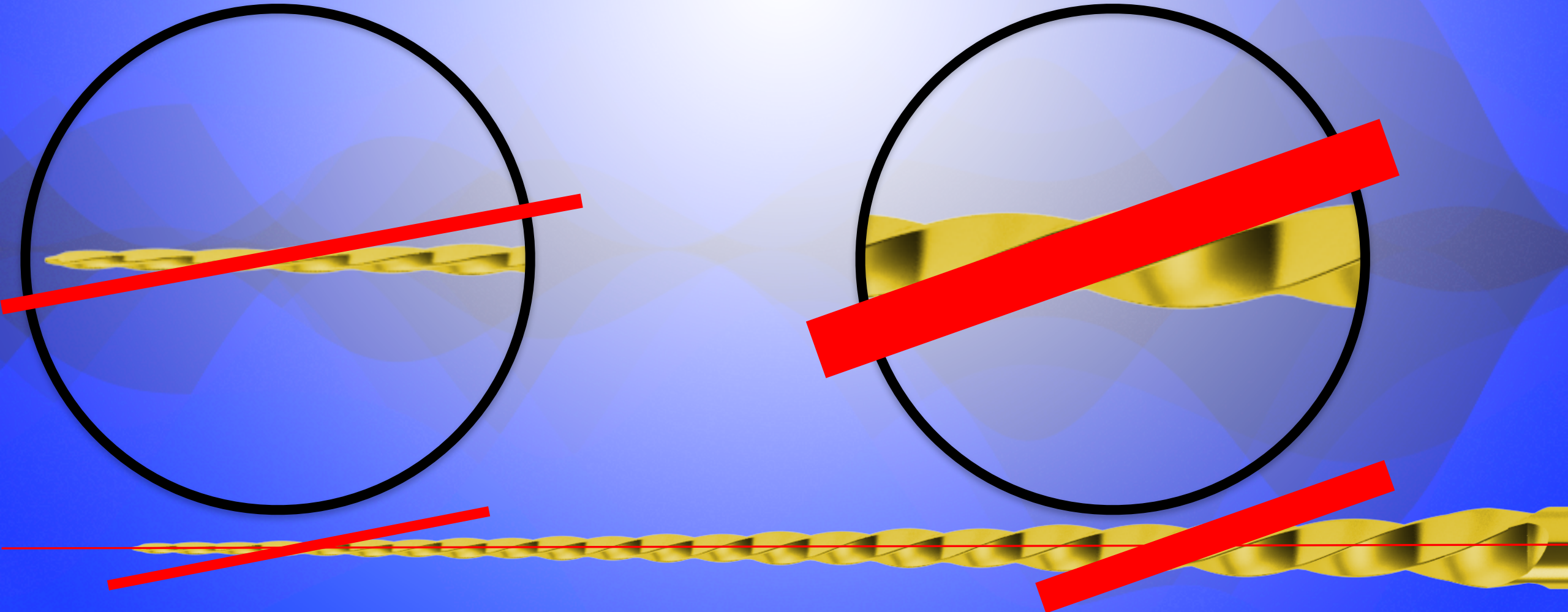
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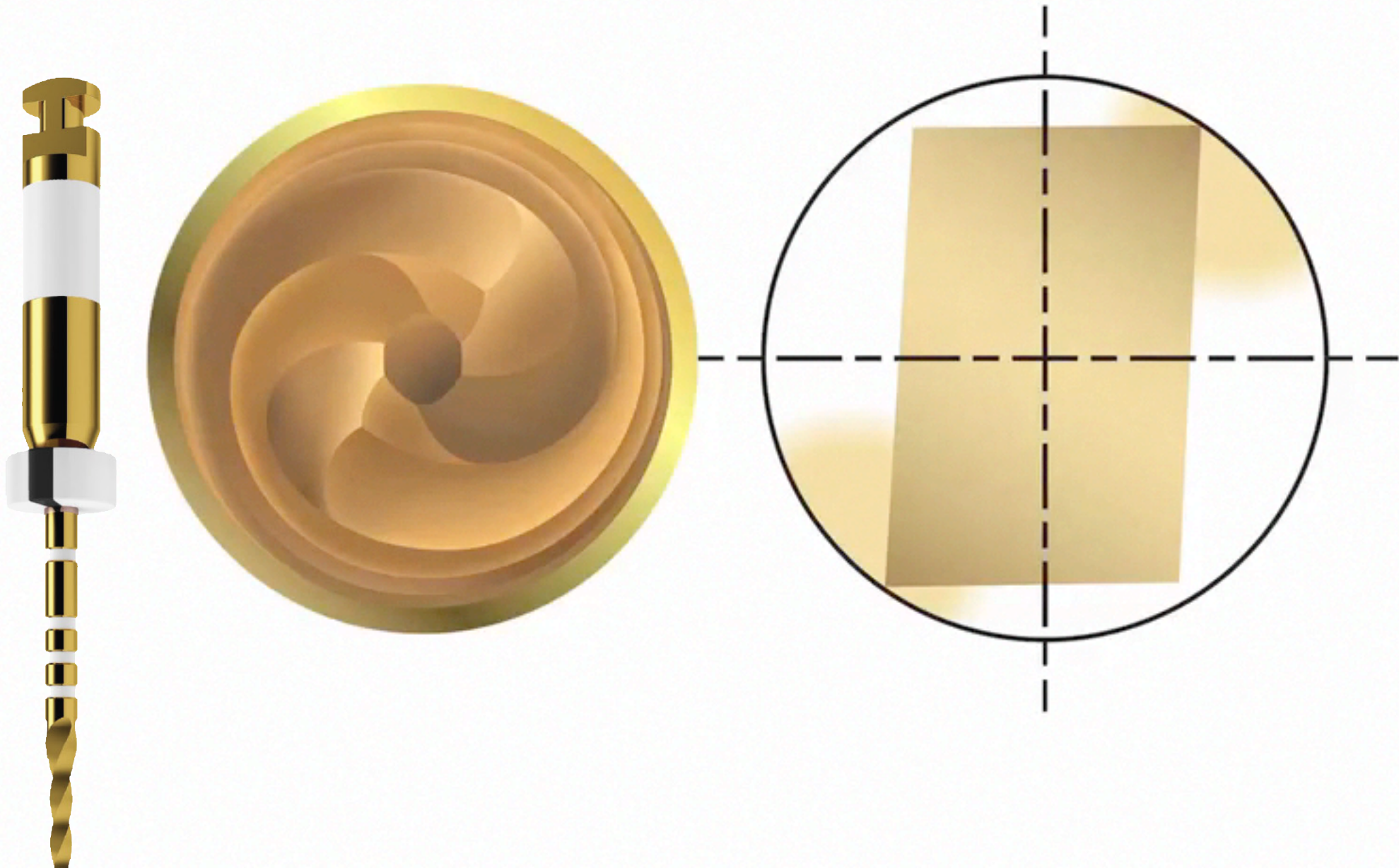
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# VARIABLE HELICAL ANGLES



# Patented Reciprocating Motion

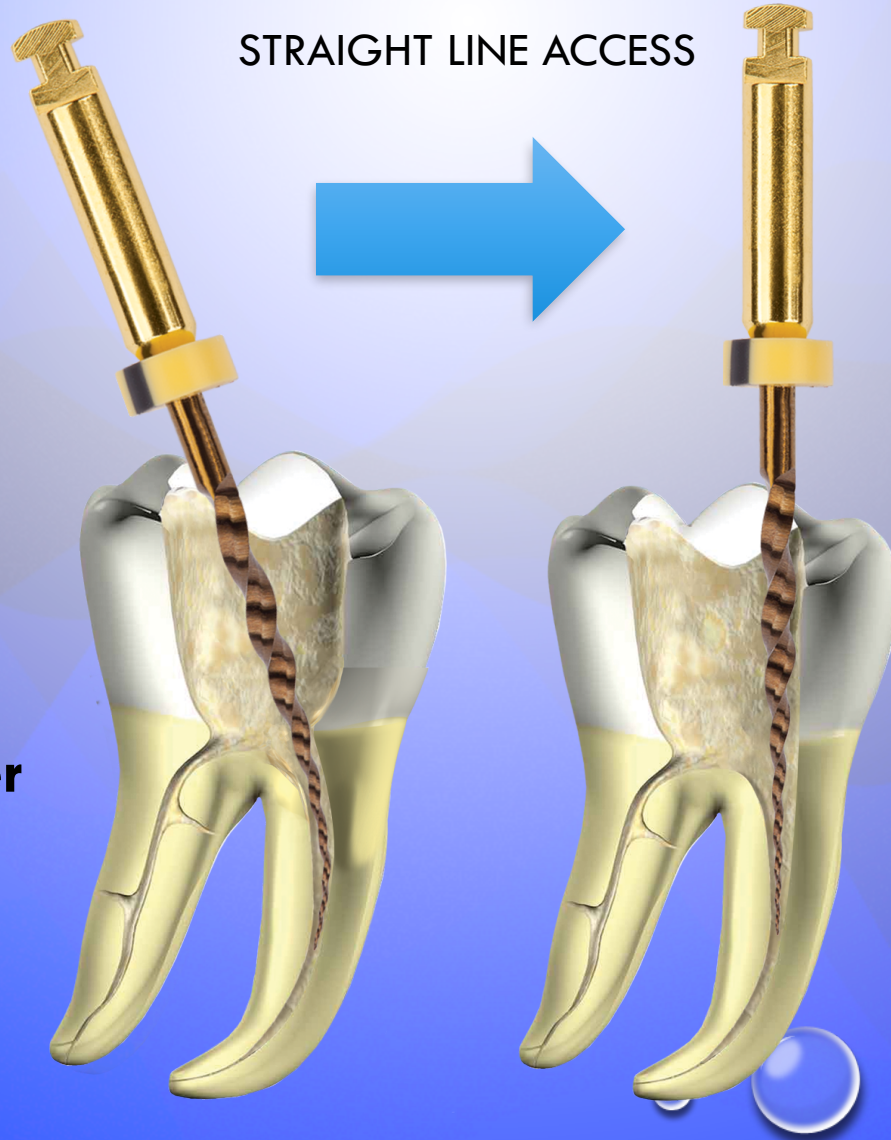




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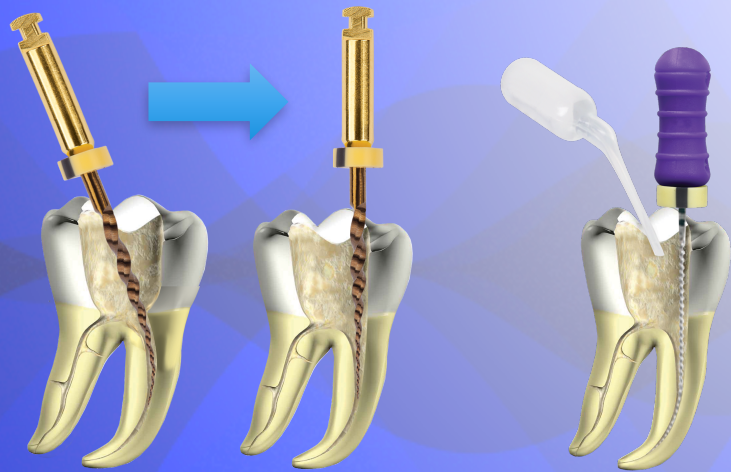


**Vortex 30/12 Orifice Opener**

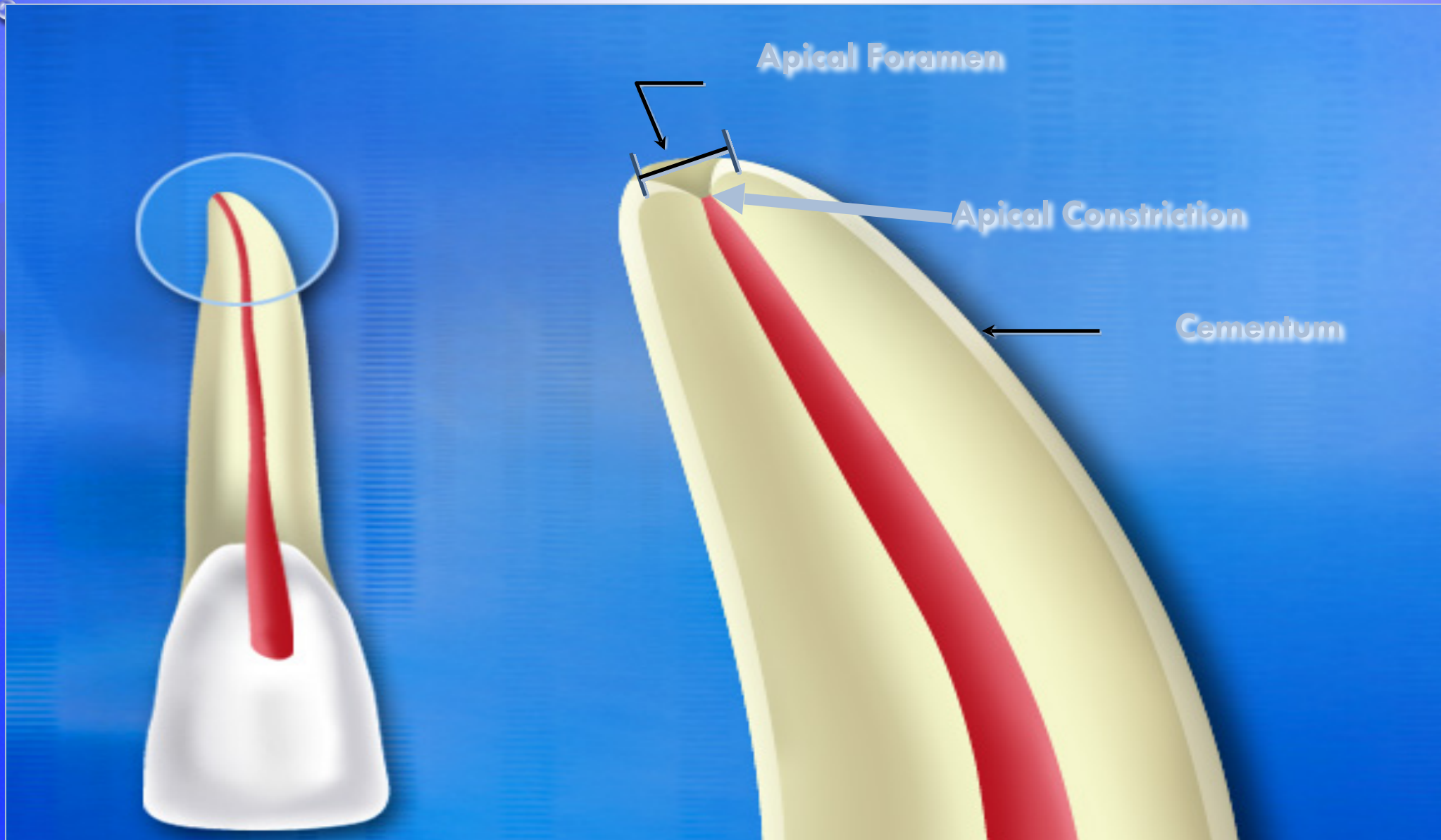




# DETERMINE WORKING LENGTH



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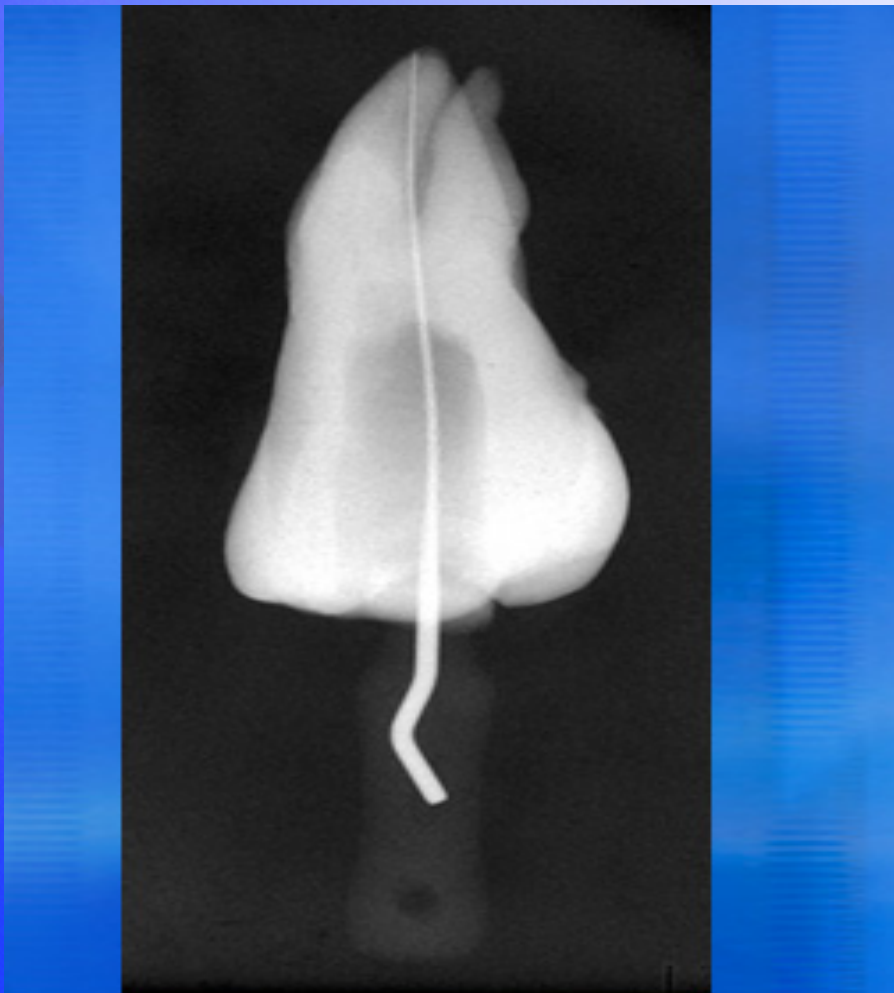
Incorrect



Correct

**SO HOW DO WE FIND THIS APICAL  
CONSTRICTION ACCURATELY?...**

# RADIOGRAPHIC WORKING LENGTH



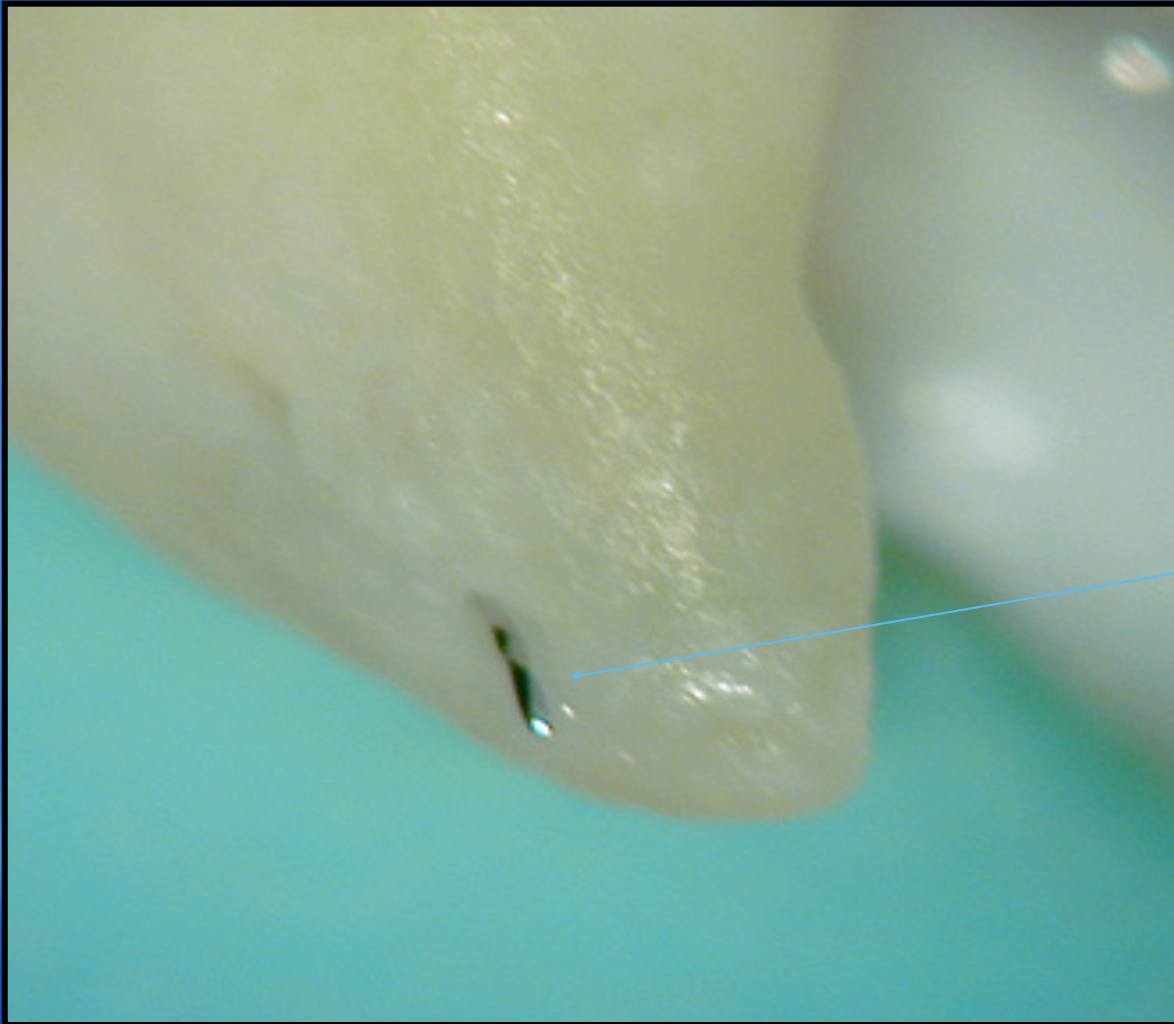
Best guess?

# RADIOGRAPHIC WORKING LENGTH



- ACTUALLY...WE ARE WRONG AND LONG!

