

Patient Profile



- Chief complaint: "Overdue for cleaning."
- Mrs. F is a 41-year-old Hispanic female.
- She is a single, employed and lives in the Bronx with her three children.
- Her last cleaning and exam had July 2017. Last radiographs exposed were more than five years and patient could not recall how many were taken.
- Patient stated that she uses a manual, medium toothbrush twice a day with charcoal toothpaste. She reported that she did not floss and uses Listerine antiseptic whenever she remembered. Immediately I knew that our treatment plan would involve teaching my patient how to floss. I also suggested to stop using the charcoal toothpaste because it is abrasive and to switch to the soft toothbrush that was provided in this visit.

Medical History overview

Bells Palsy

Difficulty
closing and
drooping eyelid

Drooping mouth
with difficulty
closing and



Facial Nerve which controls the muscles in

bw

- Vital Signs: BP: 117/77; Pulse:75; ASA:I; Temperature:95.1
- When performing EO, the patient had a difficult time shifting her jaw from side to side. Patient reported that she had Bell's Palsy at age 20 and it had permanent damage on that.
- > According to a systematic review of facial paralysis from Bell's Palsy, "the annual incidence is 20-30 cases per 100,000 persons, regardless of age and gender."
- > The clinical symptoms that are observed are facial asymmetry and facial motor dysfunction on the muscles on one side of the face.
- Unfortunately, my patient did not receive any medical care due to her undocumented status not providing her with any financial help.
- > Her jaw not being able to move suggest a residual symptom of paresis.

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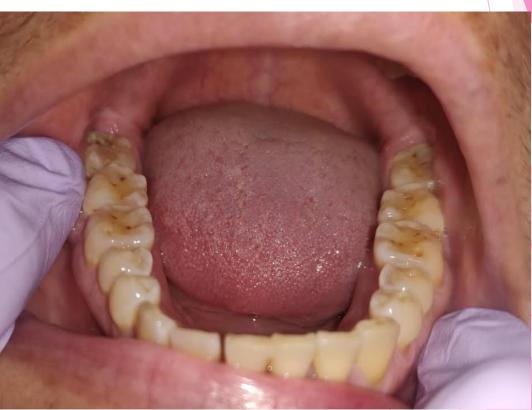
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Intraoral findings

- Intraorally, my patient presented with generalized erosion.
- After asking her about her dietary intake, I couldn't figure out why she has generalized erosion.
- After asking her about her sleeping habits, she explained that she was aware she snored at night. She also reported being a mouth breather which could contribute to her erosion.
- ▶ Patient also reported she woke up with her TMJ hurting because she had been stressed with work. She reported was not aware she grinds her teeth and I explained to her about the generalized attrition occurring in her teeth. Recommended a night guard.

Generalized Erosion





Comprehensive assessments



- > Radiographically there was generalized horizontal bone loss of approximately 30%
- Calculus was present interproximally on posterior mandibular molars and anterior mandibular teeth.
- Incisal fracture # 10
- > **Dental charting** consisted of incisal fracture on tooth #10 and #11, multiple diastemas on the anterior sextants with all teeth present in the mouth.

