Topics

Endodontic Diagnosis—Dr Mark Evans
Endodontic diagnosis is one of the more complex areas of dental practice. To complicate matters, patients with endodontic problems are often ‘squeezed in’ as emergencies with limited time, as well as the expectation by the patient that their pain will be diagnosed, treated and cured there and then. This can mean that assumptions are made, special tests rushed (or not performed at all) and incorrect diagnoses made. In this lecture, Mark will discuss common diagnostic and procedural errors and how to avoid them, using clinical examples from his experience in specialist endodontic practice.

The Hot Pulp—Dr Averil Tse
When a patient presents with acute dental pain, there are a number of pressure points for the clinician to address. Firstly, the clinician needs to carry out a thorough examination to determine if the pain is related to an acute endodontic problem. Once the diagnosis of irreversible pulpitis is made, the real challenge then begins... providing treatment to relieve pain in a patient who is also most likely anxious. This presentation will address these issues as well as offer some tips on how to manage the ‘hot pulp’ in order to provide the most effective pain relief in the shortest amount of time.

Is it treatable?—Dr Luke Borgula
Treatment planning can be a complicated process with numerous factors to consider and treatment options available to the general dental practitioner. This lecture aims to present the essential factors involved in deciding when to undertake endodontic treatment planning.

Learning Objectives

- The importance of special tests
- How to avoid diagnostic errors
- Potential complications which may occur as a result of misdiagnosis
- Making the correct endodontic diagnosis and identifying which tooth is the culprit of the “hot pulp” pain
- How to best provide effective treatment to relieve “hot pulp” pain at the initial appointment
- Endodontic treatment planning
- Identify endodontic factors that may affect treatment outcome
- Understand the impact of restorative and periodontal factors in decision making
- Identify teeth that may require specialist management

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