# RADIOGRAPHIC WORKING LENGTH

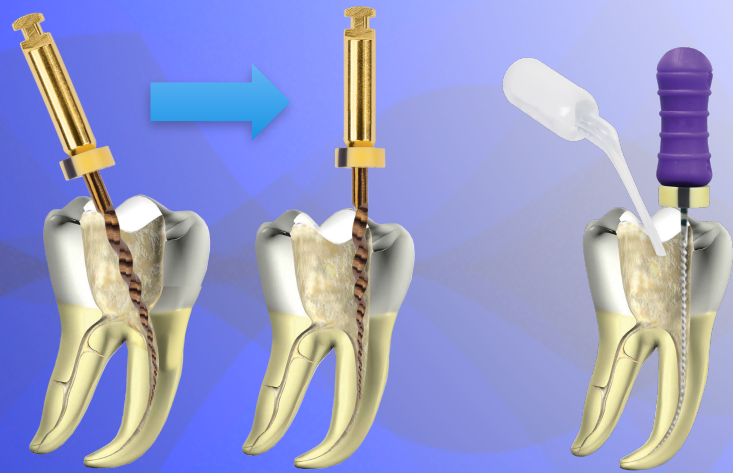


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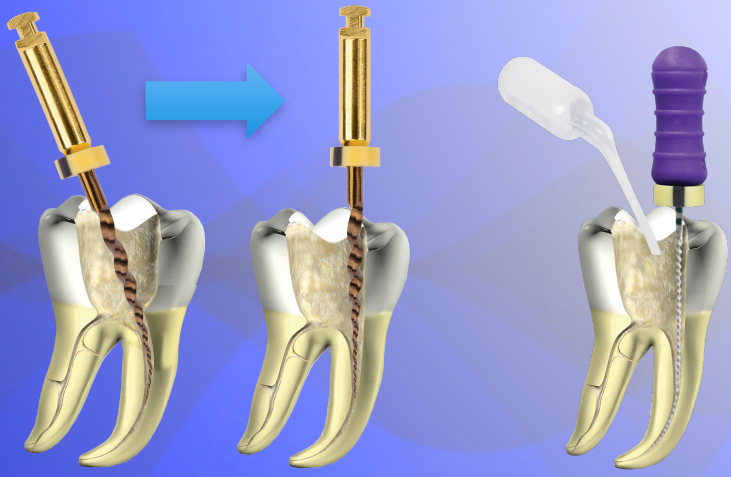




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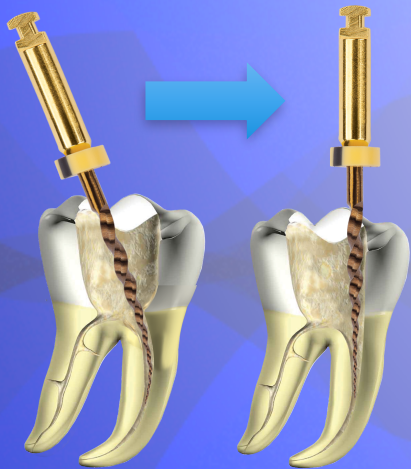
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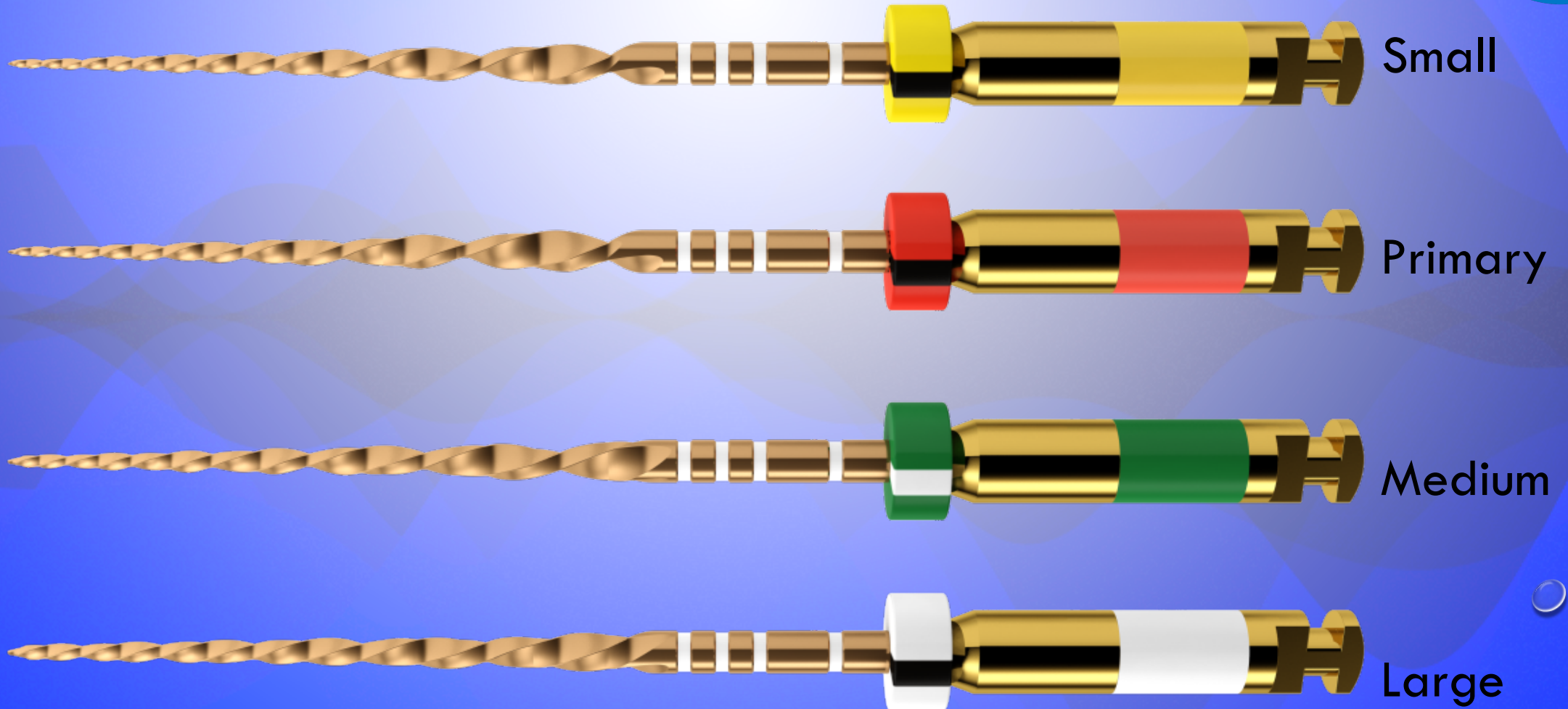
# GLIDEPATH



# GLIDEPATH



# WAVEONE® GOLD RECIPROCATING SYSTEM



Small

Primary

Medium

Large



# WAVEONE GOLD DESIGN PRINCIPALS

- RECIPROCATION REDUCES STRESSES
- APICAL CONSTRICTIONS ARE GENERALLY SMALL
- BACTERIA IN APICAL DENTINAL TUBULES
- SUFFICIENT TAPER ALLOWS FOR GOOD IRRIGATION
- BETTER METALLURGY IMPROVES PERFORMANCE

## SAFETY FACTOR OF RECIPROCATION



“...even when the apical 3mm of the instrument was bound and remained stationary, the instrument still had sufficient strength to endure the torsional load generated by the reciprocating movements.”

### Basic Research—Technology

## Safety of the Factory Preset Rotation Angle of Reciprocating Instruments

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#### Abstract

**Introduction:** This study aimed to investigate the torsional resistance of 2 reciprocating nickel-titanium instruments (Reciproc [VDW, Munich, Germany] and WaveOne [Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland]) operated at the maximum rotating angle in a proprietary motor. **Methods:** With the file tip secured at various levels (3, 4, or 5 mm) of Reciproc R25 and WaveOne P1, the distortion angles and torsional loads were monitored during counterclockwise movement at 2 rpm until fracture ( $n = 10$  at each level) for a load-distortion graph. The rotation angles and loads at the strength point of the plateau, the ultimate torsional strength, final fracture angle, and toughness were determined. The data were analyzed using 1-way analysis of variance and the Tukey post hoc test at  $\alpha = .05$ . The lateral longitudinal aspect and the fracture cross-section of each specimen were examined by scanning electron microscopy after the test. **Results:** The rotation angle at the beginning point of the plateau was significantly greater for a binding site farther away from the tip of the instrument for both systems ( $P < .05$ ), and all were greater than 170° (preset in the dedicated motor from manufacturer). The ultimate strength and toughness also increased significantly at levels farther away from the instrument tip ( $P < .05$ ). All specimens showed typical topographic features of torsional fracture, including the circular abrasion marks and fibrous dimples near the rotation center after the test. **Conclusions:** It was determined that the 2 brands of reciprocating files are safe when operated at the rotation angle in the proprietary motor. (*J Endod* 2014;40:1671–1675)

#### Key Words

Distortion, Reciproc, reciprocating nickel-titanium file, torsional resistance, WaveOne

Nickel-titanium (NiTi) rotary files are now an important adjunct in endodontic therapy and are used extensively by both specialists and general dentists. NiTi instruments offer many advantages over stainless steel files, including excellent flexibility and improved cutting efficiency (1, 2). The superelasticity of NiTi rotary instruments allows preservation of the root canal anatomy and curvature while conserving more root structure (1–5). Despite these advantages, NiTi instruments appear to be vulnerable to separation (4, 5).

The separation modes of rotary NiTi instruments can be categorized as either cyclic flexural fatigue or torsional failure (5, 6). In the clinic, the separation of NiTi instruments probably occurs under the simultaneous influence of torsion and flexure, resulting in mixed mode failure (6, 7). Researchers and manufacturers have explored various ways to increase failure resistance as well as clinical efficiency (8–15). Geometric characteristics, heat treatments, and surface treatments have been shown to have a considerable effect on the mechanical properties and clinical performances of NiTi instruments (9–17).

Recently, a different form of motion has been proposed for NiTi instruments. Yared (18) reported the use of a reciprocating technique and managed to shape a root canal successfully with only 1 instrument. Since then, 2 NiTi systems have been introduced to the market that use the reciprocation concept: Reciproc (VDW, Munich, Germany) and WaveOne (Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues, Switzerland). These manufacturers claim that the reciprocating motion reduces the torsional fracture by periodically reversing the rotation directions of the file (19). Several studies have shown that reciprocating motion can extend the fatigue life span of an NiTi instrument and thus may increase clinical efficiency compared with continuous rotation (20–23). The life span negatively influence the fatigue resistance for continuously rotating instruments. On the other hand, little information is available on the torsional resistance of NiTi files operating in the reciprocating mode despite the manufacturers' claim. The reciprocating file continues to be susceptible to torsional breakage, at least in theory. The torsional resistance of an instrument varies according to the cross-sectional shape and area, which may differ at different levels of the instrument (19). The rotation angle surely will affect the internal stress built up in these instruments. However, the dedicated motors of these systems possess only 1 preprogrammed setting for the reciprocating files (170° counterclockwise and 50° clockwise, which were recorded in a preliminary study using a high-speed video camera [DLS 11 SHS; Canon, Tokyo, Japan] at 240 frame/s). Therefore, the aim of this study was to investigate the torsional resistances of the reciprocating instruments at various levels by measuring torsional

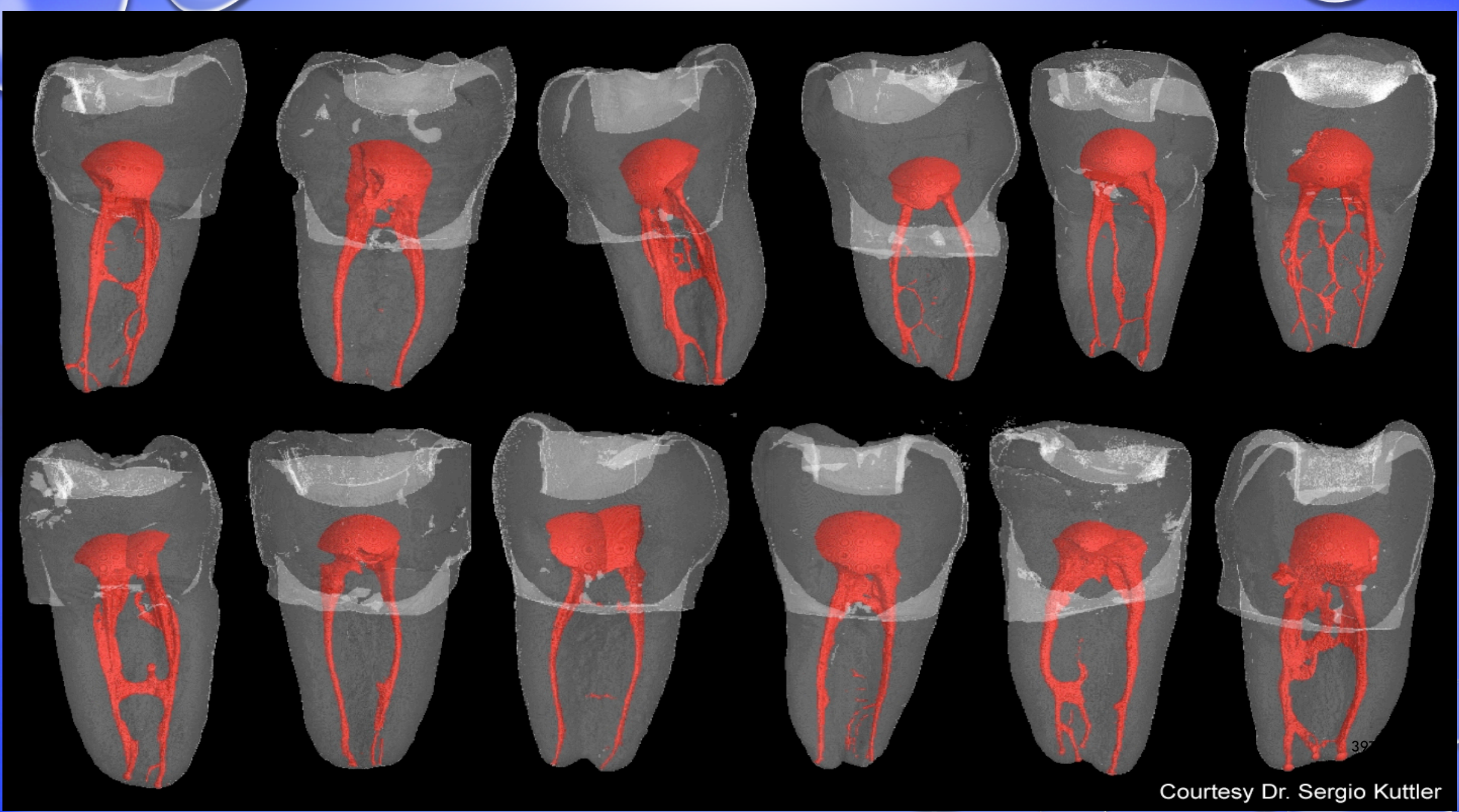
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- BACK TO WHY THE WAVE ONE GOLD FILE IS THE SIZE IT IS...