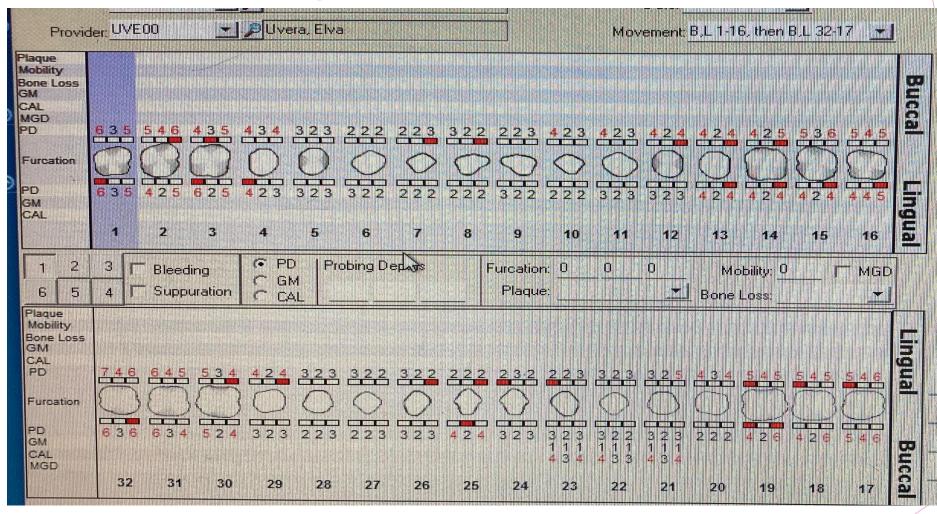
Clinical Findings

- ► EO: Anterior cervical chin had bilateral swollen nodules, patient found it difficult to shift her jaw from side to side.
- ► IO: bilateral linea alba, fibrotic skin on the lower lip, multiple diastemas, white coated tongue.
- Occlusion: Bilateral class I with an overjet:1mm and an edge-to-edge bite, multiple diastemas
- Deposits: Generalized heavy, subgingival calculus on all quadrants. Localized heavy sub and supra calculus on the anterior mandibular teeth.

Gingival description and Periodontal status

- ► Gingiva had generalized inflammation with moderate redness on the gingival margin, pyramidal, resilient, bulbous, with moderate bleeding on probing.
- ► Heavy; Perio: Stage II/Grade B; Low caries activity; Generalized attrition; Generalized erosion.

Perio charting



- Probing depths of 4mm,5mm, and 6mm are found posteriorly and interproximal with generalized moderate bleeding on probing.
- There is localized recession on teeth #21-#23 of 1mm all around the buccal surface.

Dental treatment plan

Visit 1

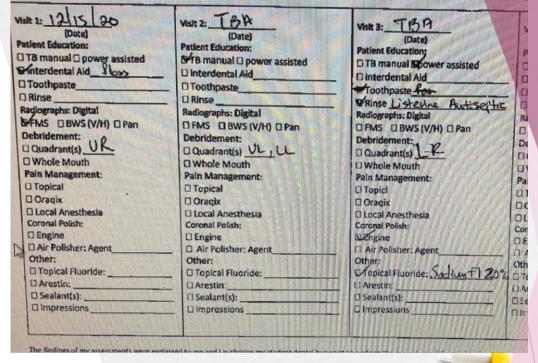
- Medical Hx review
- Full dental assessments completed
- PI; OHI: C-shaped flossing technique
- FMS
- Hand scale UR quadrant

Visit 2

- PI, OHI: modified Bass method
- Hand scale UL and LL quadrants

Visit 3

- PI,OHI: Power assisted toothbrush, benefits of Listerine Antiseptic
- Hand scale LR quadrant
- Engine polish
- Use upper and lower trays and apply
- 2% NaF.





Implementation

Visit 1

• All dental assessments completed. FMS exposed. PI:2 [Fair]; OHI: Taught modified Bass method. Hand scaled tooth #1-3.

Visit 2

PI: 2 [Fair]; OHI: C-shaped flossing technique. Hand scaled UR quadrant.

Visit 3

• PI: 1.33 [Fair]; OHI: Reviewed flossing technique with patient. Spoke to patients about benefits of Listerine Antiseptic. Hand scaled LR and LL quadrants.

Visit 4

• PI:1 [Fair]; OHI: Demonstrated how to use power assisted toothbrush. Hand scaled UL quadrant. Engine polished with medium paste. Used upper and lower trays and applied 2% NaF.



Referral

There was a referral given for periodontal evaluation, possible sleep apnea, and TMJ evaluation.

Continued care recommendation

Mrs.F was recommended to return in 4 months for recare due to active periodontal disease and low caries risk. Patient need to be monitored to avoid further progression.



Reflection

- ▶ I understood after treating this patient that some people struggle from being single parents and not having the medical nor dental care.
- Explaining to my patient the importance of oral hygiene care and teaching her the proper way to brush and floss were essential.
- ► She mentioned that she was never previously taught any of this before, so I took my time until she understood how to properly brush and floss.

Reflection

- It was also emphasized that the large interproximal calculus deposits were created from the lack of an interdental aid and could be disrupted when incorporated the C-shaped method when flossing.
- As a clinician it was my duty to understand that my patient worked late nights so it took her months to return for treatment. I had to explain to Mrs. F that this could prolonged the amount of visits and she was understanding about it.
- If there is a clear communication with the patient, both the clinician and patient can build rapport.

