

ENGLISH FOR DENTISTS IN PRACTICE

PART THIRTY: APICOECTOMY – answers

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Decide if these statements are true (T) or false (F). Correct wrong information

1. In most cases, infections in and around the root of the tooth are dealt with by root canal treatment. **T/F**

2. Apicoectomy is the only option if infection in the root of the tooth has recurred. **T/F**

If the recurring infection is spotted early, a dentist will choose a second root canal treatment option and this may clear up the infection once and for all.

3. An apicoectomy is done only after a tooth has had at least one root canal procedure. **T/F**

4. Another term for apicoectomy is a root resection. **T/F**

An apicoectomy is not the same as a root resection. In a root resection, an entire root is removed, rather than just the tip.

5. An apicoectomy is sometimes called endodontic microsurgery because the procedure is done a very limited area. **T/F**

An apicoectomy is sometimes called endodontic microsurgery because the procedure is done with help of an operating microscope.

6. Apicoectomy is done with help of local anesthesia. **T/F**

7. To perform this procedure the gum must be cut. **T/F**

8. After the dentist has removed the inflamed tissue around the tip of the root he may just put some stitches to close the gum and the procedure is complete. **T/F**

A very small filling is then placed in the end of the root canal to seal the canal and prevent further infection.

9. The procedure takes at least 2 hours. **T/F**

Most apicoectomies take between 30 to 90 minutes, depending on the location of the tooth and the complexity of the root structure.

10. An apicoectomy is a permanent solution, and should last for the life of the tooth. **T/F**

Below you'll find pieces of follow-up advice a dentist should provide a patient with after apicoectomy procedure. Complete the sentences with words from a table

avoid (5)	apply (1)	disrupt (7)
stitches (9)	bruise (2)	OTC (4)
numb (8)	swollen (3)	smoking (6)

Look at the dentist's answers. Write questions that were asked by a patient

1. Question: Will the procedure hurt? Will it be painful?
2. Question: When can I / will I be able to return to my daily activities?
3. Question: What are the alternatives to apicoectomy?
4. Question: What are some of the risks associated/ connected with this procedure?