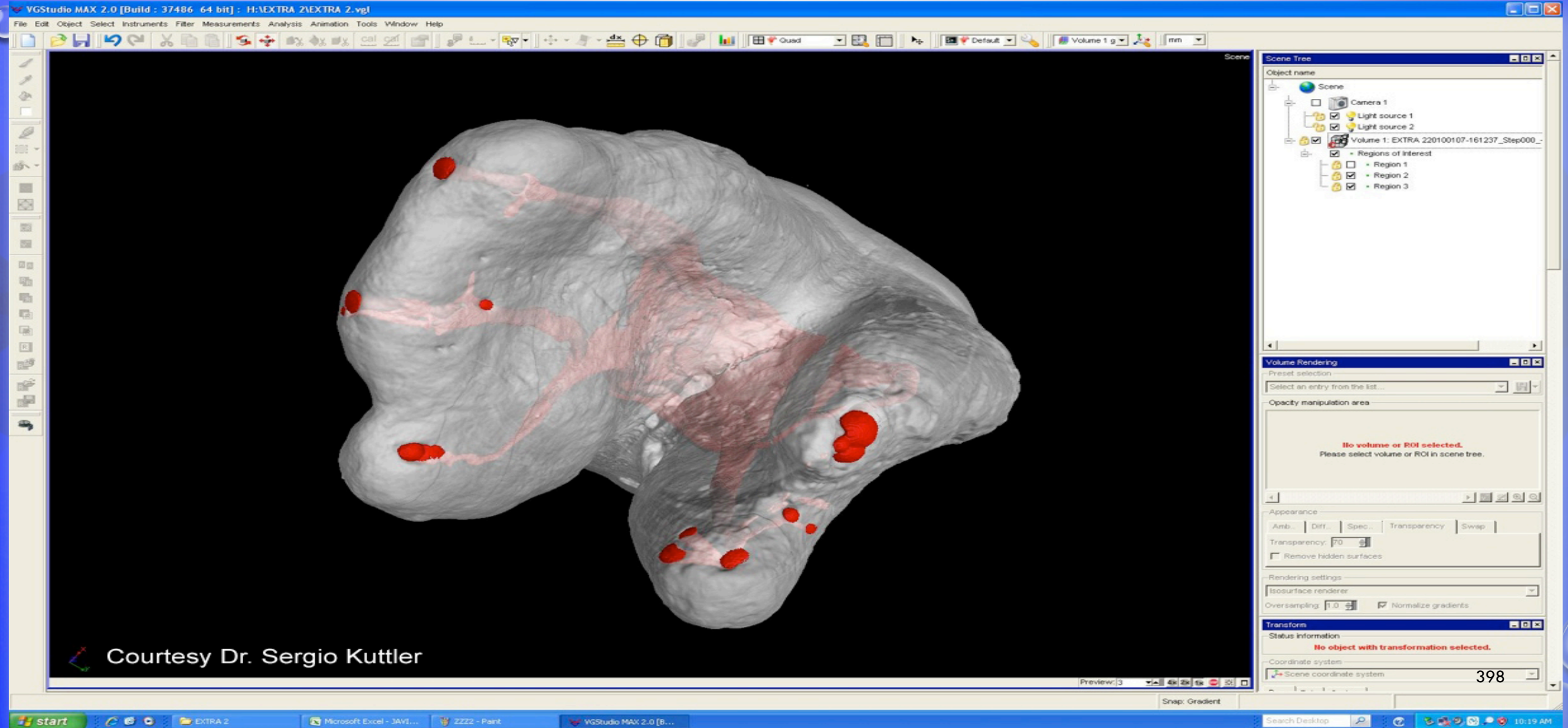




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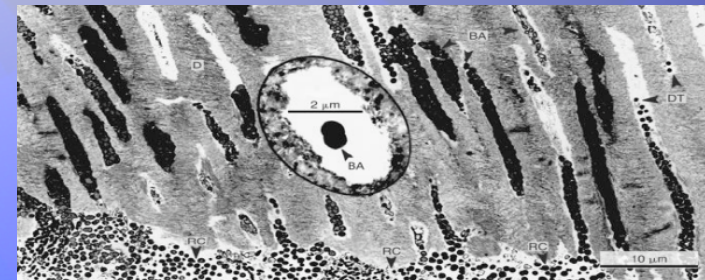
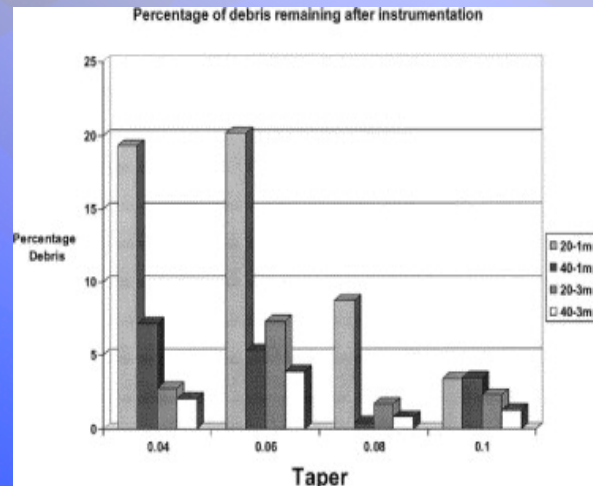
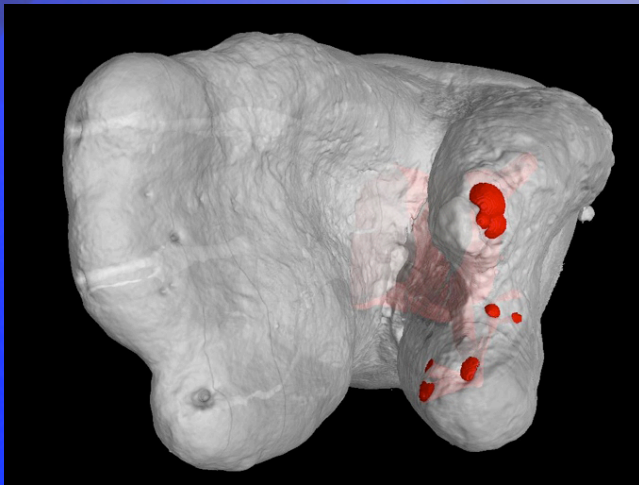
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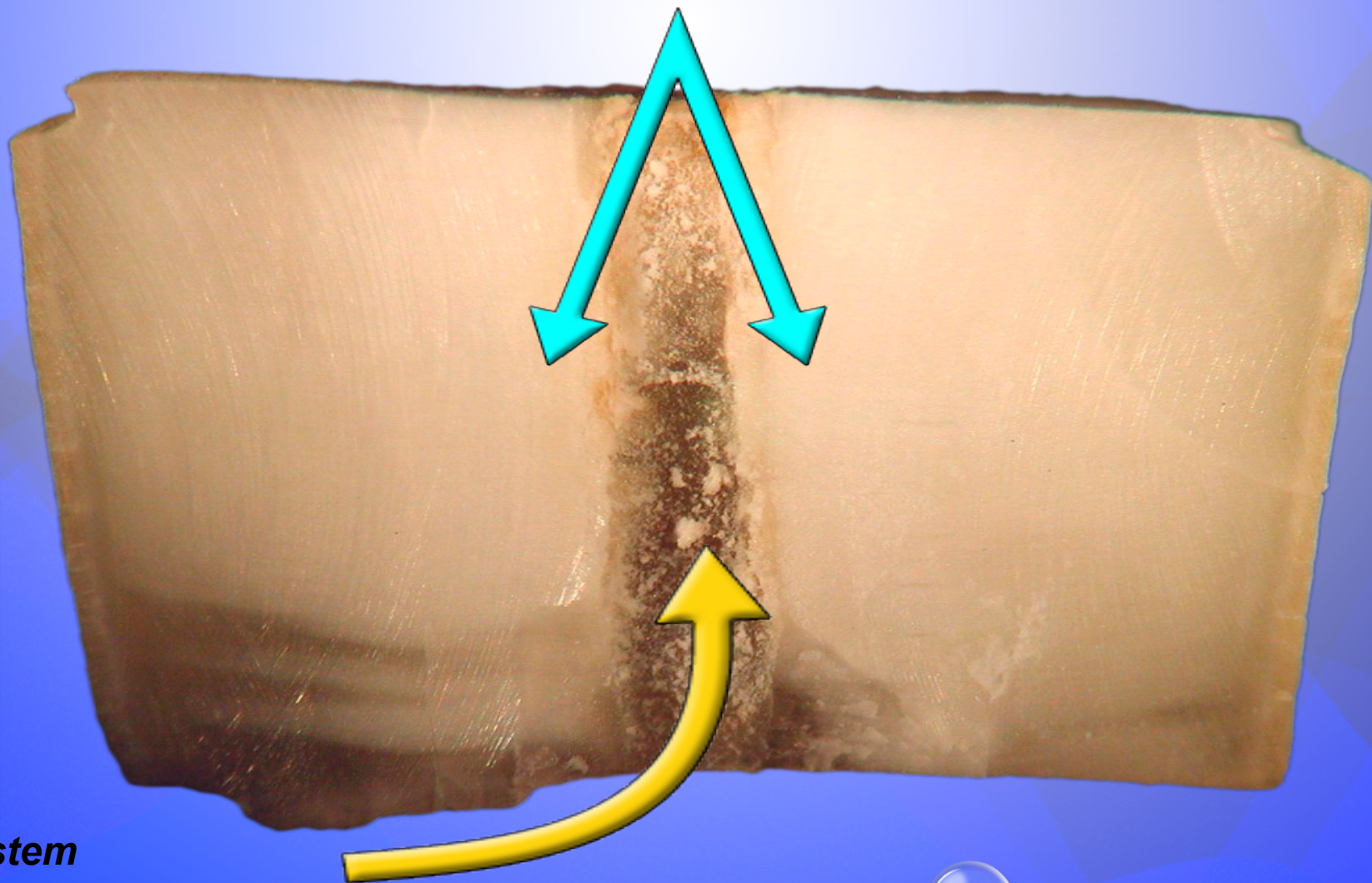
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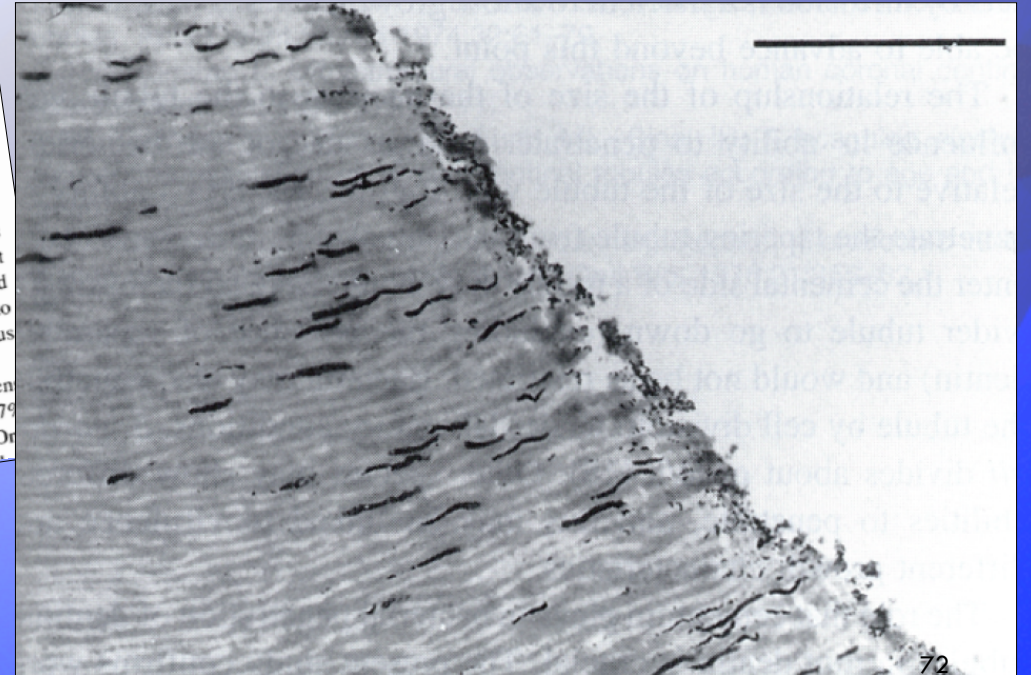
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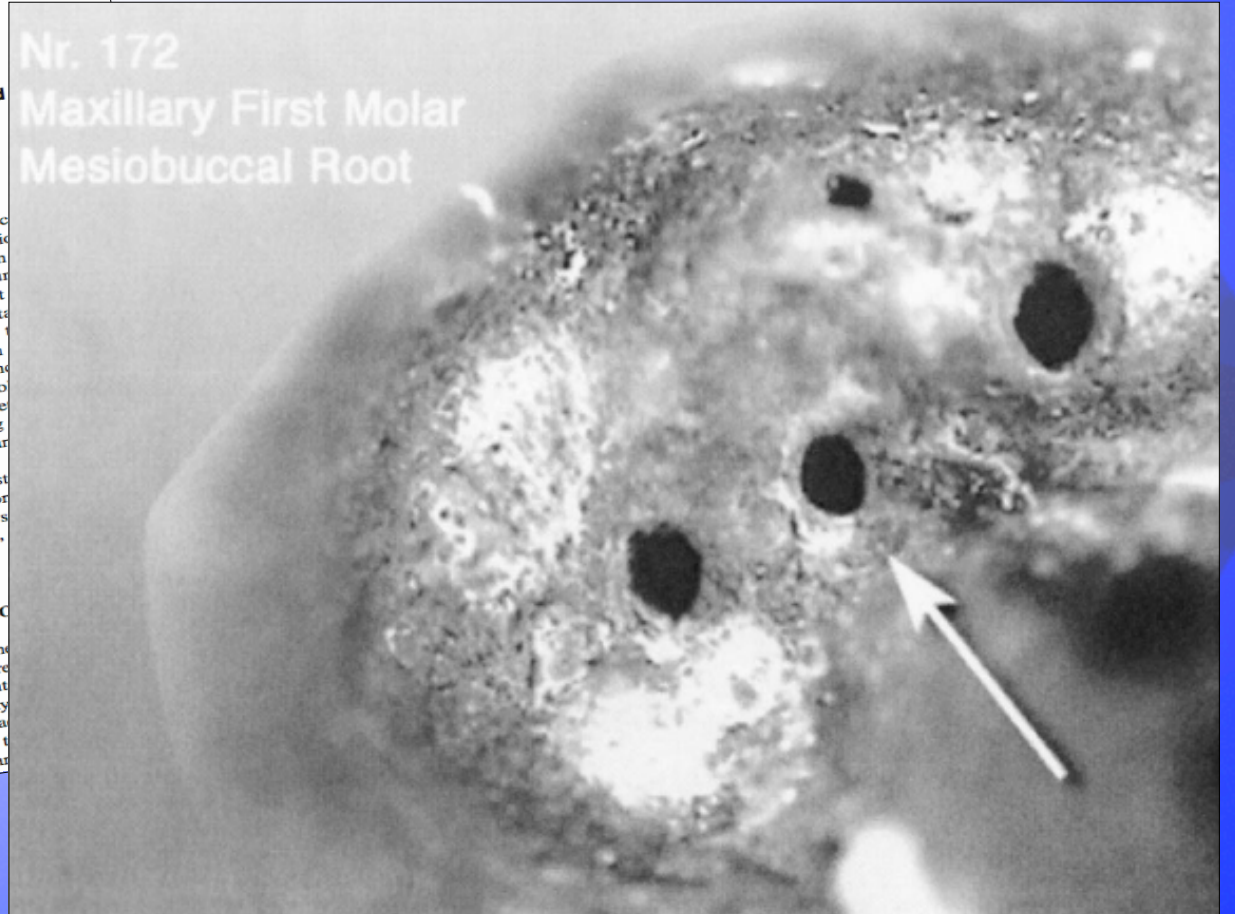
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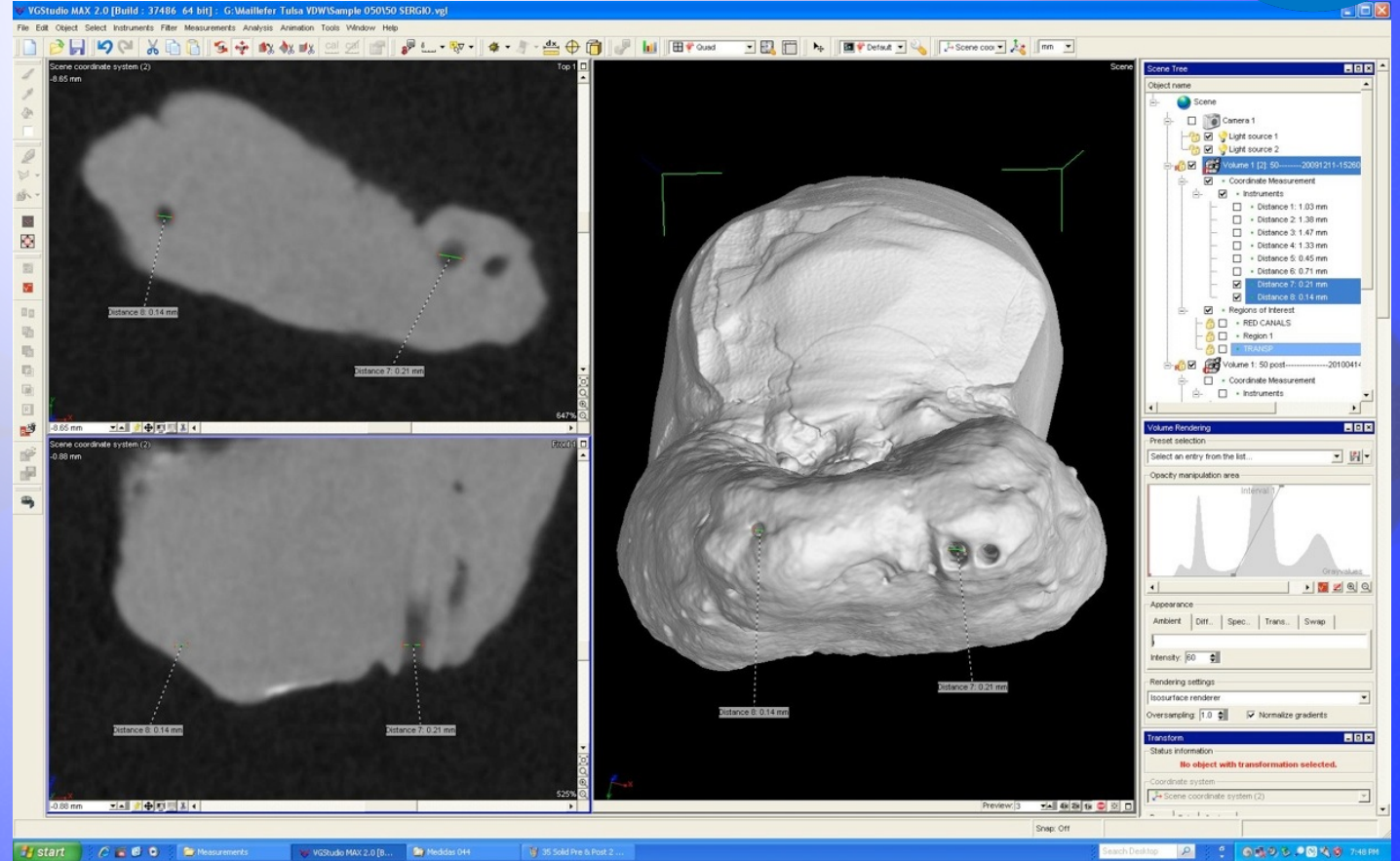
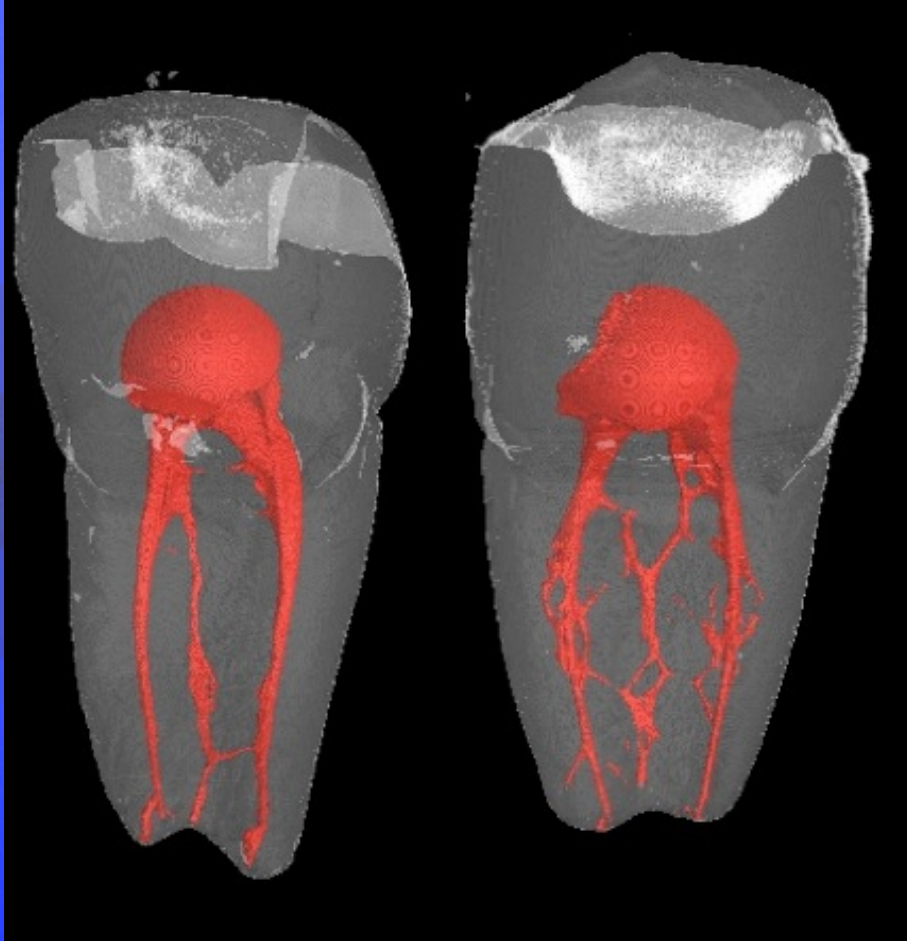
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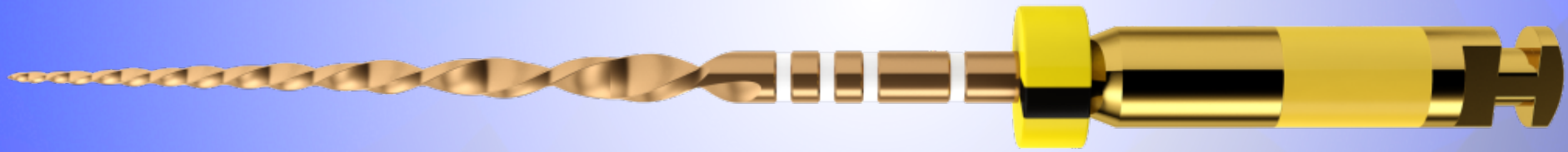




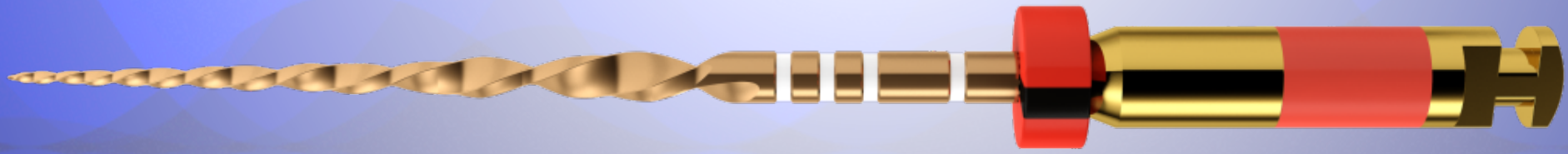
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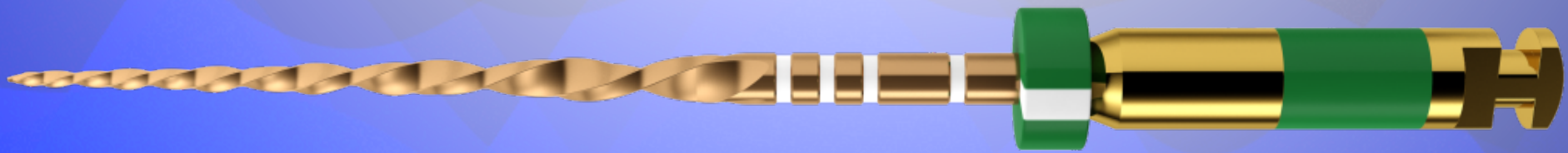
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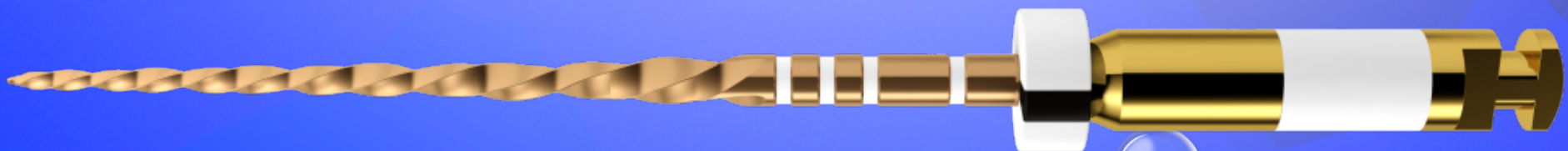
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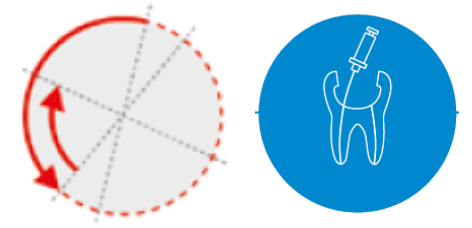


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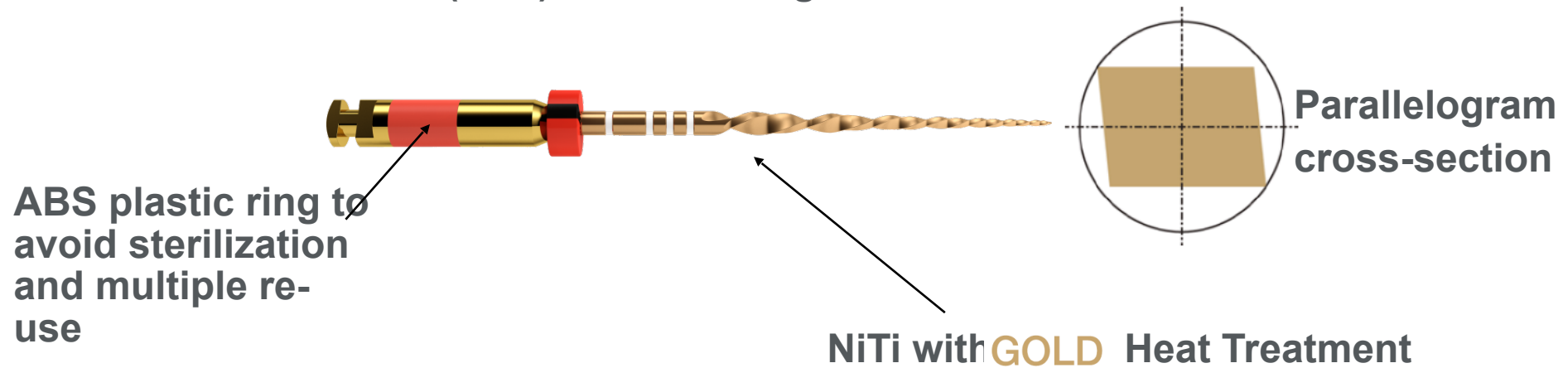


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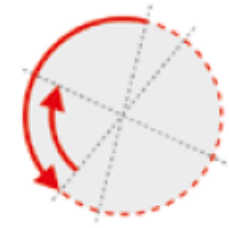


Possible to shape the majority of cases  
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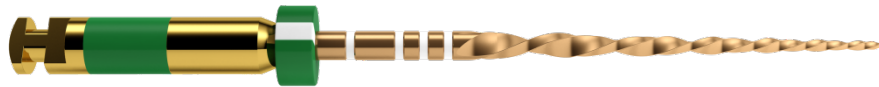
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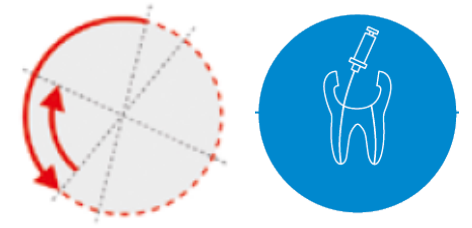


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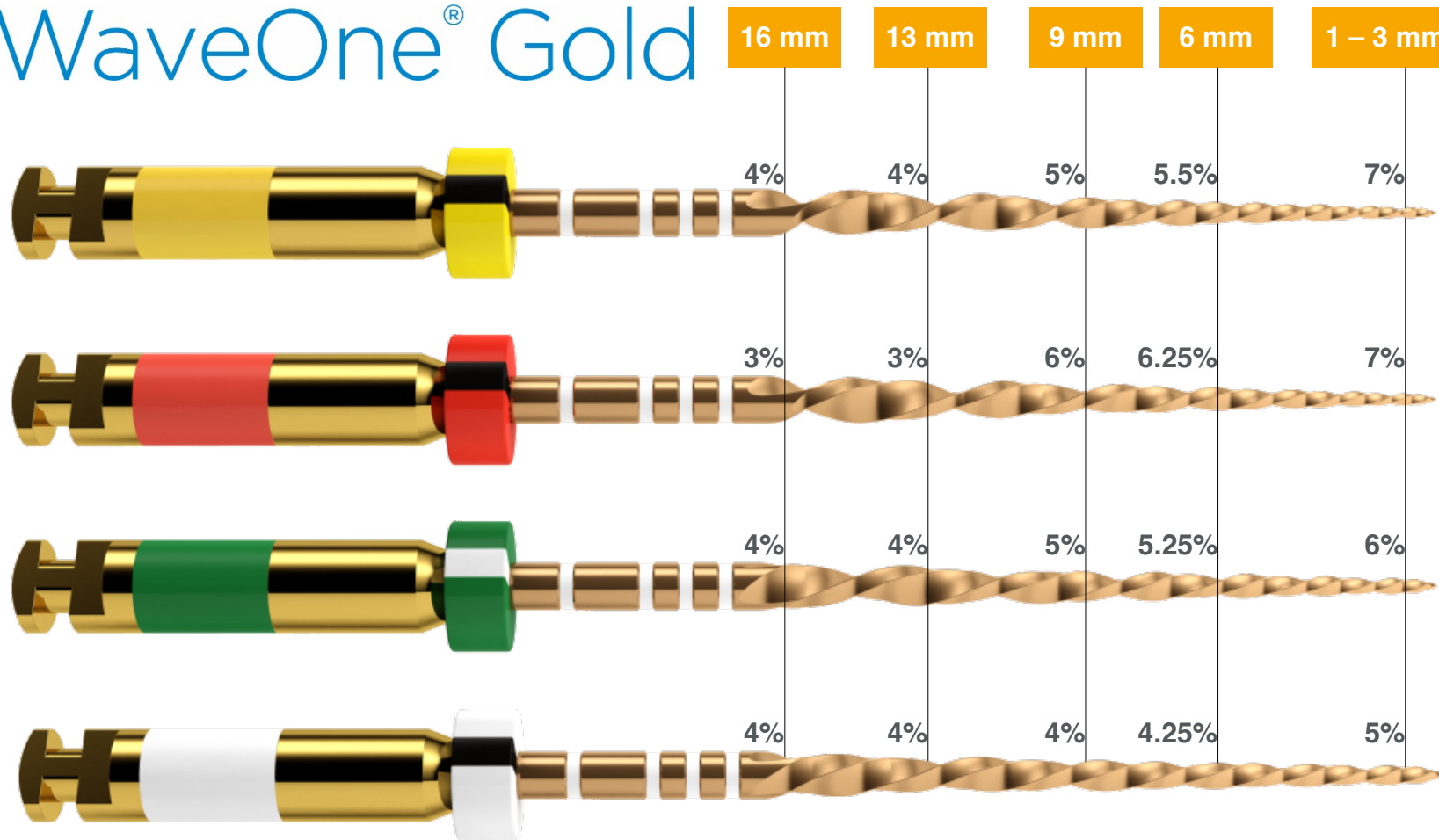


