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Endodontic glide path, why is it important?

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The purpose of endodontics is to prevent or heal lesions of endodontic origin. In order to achieve this purpose, the root canal system must be successfully obturated. In order to be obturated, the root canal system has to be successfully 3-dimensionally (3D) cleaned and rotary shaped. In order to be 3D cleaned and rotary shaped, a Glide path has to be successfully prepared and so the Glide path is the answer. It is the starting point of radicular preparations. Without it, cleaning and shaping become unpredictable or impossible because there is no guide for endodontic mechanics. The amazing fact is that the subject

of Glide path has no formal training in the endodontic curricula of most dental schools. In fact, a PubMed Central search of Glide path and endodontics reveals 300 references. However, none of them actually describe how to prepare a Glide path. Most of the references say something like, "Of course you must first make a Glide path. That's all. This presentation will try to answer the following questions: 1. What is a glidepath? 2 Why is the endodontic glidepath important? 3. How does the dentist predictably prepare the glidepath? 4. Glidepath techniques.

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