Syllabus

ENDODONTICS - 97755

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Department of Endodontics, Faculty of Dental Medicine

Academic year: 4

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Ein Karem

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Course/Module description:

The theoretical part of the course provides the students with an in-depth knowledge regarding clinical and radiographic diagnosis, case management, access cavity preparation, introduction to pulp histo-pathology and an introduction to endo-perio diseases. In addition, the students are introduced to up-to-date knowledge regarding root canal preparation techniques, root canal filling materials and techniques, endodontic instrumentation, rotary instruments, and irrigation techniques.

The clinical course provides the student with basic clinical training of primary treatment that is expected to be performed by an undergraduate student. The course is given in the phantom lab on extracted teeth. Students are trained in: difficulty assessment, endodontic treatment planning, following thorough analysis of the data with an assigned instructor and case discussion, the student is allowed to start the treatment. Endodontic treatment includes root canal preparation using state-of-the-art rotary instruments and root canal filling using lateral compaction technique.

Course/Module aims:

To train the 4th year student to diagnose endodontic needs, and teach him/her to provide basic endodontic treatment in cases that do not require special endodontic proficiency with special attention on organization.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Apply proper endodontic terminology to pulpal and periapical diseases
- Identify the anatomy and explain physiology of the pulp and periapical tissues
- Interpret radiographic patterns of endodontic disease
- Explain the concepts involved in endodontic success and failure
- Explain how newer technologies integrate in the practice of endodontics

Attendance requirements(%):

Mandatory throughout the specified time dedicated to endodontic curriculum.

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures are provided by the
department staff. The clinical teaching in the phantom clinic is provided by senior
doctors and graduate students from the specialist program. The instructor-
student ratio is 1:5. At least 4 senior endodontists are present during the teaching
session.

Course/Module Content:
- Epidemiology
- Dental anatomy: Recognise morphology, average length, number of roots, root
curvature of all teeth, recognize variation in root and pulp anatomy and errors that
may cause difficulties or failures in root canal treatment.
- Access cavity: Preparation of the access cavity with straight-line access and
removal of pulp horns, opening the dental crown and removing caries or
restorations during access preparation that permits cleaning, shaping, disinfection
and three-dimensional obturation of the root canal.
- Equipment and material in root canal treatment: Basic set of instrumentation,
general physical properties of endodontic instrument, describe the design of the
more common canal preparation instruments and their mode of use.
- Cleaning and shaping root canal systems: Objectives for cleaning and shaping,
techniques for shaping in round, oval and ribbon shaped canals. Techniques and
- Root canal obturation: Purpose of obturation and the reason why inadequate
obturation may result in failure, what is an ideal obturation material, advantage and
disadvantage of the obturation materials. Lateral condensation technique.
- Endodontic Radiography: Importance of radiographs in endodontic diagnosis and
treatment, reasons for limiting number of exposures. Identify normal anatomic
features in the maxilla and mandible on radiographs, varying horizontal and vertical
con angulations on working radiographs, determine the third dimension on angled
radiographs "SLOB" rule.
- Diagnosis and treatment planning: Define the differences between subjective
symptoms and objective findings and the identification of pulpal and periradicular
diseases. Commonly used clinical examinations for extraoral and intraoral soft and
hard tissues, clinical pulp and periapical tests and identification of the pain aspect
as being the most important in aspect diagnosis.
- New Endodontic instruments-Pro- taper: Describe physical properties and their
mode of use, explain the basis for size and taper, proper use and prevention of file
breakage within the canal, describe techniques used and sterilization.
- Pulp pathology: Portals of microorganism entry into the pulp tissue, endodontic
microbiology, reaction of the pulp tissue to bacteria, infection control as applied to
endodontic practice, rational of root canal system debridment.
- Periradicular pathology: Portals entry of microorganisms into the periradicular
tissue, predominant bacteria associated with endodontic infection. Reaction of
periradicular tissue to bacteria, rational of root canal system debridment.
- Sterilization: Advantage and disadvantage of techniques used for sterilization.
Select appropriate sterilization methods for each instrument type.
Required Reading:
The following chapters are mandatory:
1. The Biology of Dental Pulp and Periradicular Tissues
2. Protecting the Pulp, Preserving the Apex
3. Endodontic Microbiology
4. Pulp and Periradicular Pathosis
5. Diagnoses and Treatment Planning
6. Periodontal and Endodontic Interrelationship
11. Endodontic Radiology
12. Endodontic Instruments
13. Internal Anatomy
15. Cleaning and Shaping
16. Preparation for Restoration and Temporization
17. Obturation
18. Procedural Accidents
Appendix: Pulpal Anatomy and Access Preparations

Additional Reading Material:
None

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 30 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 70 %

Additional information:
Theoretical grade 30 %
End course examination - 100 %
Clinical grade 70 %
Clinical skills (During the semester careful examination after each root canal treatment and at the end of the year clinical solo case) - 70 %
Behavioral and organizational assessment of the student by the Minimal requirements should be accomplished for a clinical grade.
A higher than 65 grade is required for each of the above mentioned components and sub components. 
Minimal requirements: 6 treated teeth: 2 teeth with one root, 2 teeth with two roots, 2 teeth with three roots.