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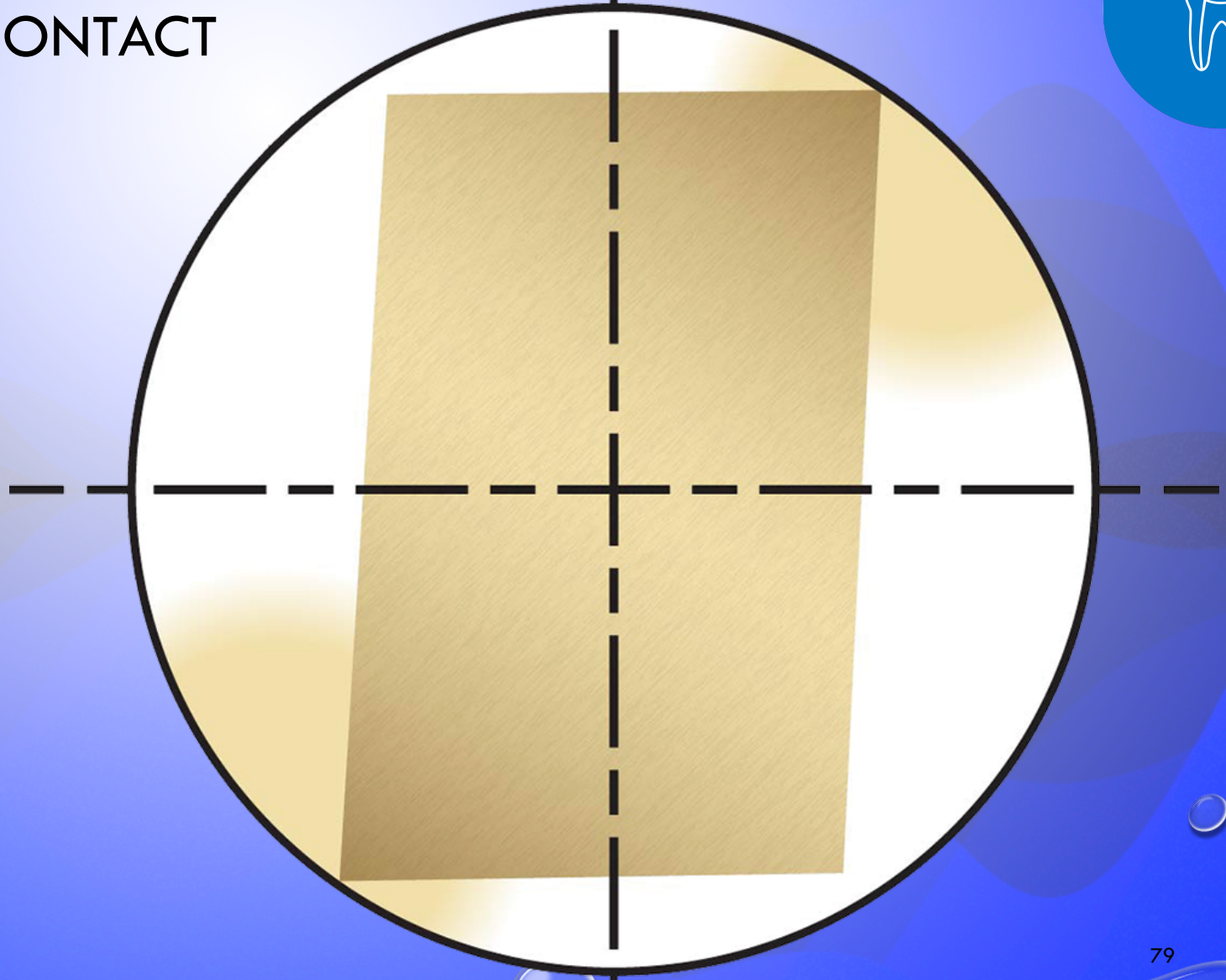
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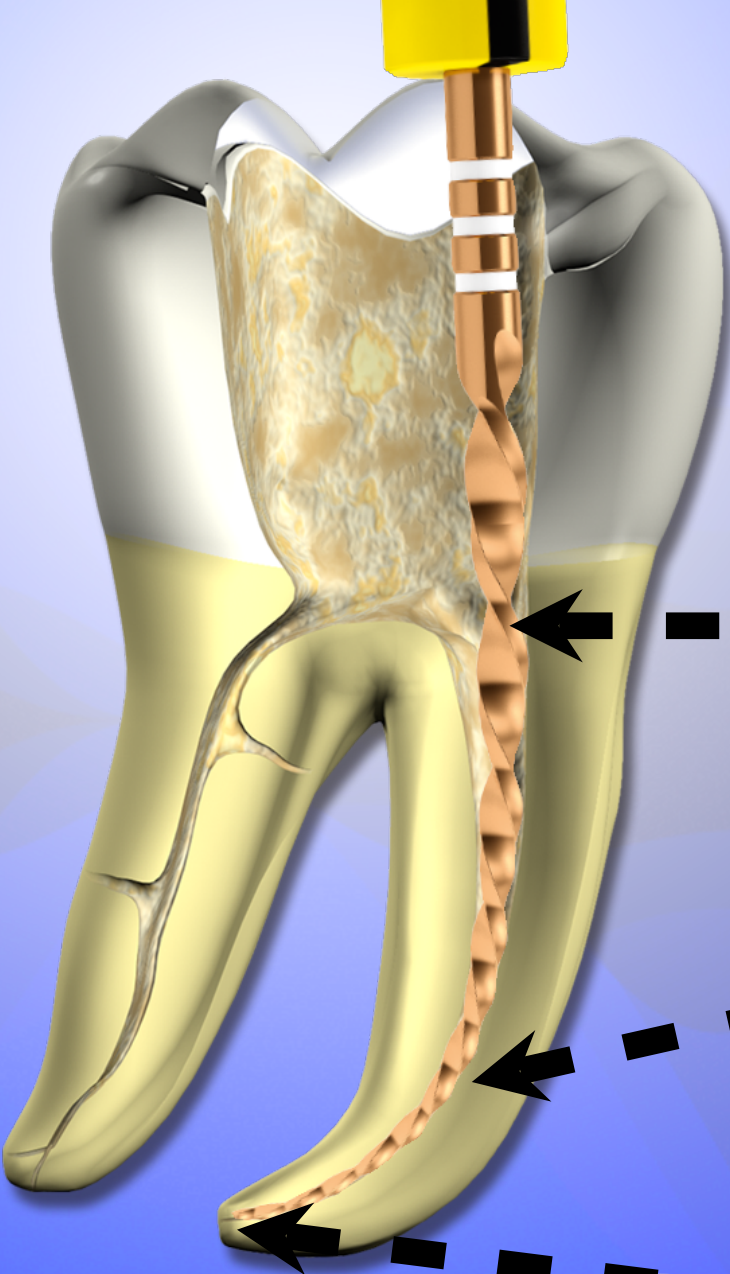
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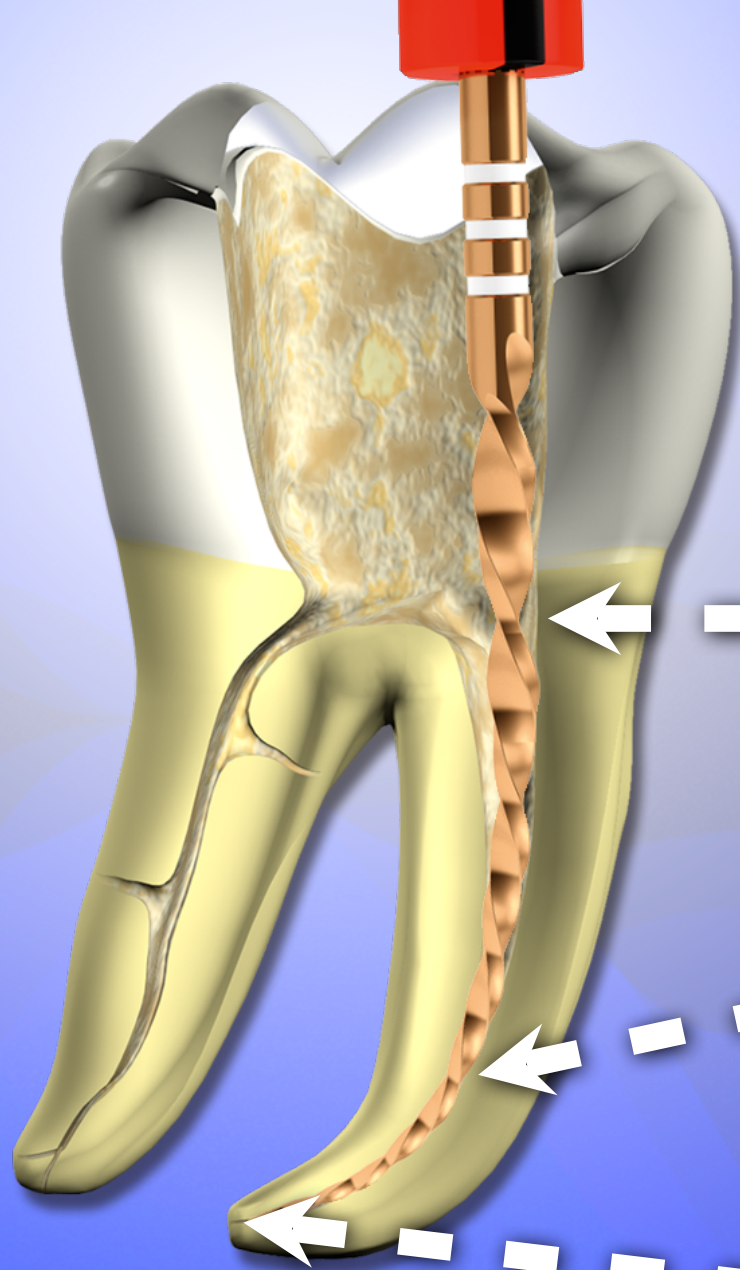


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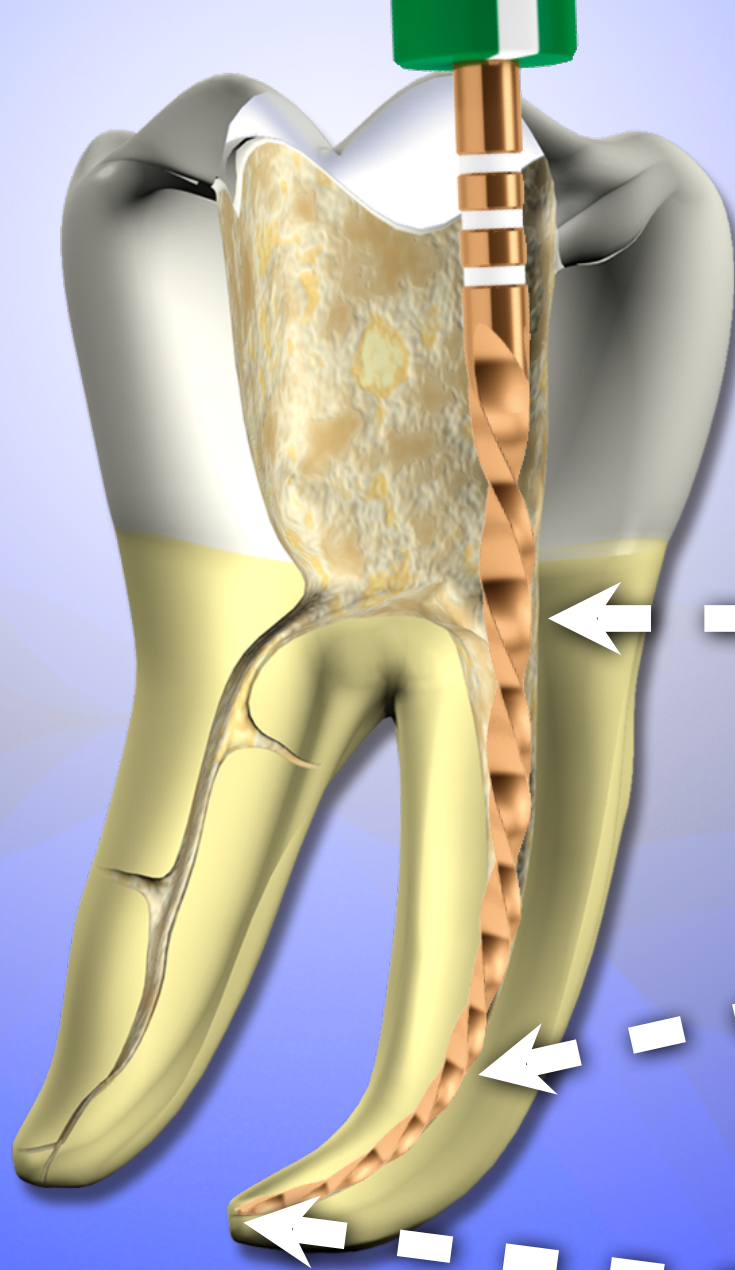
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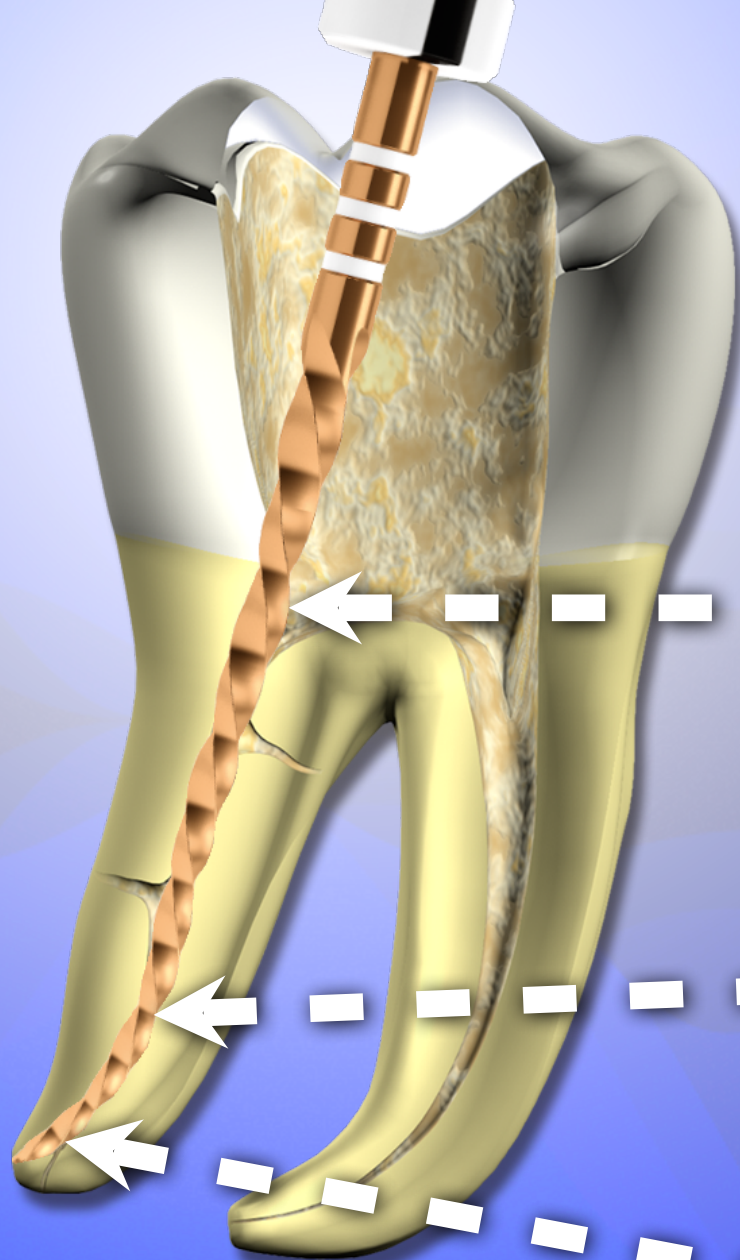


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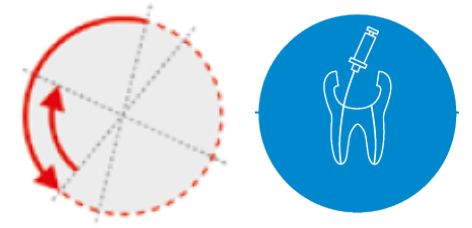
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# WAVEONE GOLD OVERVIEW

- GOLD RESULTS FROM POST-GRIND HEAT TREATMENT
- MORE FLEXIBILITY
- HIGHER RESISTANCE TO CYCLIC FATIGUE



# WaveOne Gold brings you Zen



SSt Hand File



WaveOne® Gold Glider

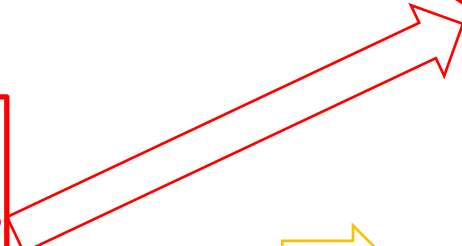


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Primary

Possible to shape around 80% of cases with only one shaping file



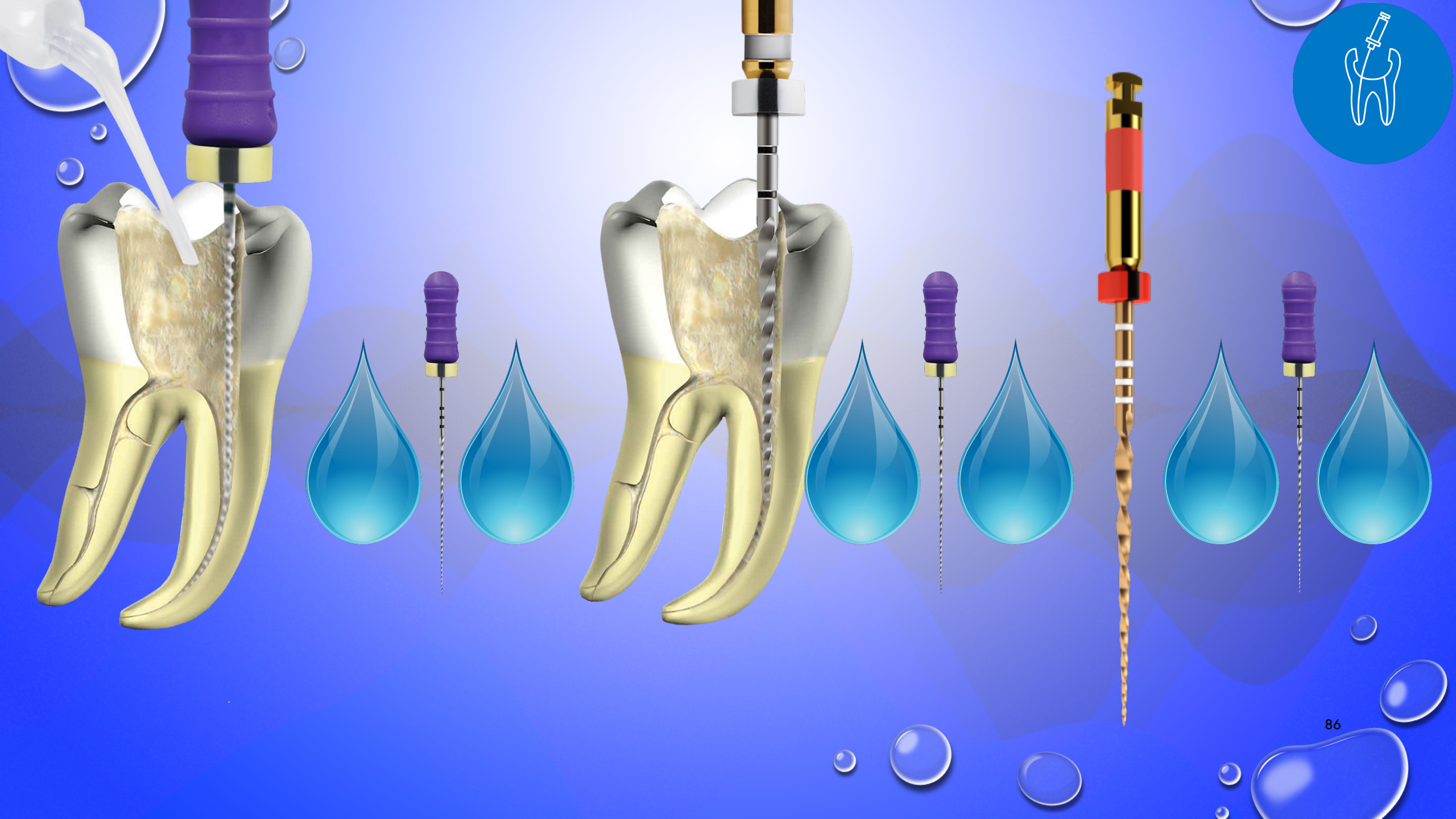
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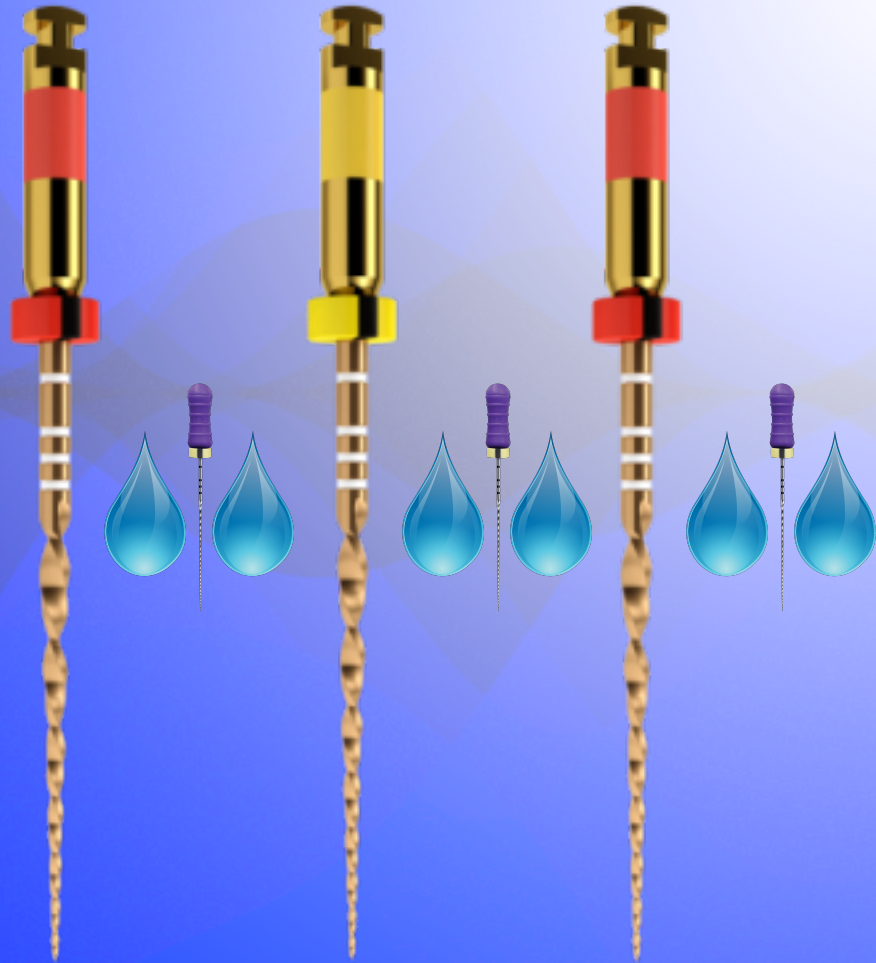
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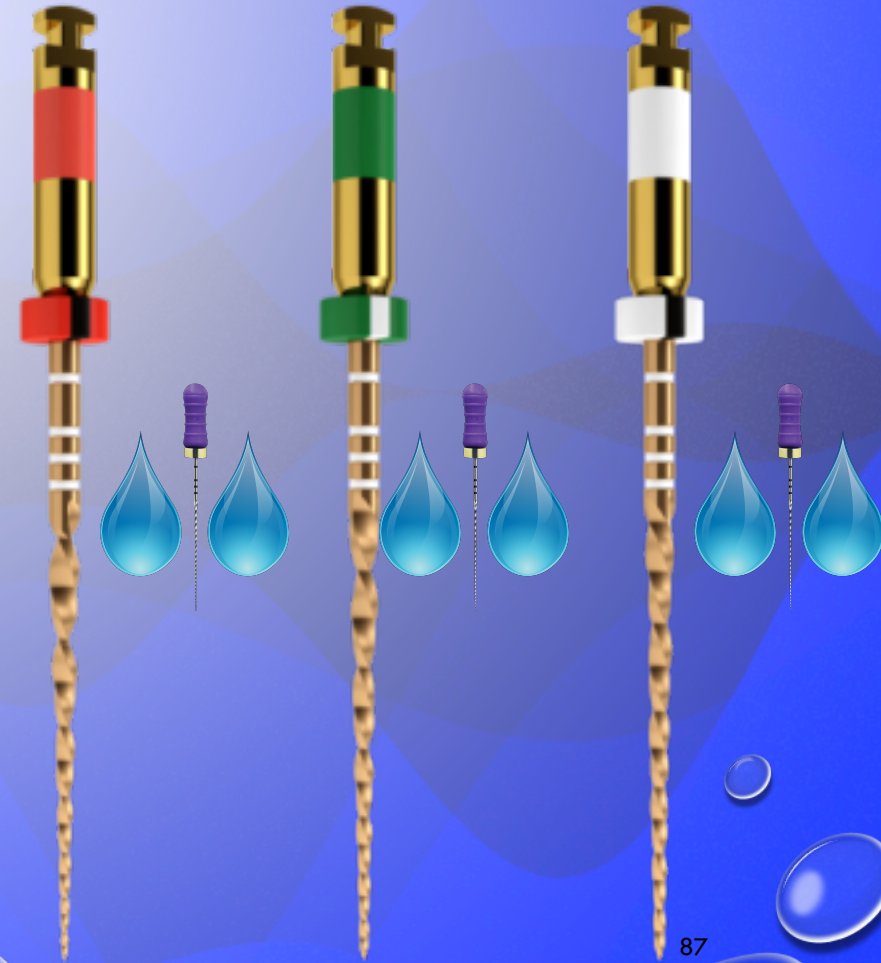
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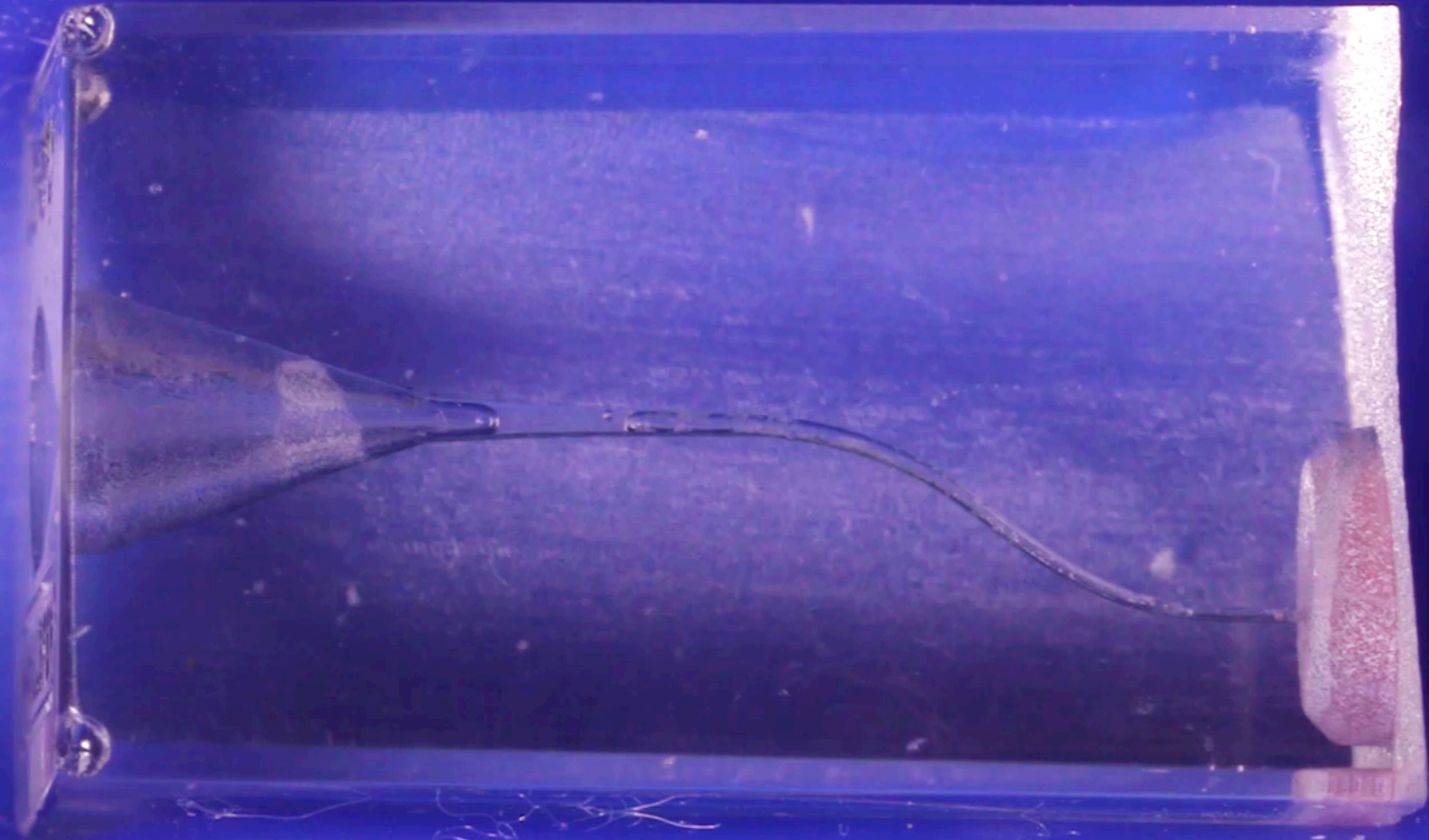
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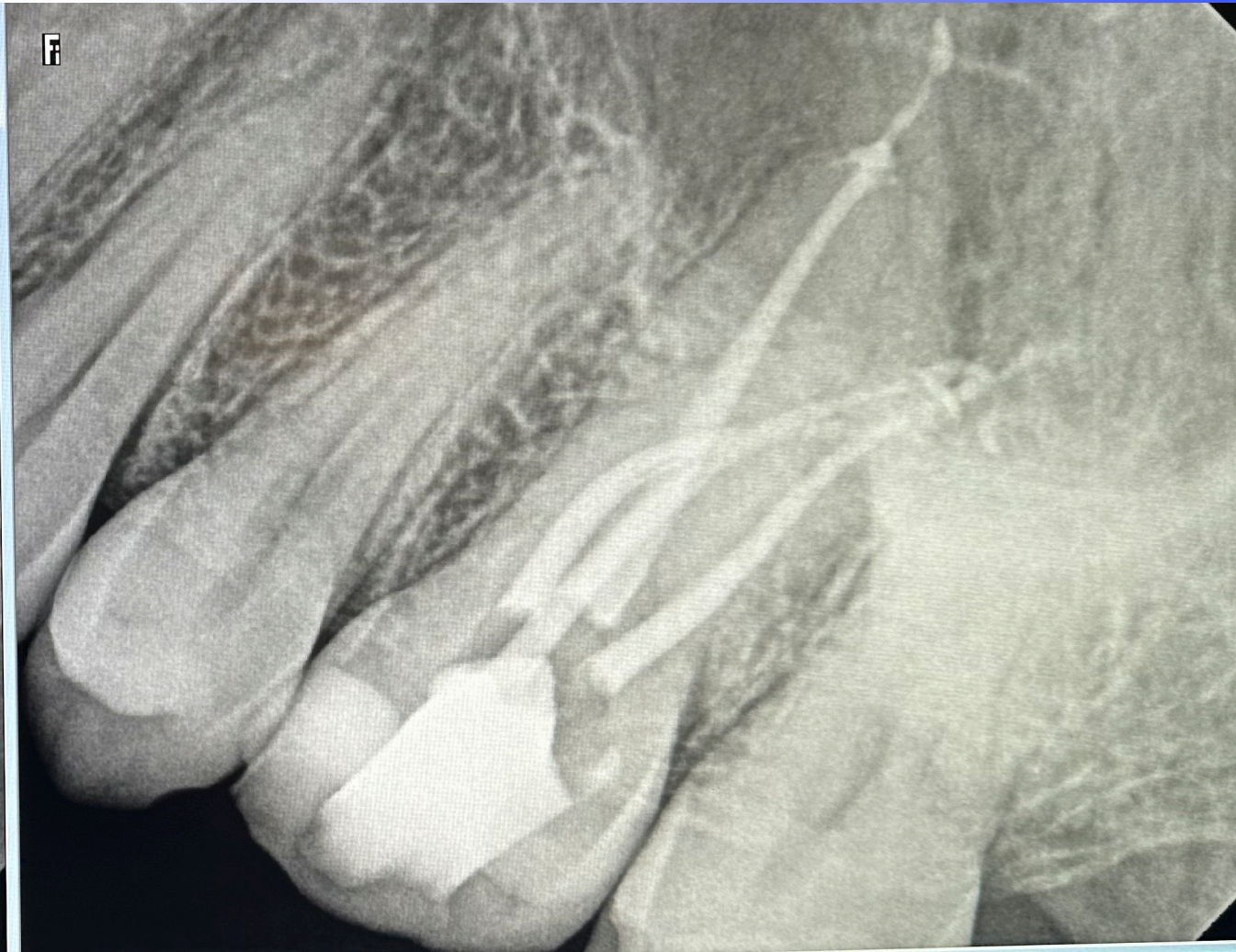
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- THERMAL TREATMENTS IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY AND FATIGUE RESISTANCE
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- CLEAN INSTRUMENT FREQUENTLY

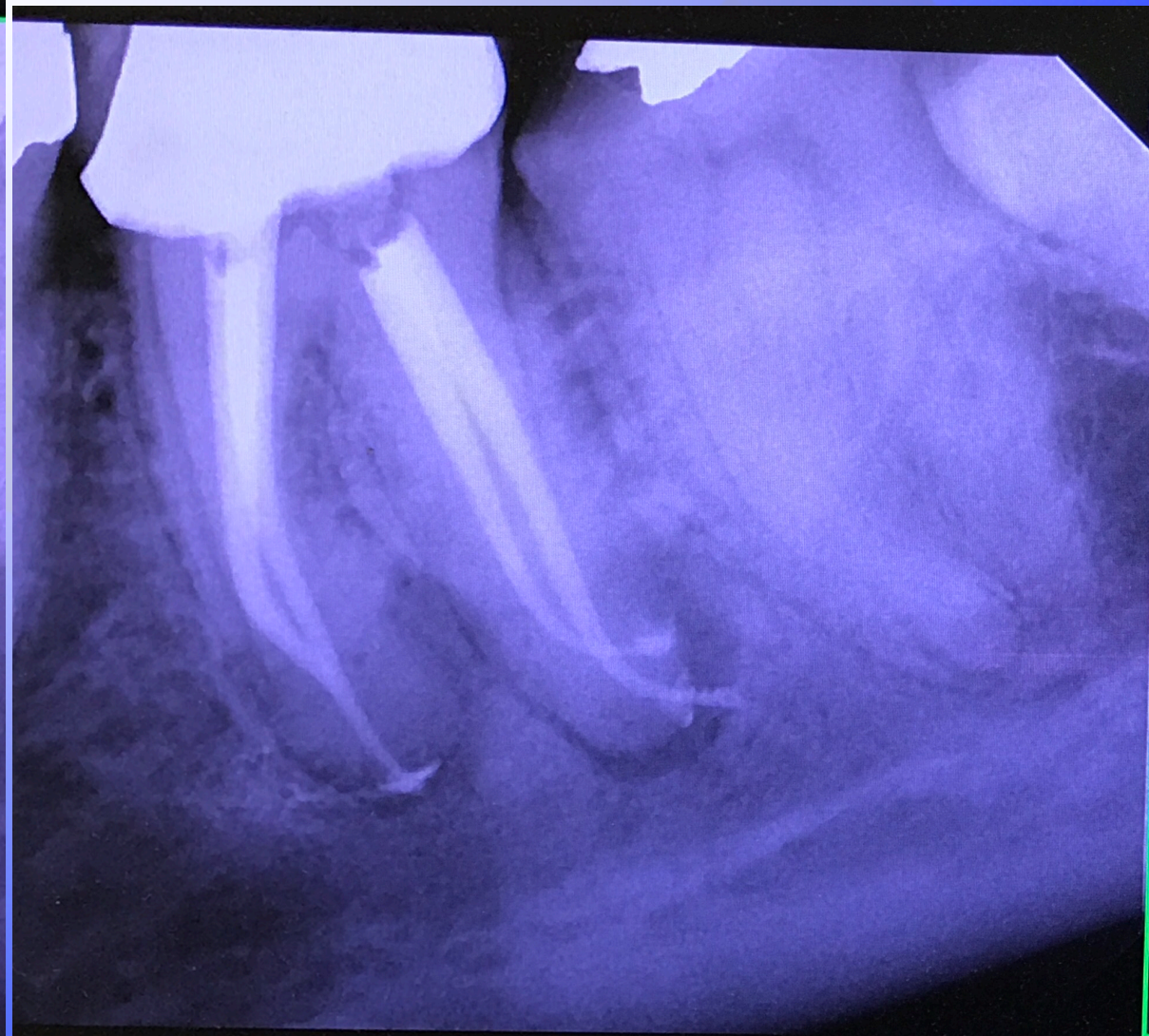
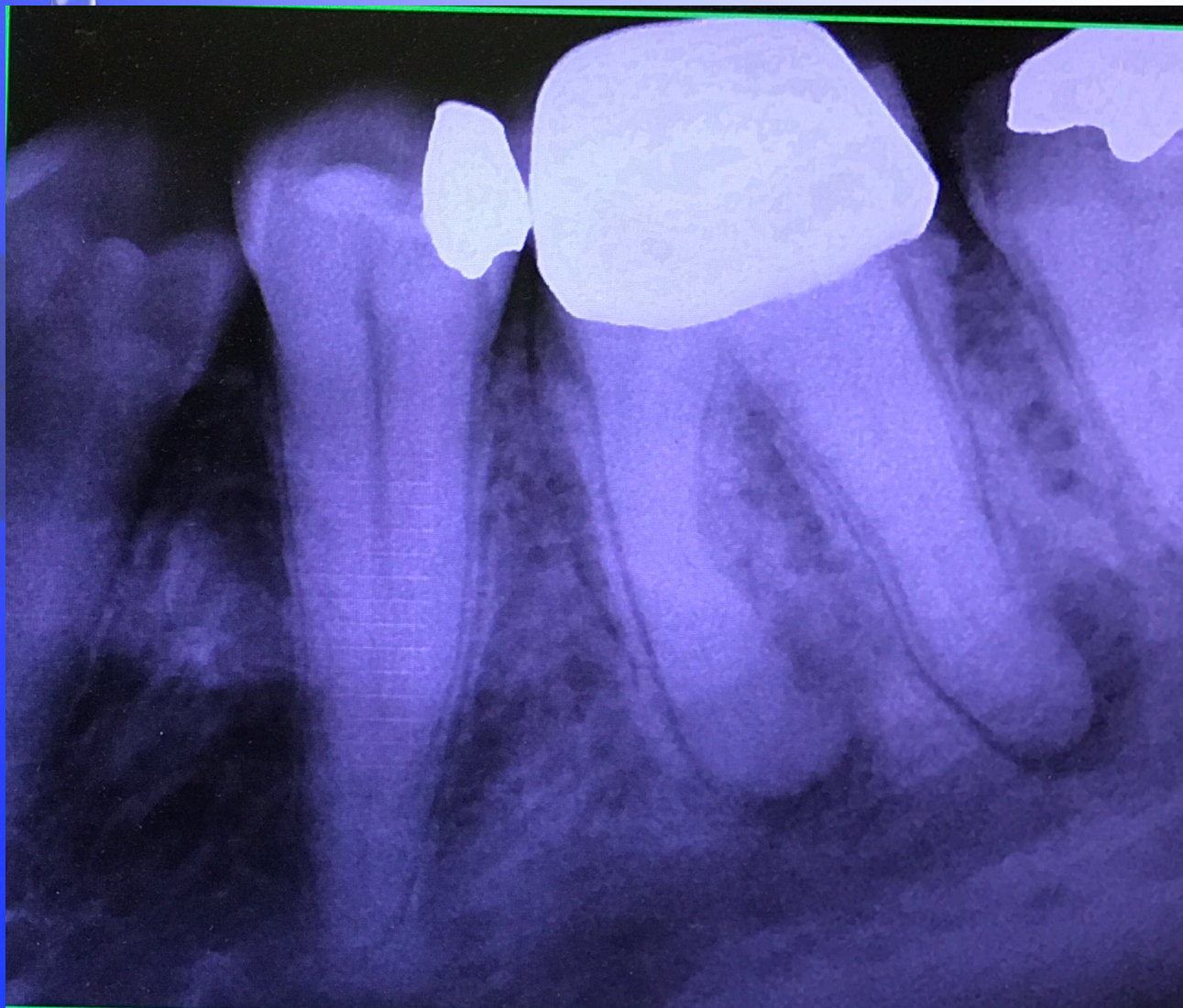
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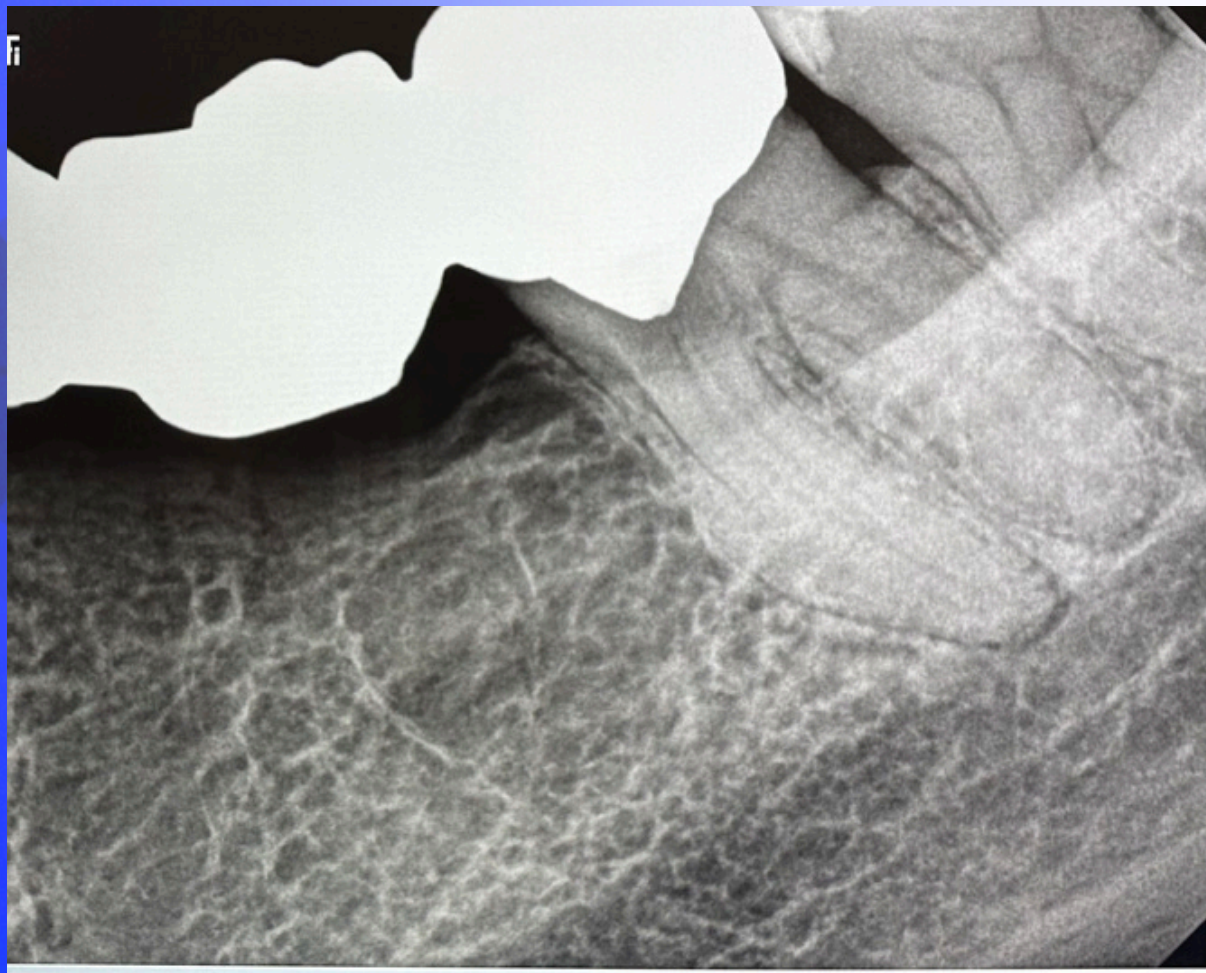
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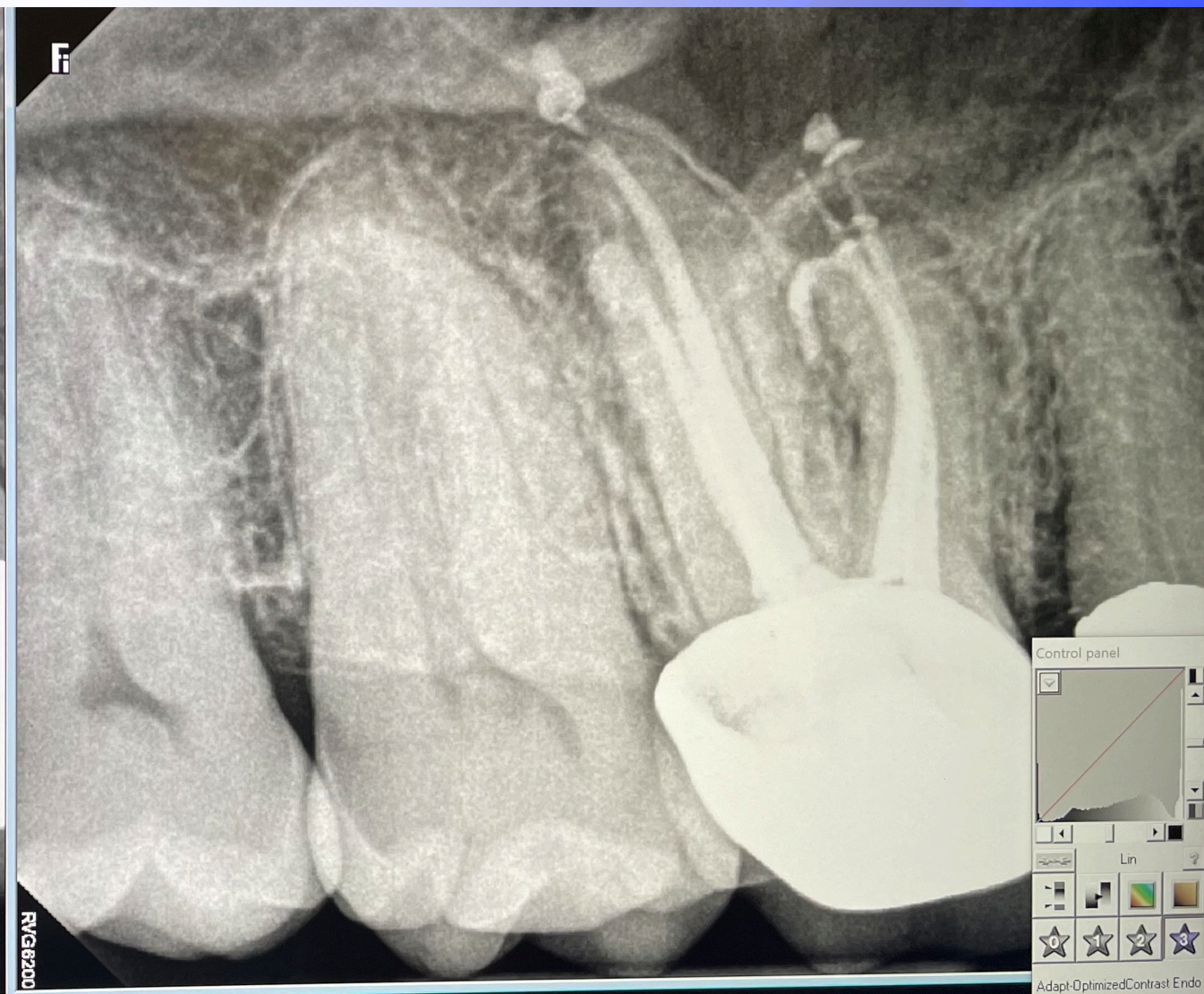


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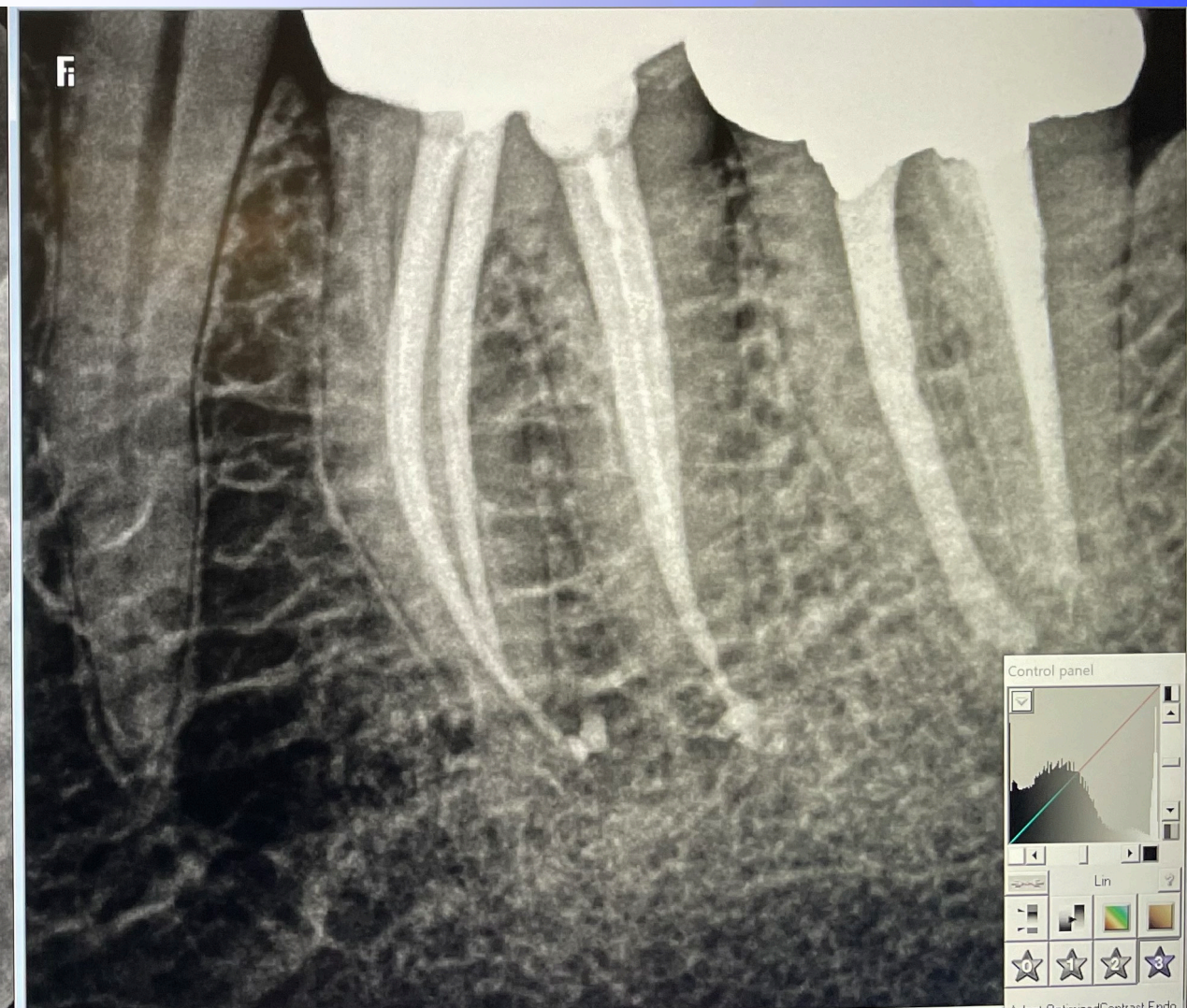


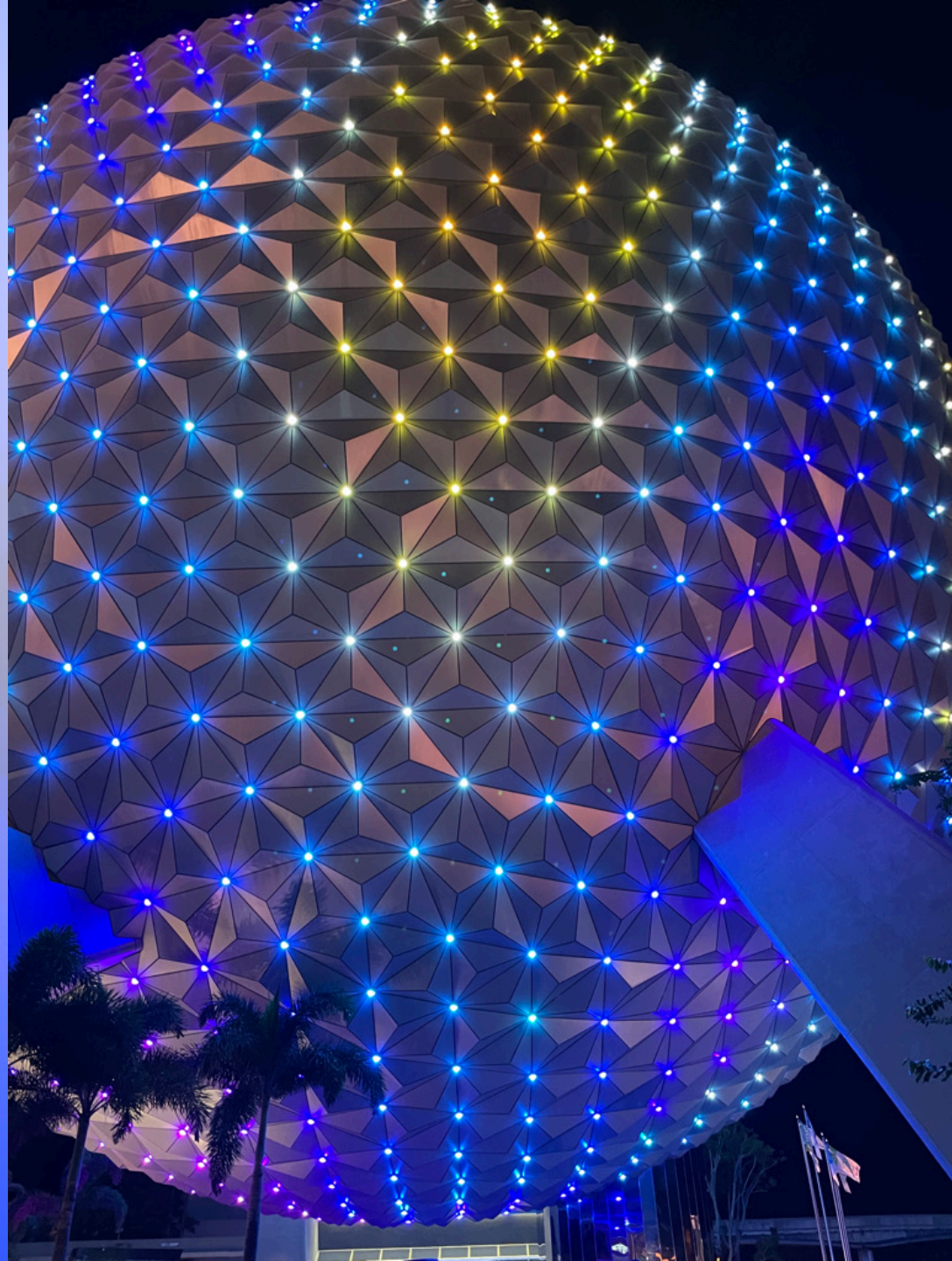


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# IMPORTANCE OF OBTURATION



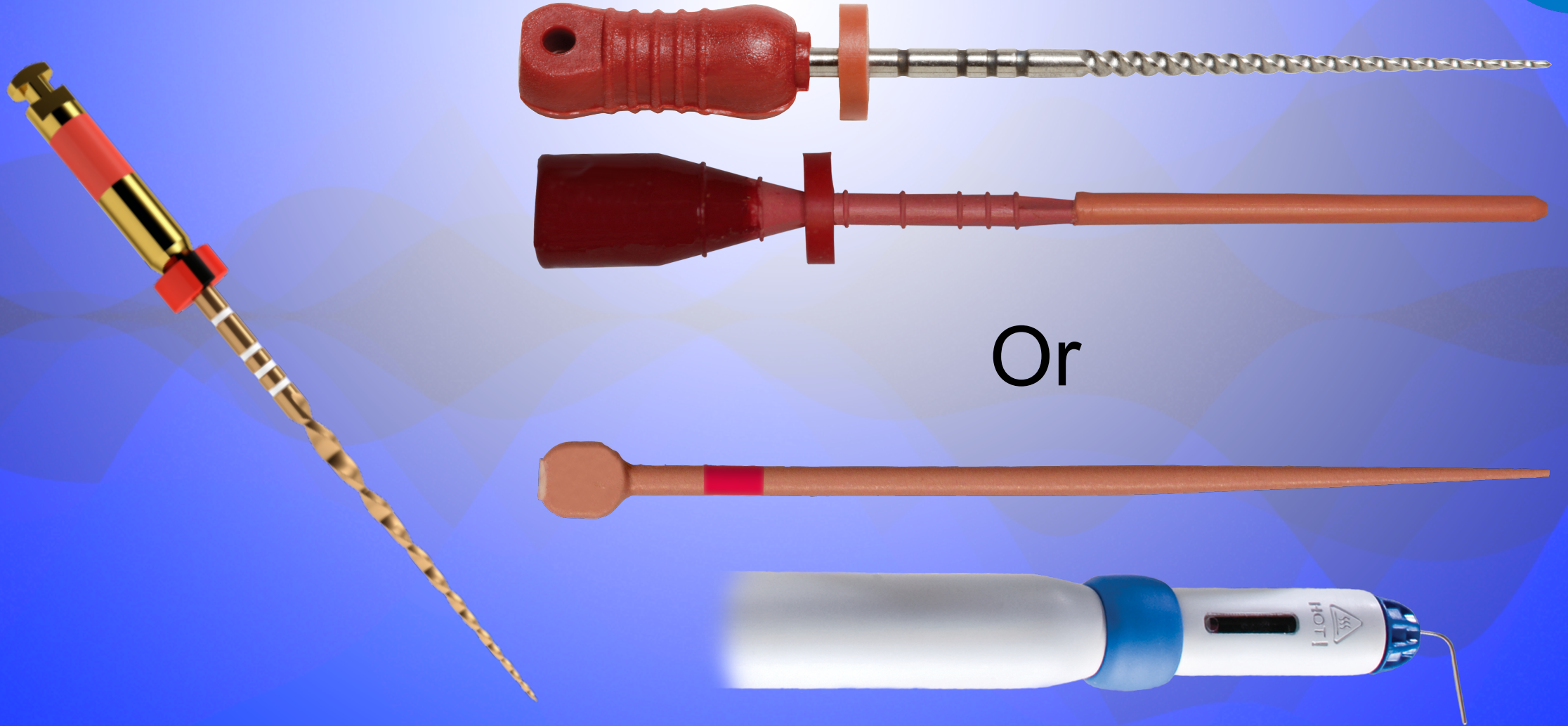
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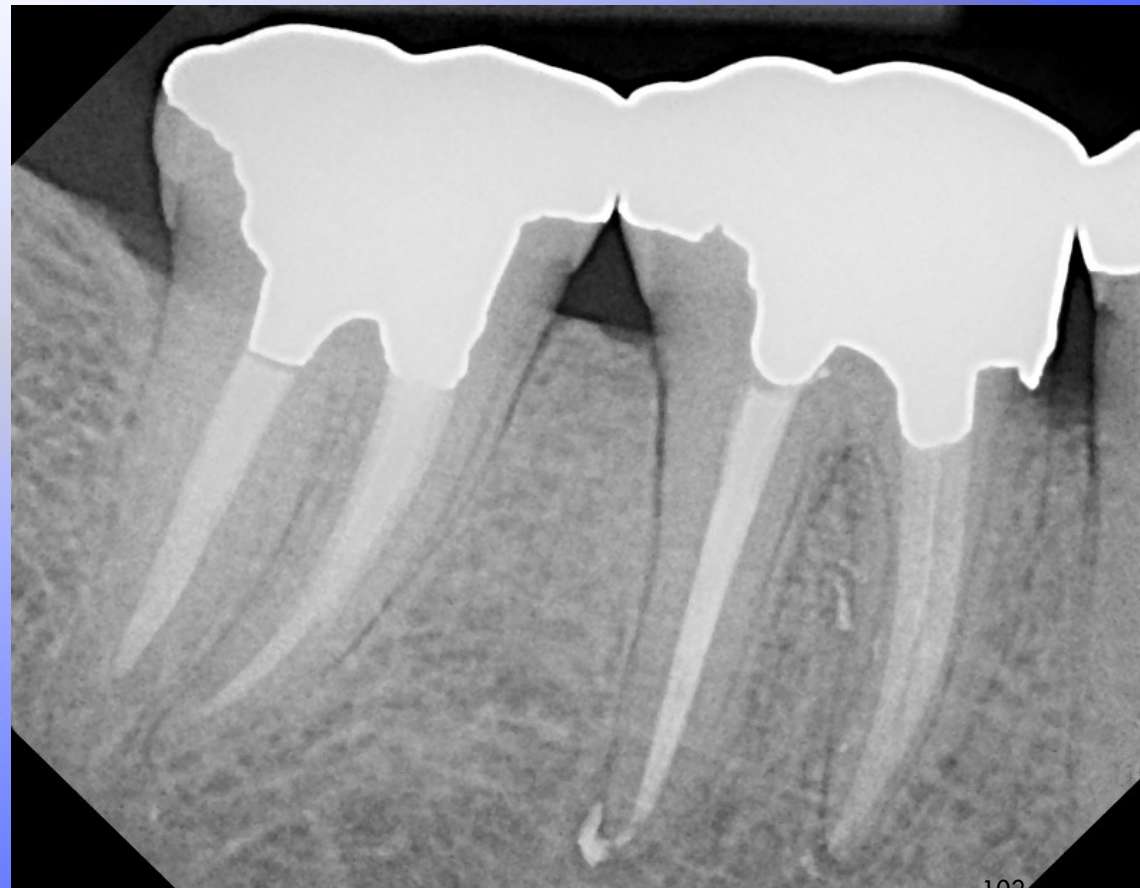
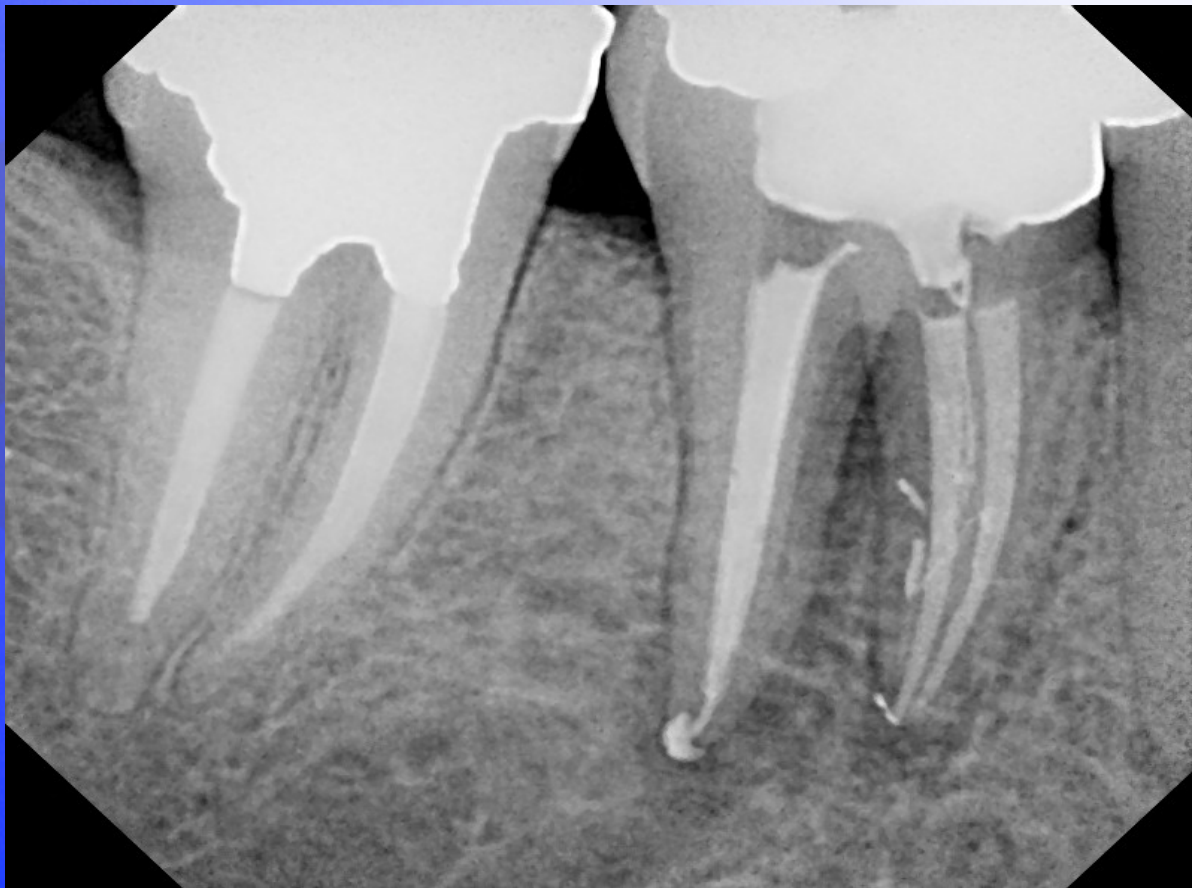
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- **3-DIMENSIONALLY FILL THE CANAL SPACE**
- **ENCAPSULATE THE VESTIGES OF TISSUE AND BACTERIA THAT REMAIN**
- **MINIMIZE APICAL PERCOLATION**
- **CREATE AN OPTIMAL CORONAL SEAL**

# OBTURATION OPTIONS



***CLINICAL EXAMPLE...OF A "SIMPLE" MOLAR CASE...***





# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

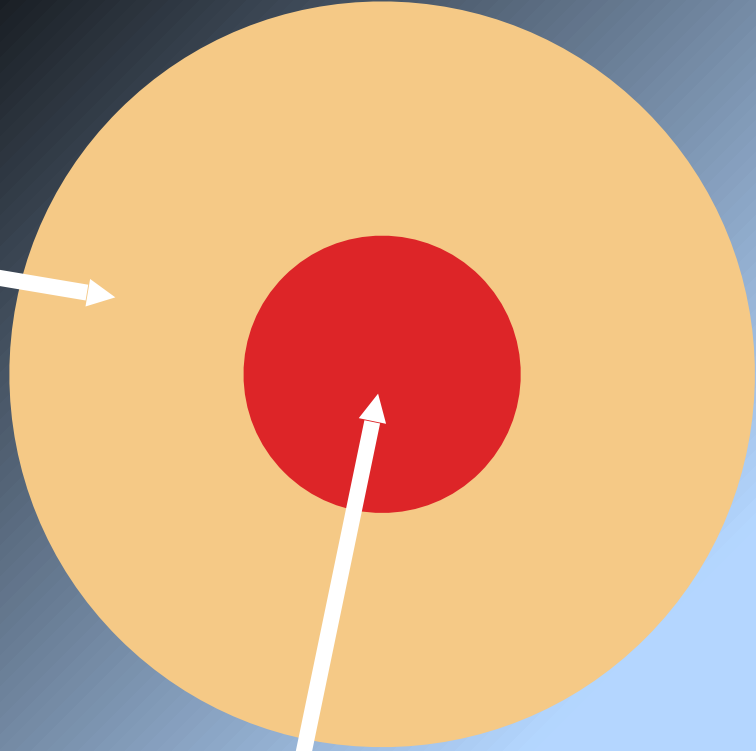
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- SUCCESS FACTORS
- PURPOSE OF SEALER
- TECHNIQUE DIFFERENCES





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Eliminate Leakage



Seal In Irritants



# SUCCESS DEPENDS ON...



- QUALITY OF SHAPING AND CLEANING
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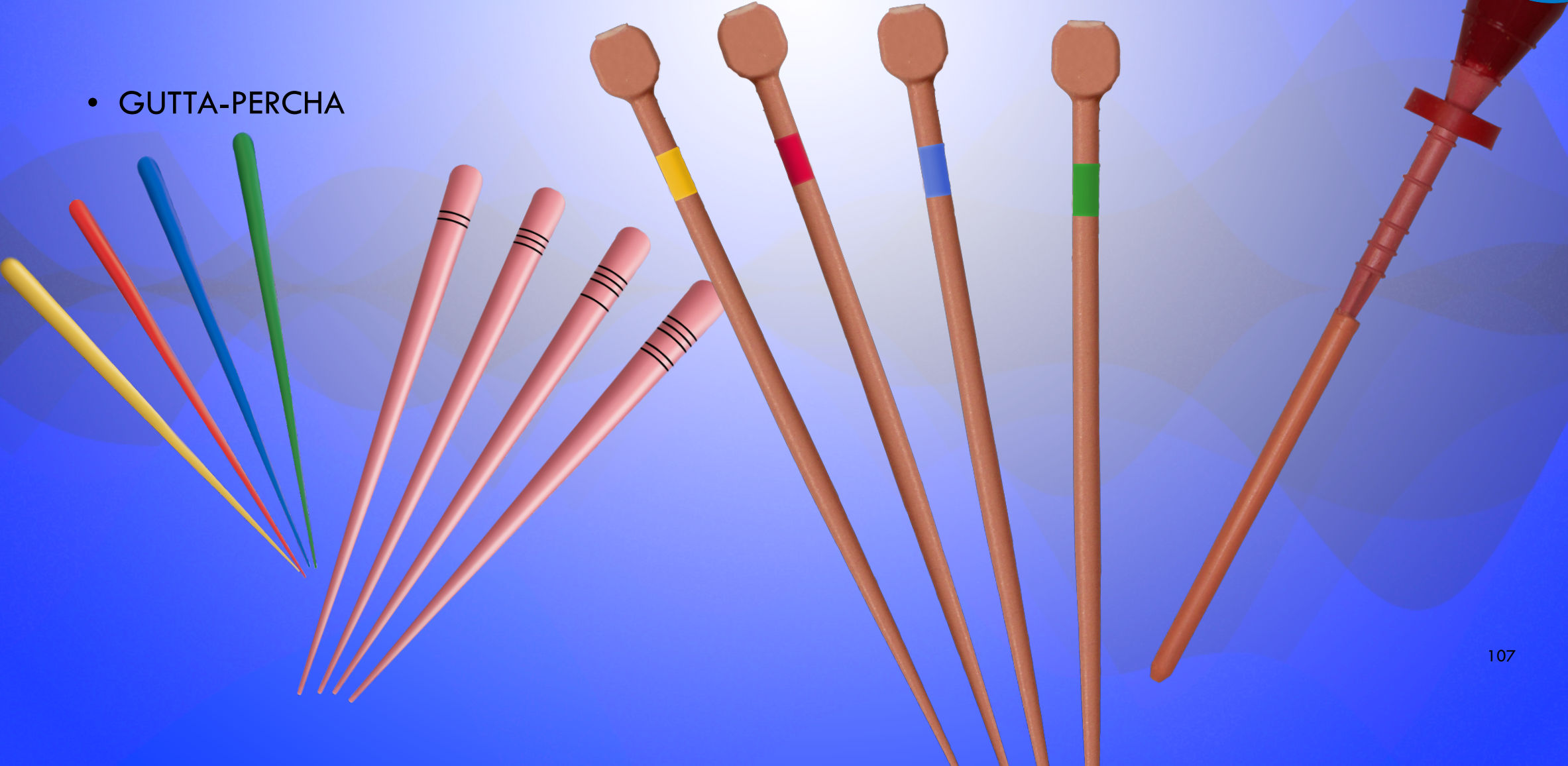
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- GUTTA-PERCHA IS MATERIAL OF CHOICE
- SEALER / CEMENT REQUIRED
- SOME COMPACTION REQUIRED



# CONTEMPORARY CORE FILLING MATERIALS

- GUTTA-PERCHA





## CONTEMPORARY SEALERS/CEMENTS

ALL ROOT CANAL  
FILLING TECHNIQUES  
RESULT IN A TIGHTER  
ROOT CANAL OBTURATION, IF APPLIED  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SEALER.



## PURPOSE OF ROOT CANAL SEALER

THE ROOT CANAL FILLING SHOULD CONSIST OF A (SEMI-) SOLID MATERIAL IN COMBINATION WITH A ROOT CANAL SEALER TO FILL THE VOIDS BETWEEN THE (SEMI-) SOLID MATERIAL AND ROOT CANAL WALL.



# CONTEMPORARY SEALERS/CEMENTS

- BIOCOMPATIBLE AND ANTIMICROBIAL

# AH Plus<sup>®</sup> Bioceramic Sealer

## A tricalcium silicate-based root canal sealer

It does not contain resin, silicone or other fillers

## Free of bismuth oxide

It does not discolor the tooth

## High flowability

Allows for control of hydraulics when used with Conform Fit<sup>®</sup>

## A convenient, easy-to-use 3gr syringe

With a 24-gauge cannula that can be placed directly into the canal





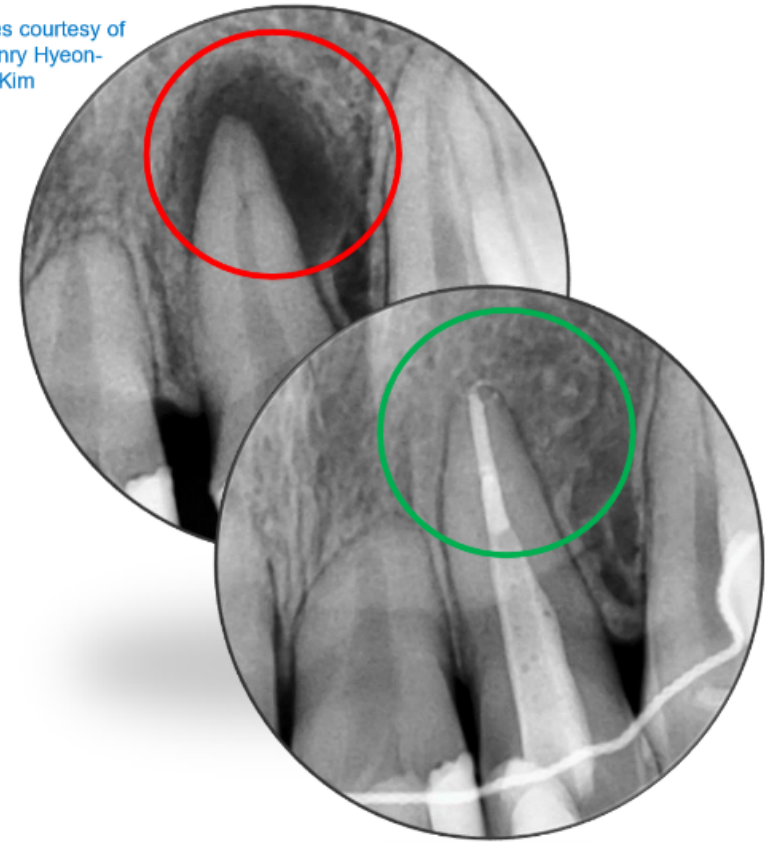
# The bioactivity you expect from a bioceramic sealer

*...calcium silicate-based sealers are considered to be bioactive materials because they can induce hard tissue formation in both the periodontal ligament (PDL) and bone.<sup>1</sup>*

*Most research has concluded that calcium silicate sealers show stronger bioactive effects on PDL, osteoblasts, and stem cells than other sealers.<sup>1</sup>*

**Clinical Insight:** AH Plus<sup>®</sup> Bioceramic Sealer provides the ideal environment for the formation of hydroxyapatite which induces the healing response.

-Images courtesy of  
Dr. Henry Hyeon-  
Cheol Kim



AH Plus Bioceramic Sealer promotes hard tissue formation around the infected tooth.

# AH Plus<sup>®</sup> Bioceramic Sealer

## A sealer that predictably sets

60% faster than the EndoSequence BC Sealer

## A sealer that is dimensionally stable

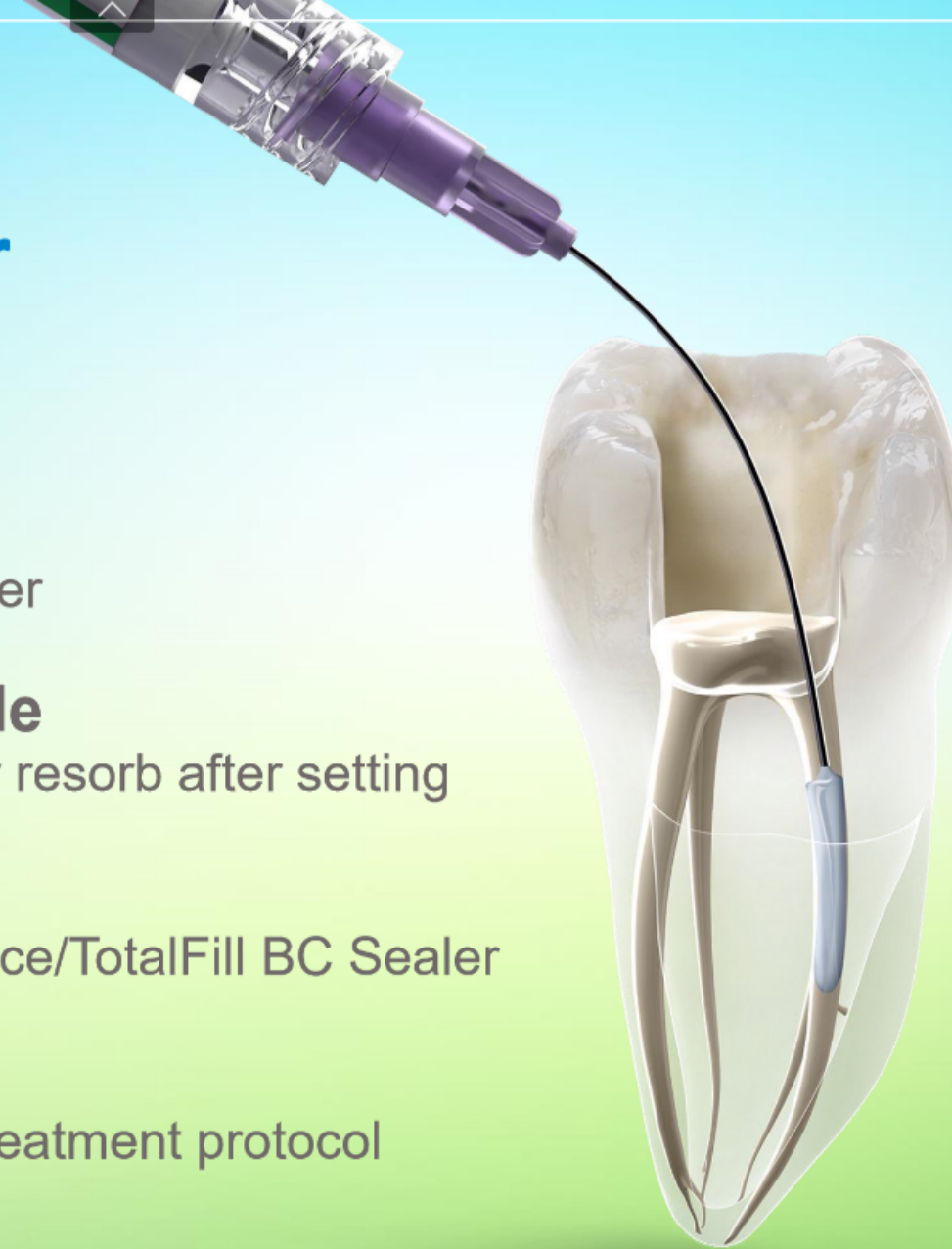
Low solubility (0.11%) that does not shrink or resorb after setting

## A sealer that is highly radiopaque

25% more radiopaque than the EndoSequence/TotalFill BC Sealer

## A sealer that is retreatable

Can be easily removed using a standard retreatment protocol



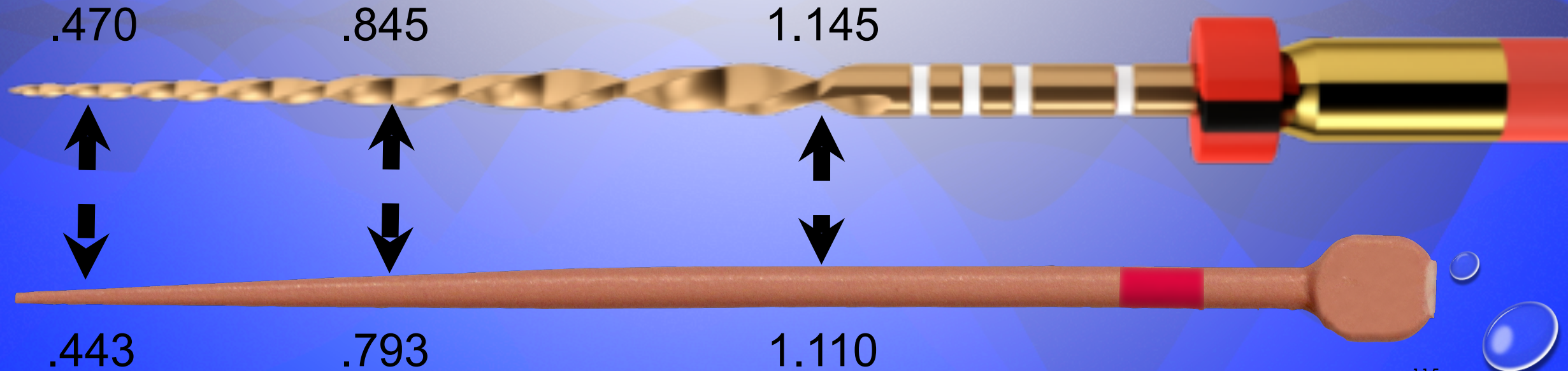


**BEST WAY TO FILL IRREGULARITIES?**

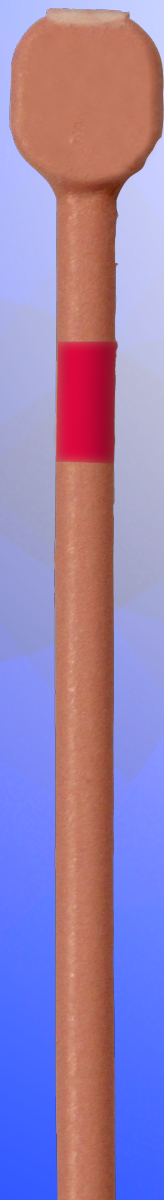


# WAVEONE GOLD AND MATCHING GUTTA-PERCHA

Select Based on MAF Used



ALL GUTTA-PERCHA CONES ARE NOT THE SAME



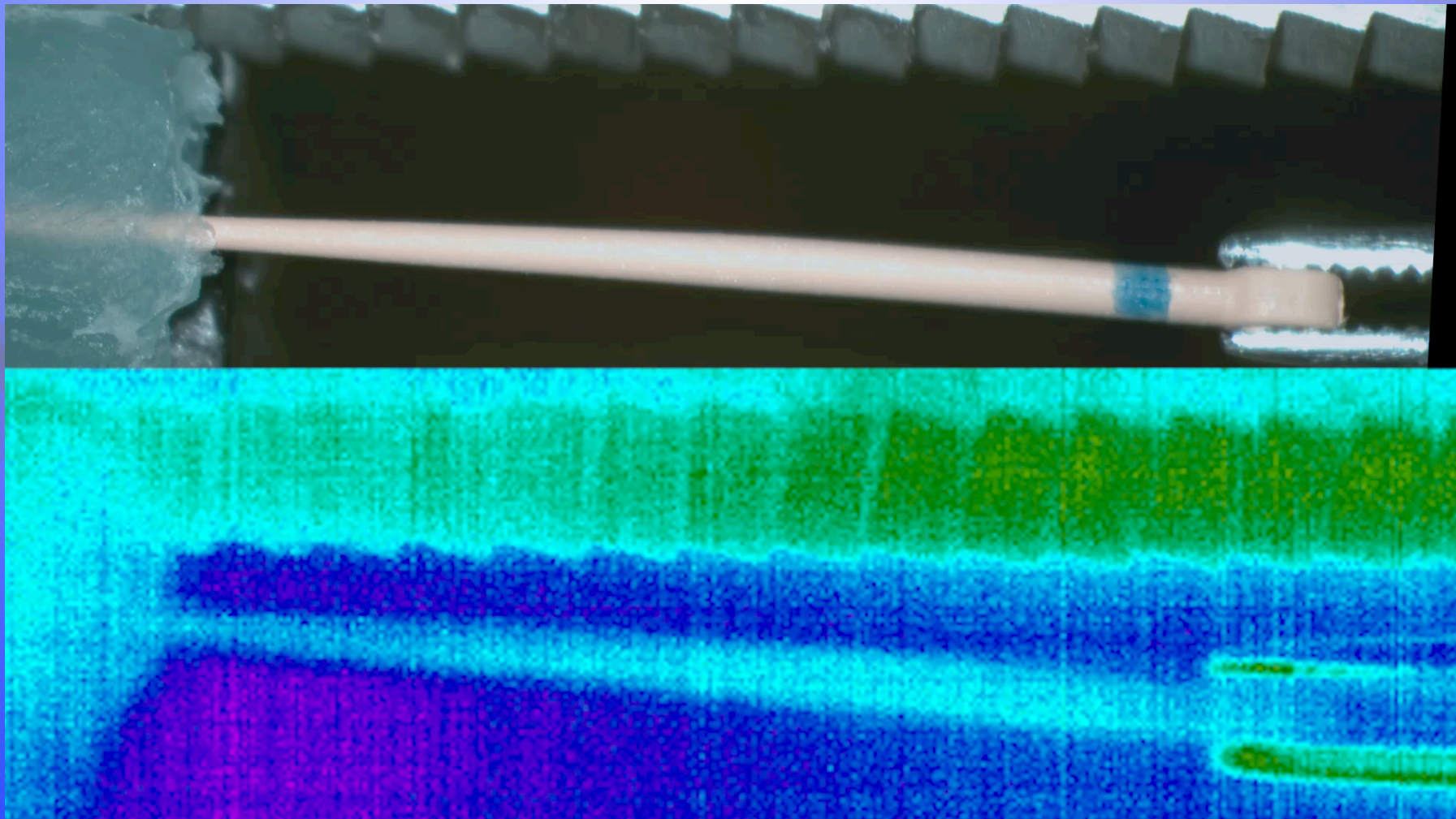


## MATCHING GUTTA-PERCHA



- Micronized Formula
- Heat Transfer to 4mm
- Sized to Match Files

# DENTSPLY SIRONA MICRONIZED GP THERMAL PROFILE



## CONFORM FIT GUTTA-PERCHA



- Micronized Formula
- Heat Transfer to 4mm
- Cones Sized to Match Files



# CONFORM FIT GUTTA-PERCHA THERMAL PROFILE



# THE PACK HANDPIECE

Annealed stainless steel electric heat pluggers

360° Activation cuff

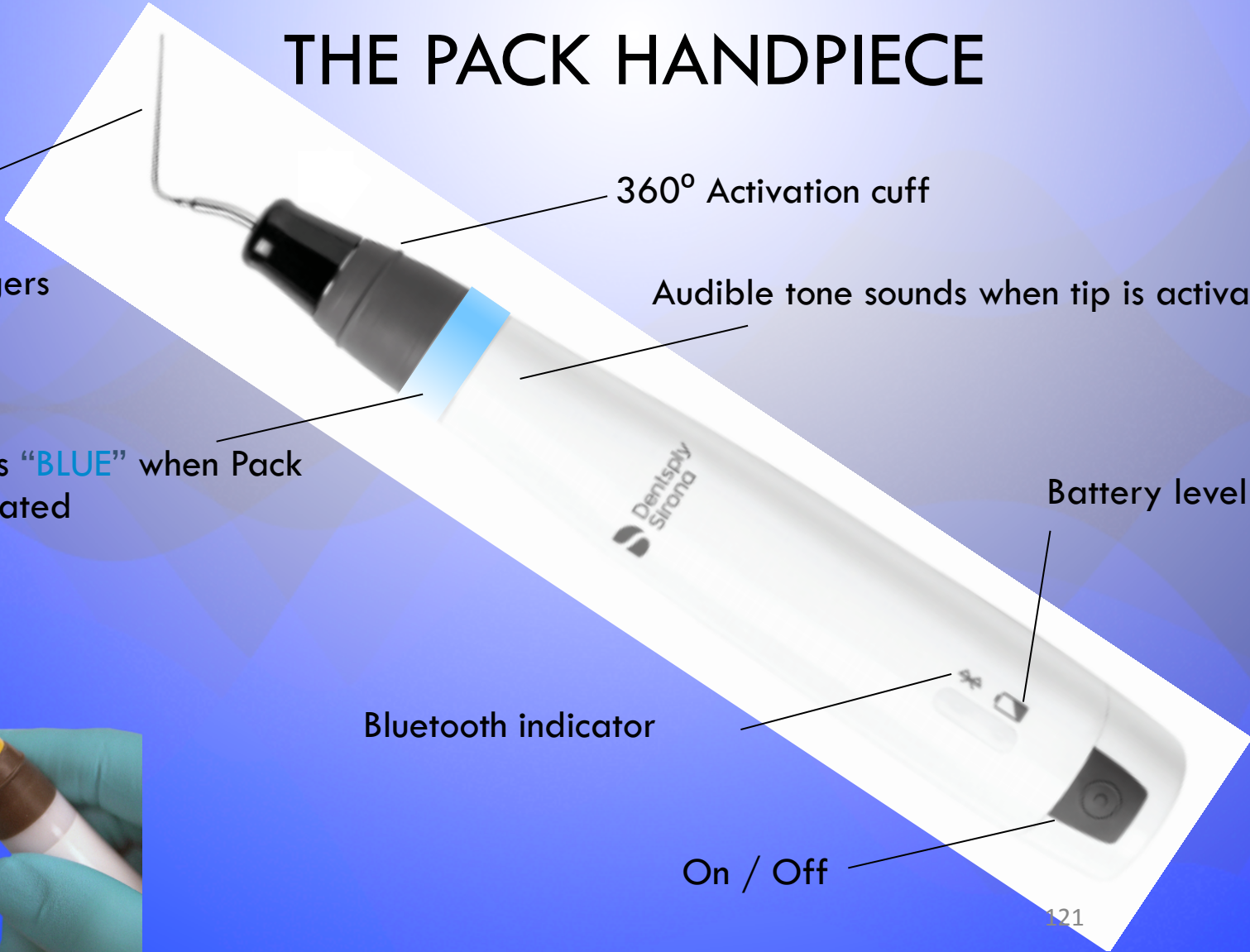
Audible tone sounds when tip is activated

Band lights "BLUE" when Pack HP is activated

Battery level

Bluetooth indicator

On / Off



## THE FLOW HANDPIECE

Single use cartridges with Conform Fit gutta-percha

Removable Heating Element (HTR)

Band lights "BLUE" when Flow HP is activated

360° activation cuff

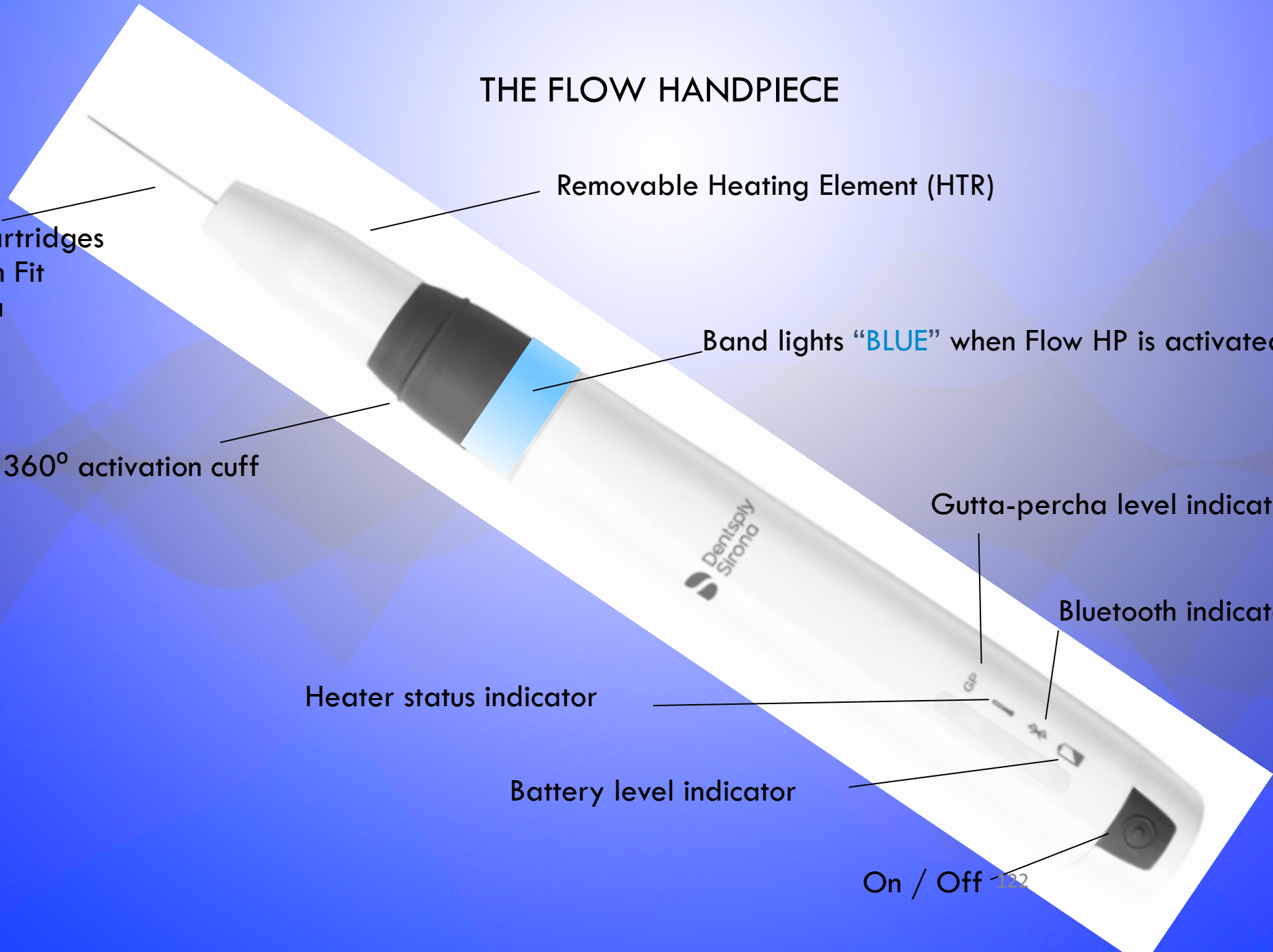
Gutta-percha level indicator

Bluetooth indicator

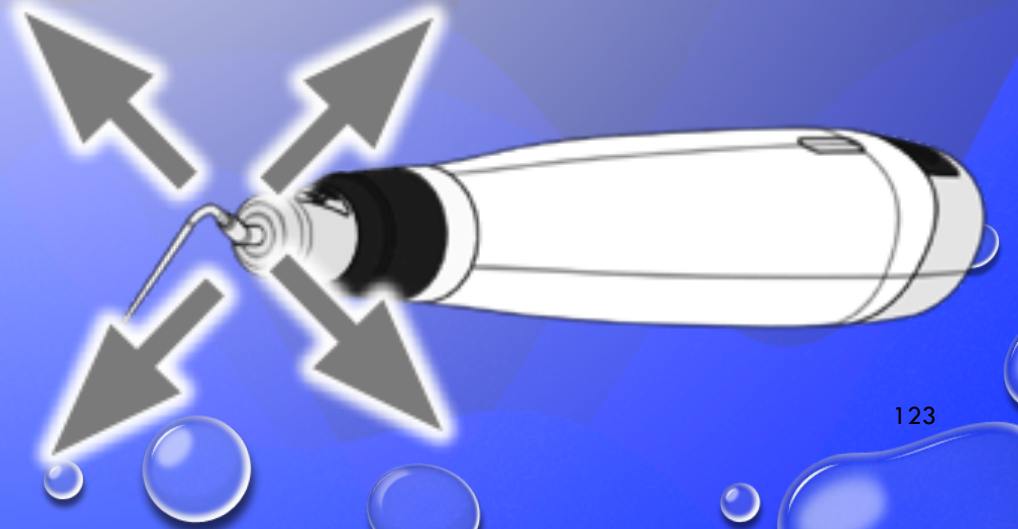
Heater status indicator

Battery level indicator

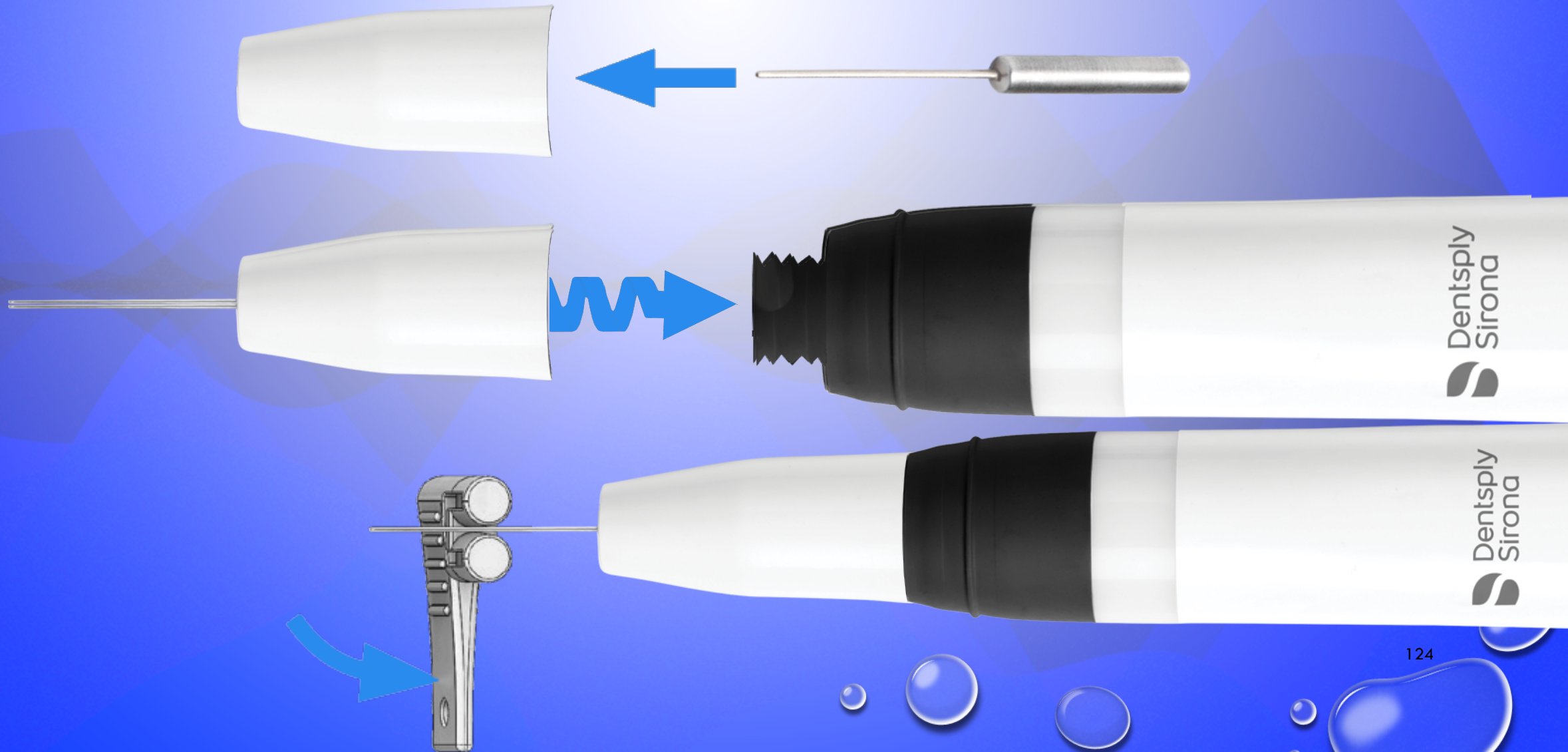
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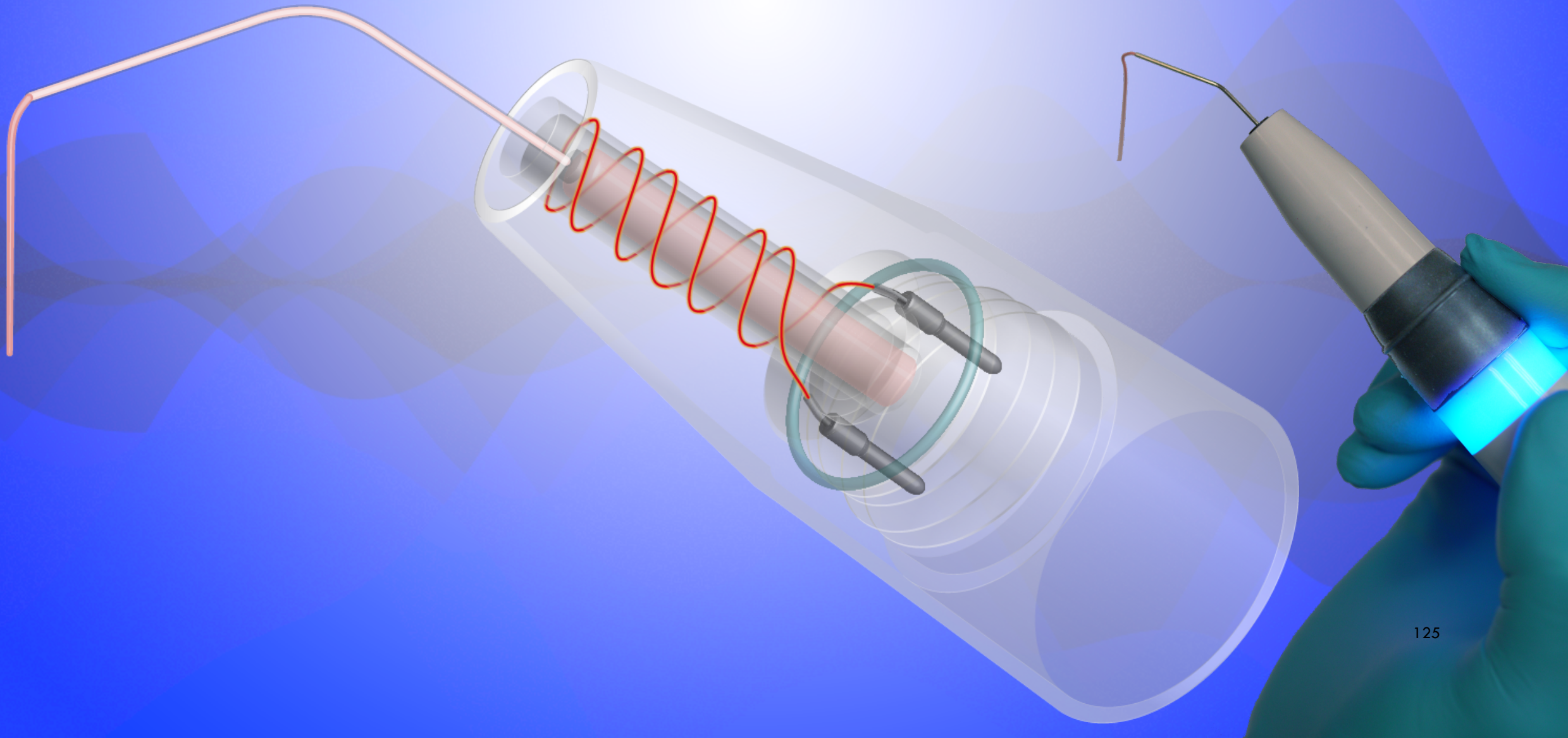
# ATTACHING HEAT PLUGGER TO PACK



# INSERTING GP CANNULA AND ATTACHING HEATER



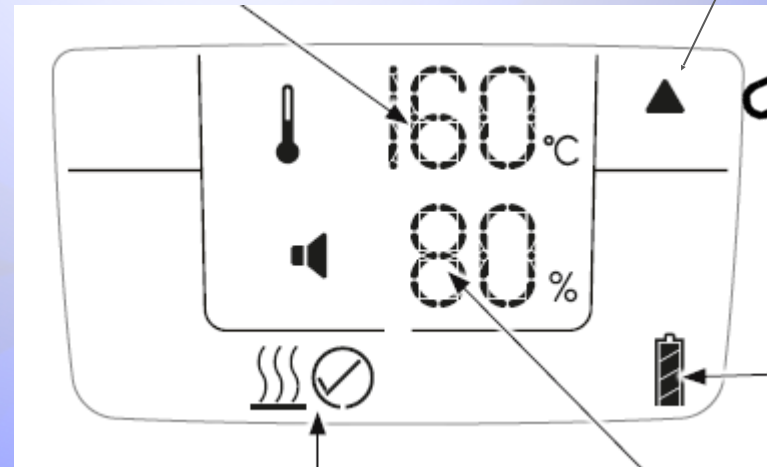
# PLUNGER PUSHES GUTTA-PERCHA



# BASE STATION TOUCH SCREEN

Touch to adjust temperature

Indicates which handpiece is currently active on display



Battery Level

Indicates if EHP (Pack) or HTR (Flow) is installed and working properly

Touch to adjust volume (Pack)  
Touch to adjust GP flow rate (Flow)

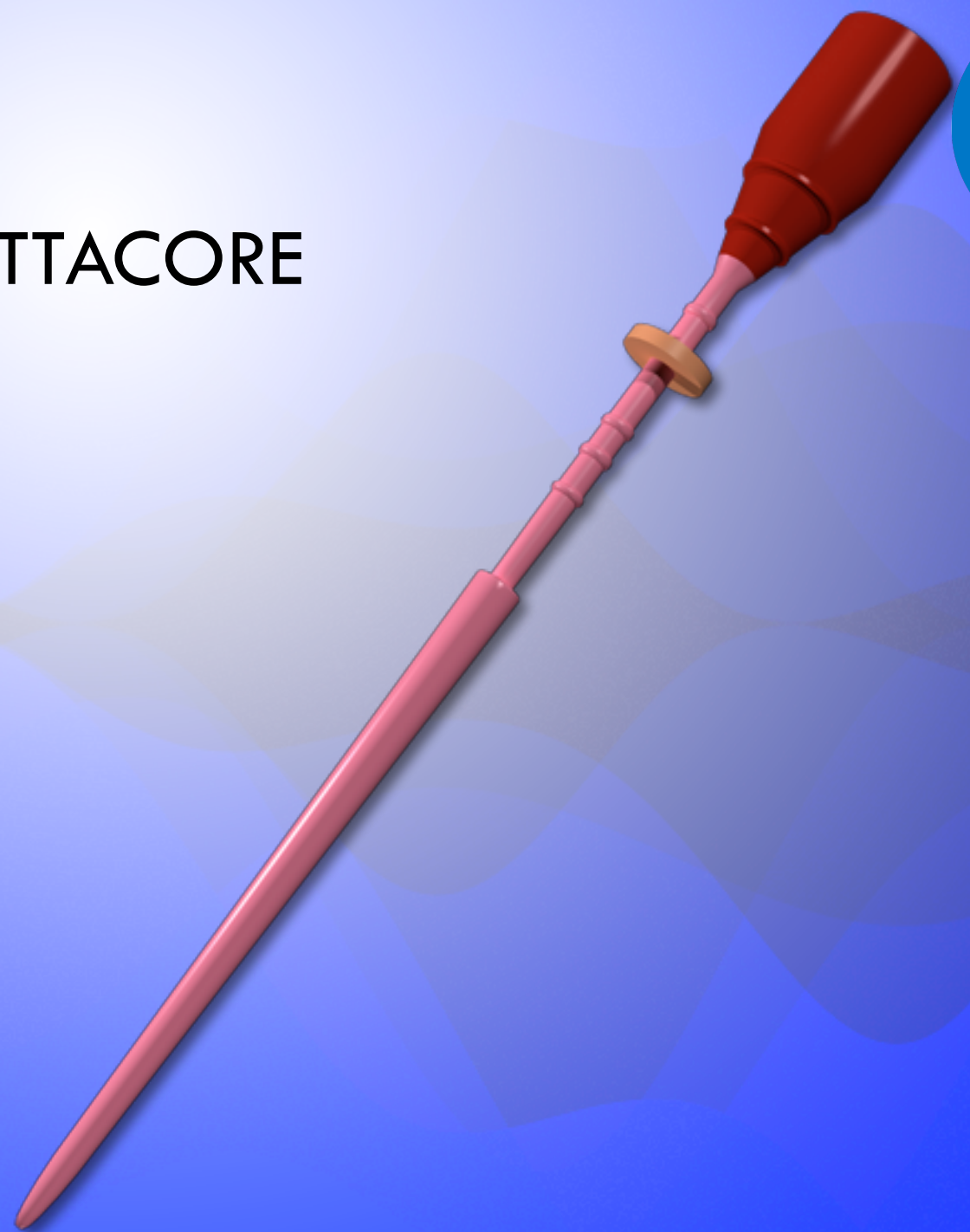


- Either handpiece can be placed in either side of the base station and automatically recognized



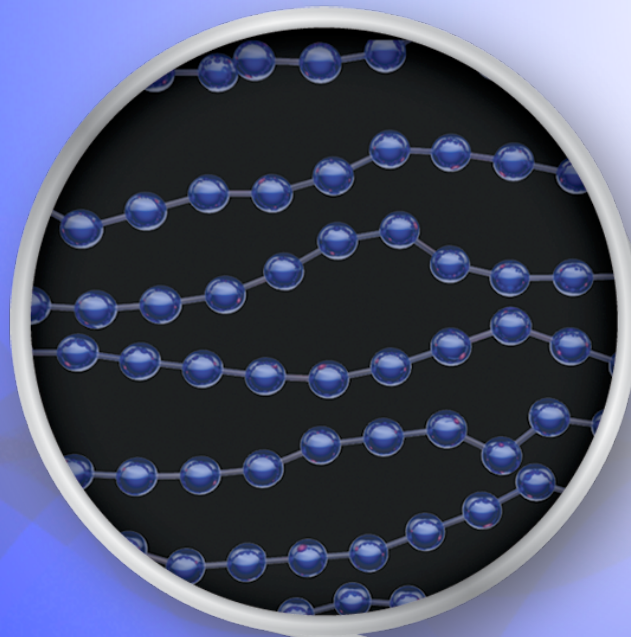
# GUTTACORE

- TRANSFORMED GUTTA-PERCHA
  - CENTRALLY CONDENSED
  - FLOWABLE TO APEX
  - REMOVES WITH EASE

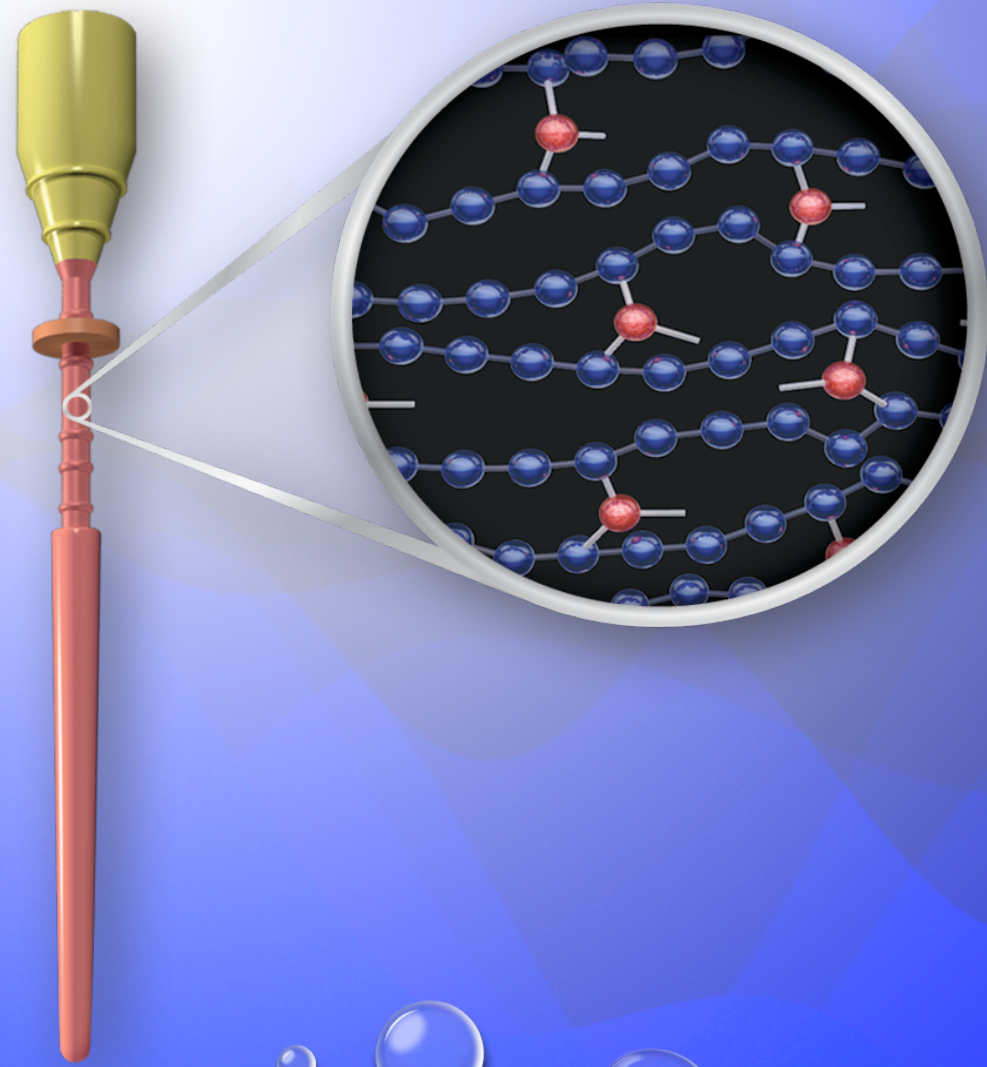




# GUTTACORE CROSSLINKING

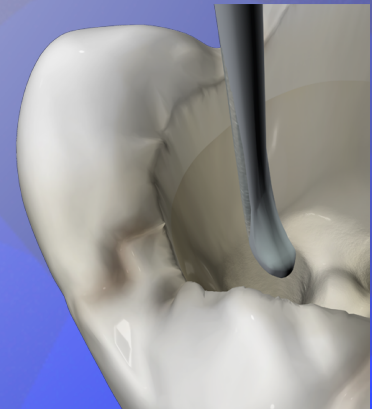
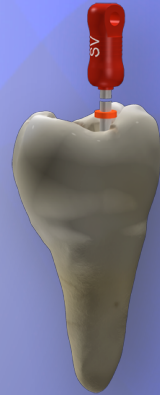


# GUTTACORE CROSSLINKING



# TECHNIQUE KEYS

- COMPLETE CLEANING, SHAPING, AND DISINFECTION
- USE SIZE VERIFIER – MUST ROTATE FREELY
- **DRY CANALS**
- SELECT OBTURATOR TO MATCH VERIFIER
- MINIMAL SEALER PLACED TO WORKING LENGTH



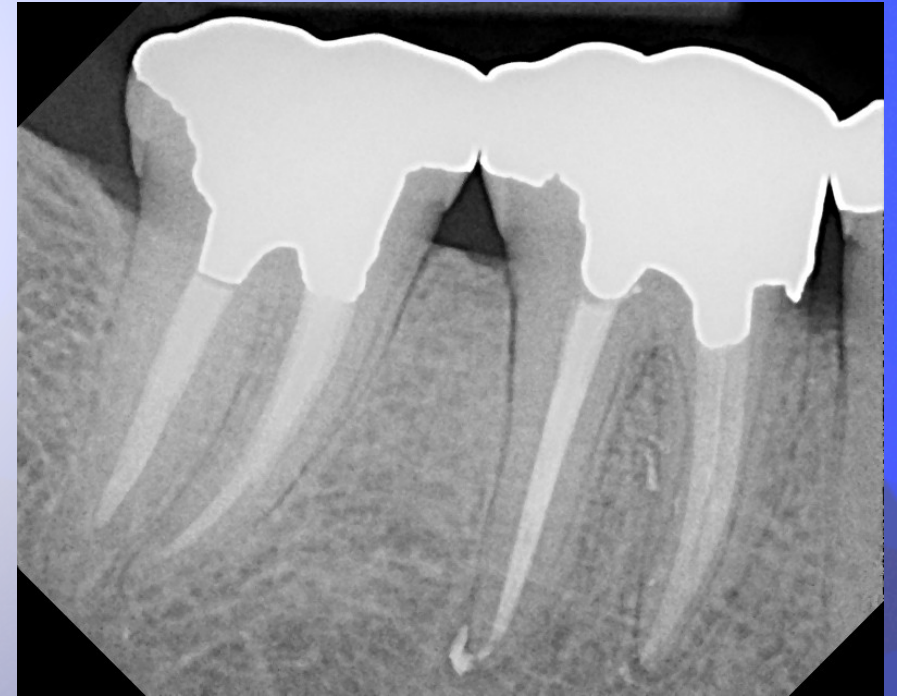
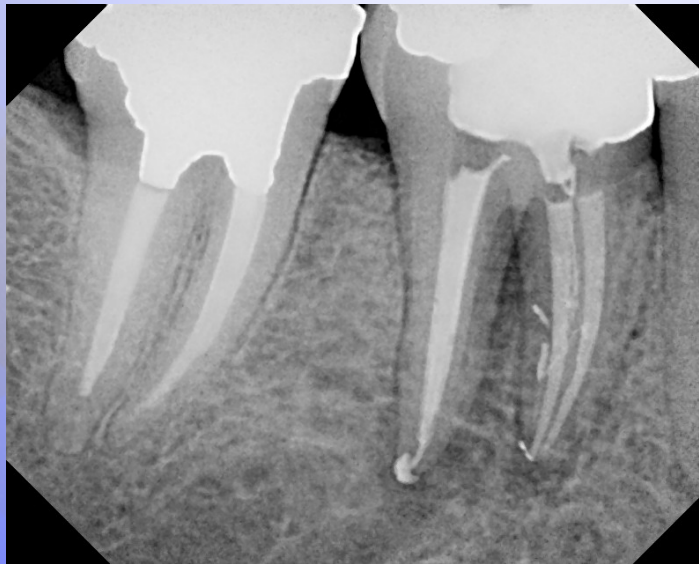


- Simple example of a clinical outcome...

Pre-tx



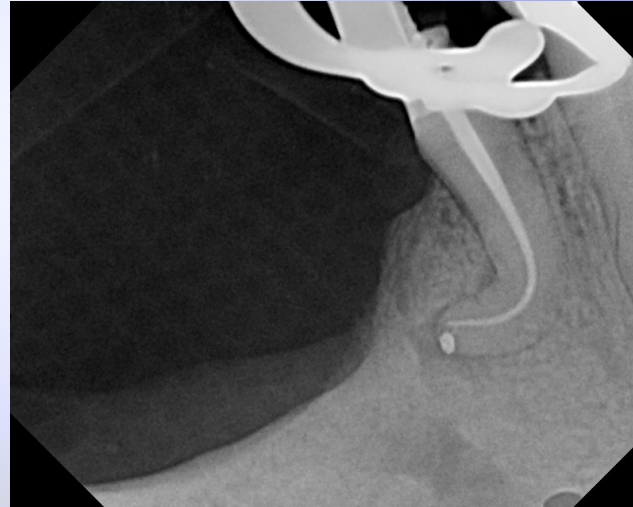
Post op



Six months later

# ***A MORE DIFFICULT CLINICAL EXAMPLE...***

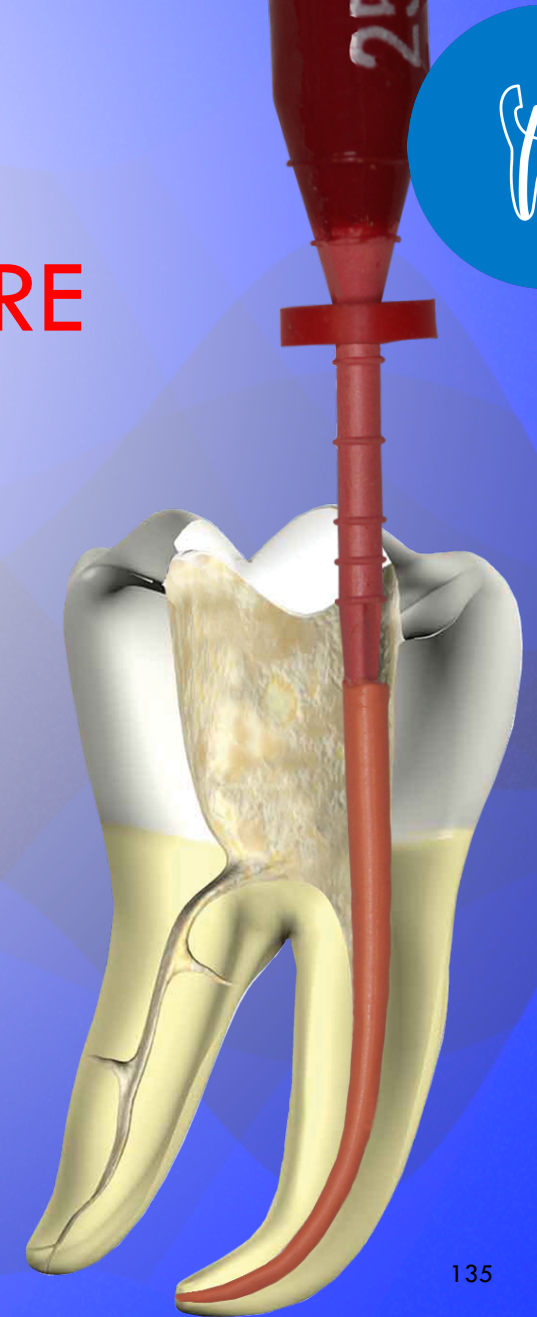




How would you obturate?

# KEY LEARNINGS - GUTTACORE

- *EXTERIOR – WARM FLOWABLE GP*
- *INTERIOR – SOLIDIFIED GP*
- *LIGHT COAT OF SEALER ACTS AS LUBRICANT*
- *EASY POST SPACE CREATION / RETREATABILITY*
- *ALWAYS USE SIZE VERIFIER – PASSIVE ROTATION*
- *ALWAYS SEAL CORONAL REGION*





QUOTE OF THE WEEK

EVERYBODY'S SORE.

EVERYBODY'S TIRED.

EVERYBODY HAS AN EXCUSE.

DON'T BE EVERYBODY.

-LEWIS CARALLA

Thank you for listening and sharing your time with me. Good luck on your next endodontic case!



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