SENDODONTIC ASSOCIATES RODIC VOORDS

Promoting just a little bit of knowledge...and a whole lot of Healthy Smiles

Antibiotic Treatment of Endodontic Infections

Mission Statement

To provide excellent endodontic care in a professional, friendly environment by a highly trained and motivated team!

We work to fulfill our mission by making patient care our #1 goal.

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Anaging oral infections is a multi-step process. First, a medical history is taken and a clinical exam is performed. Next, successful endodontic therapy requires removal of the bacterial substrate. This is done by cleaning and shaping the root canal system with non-surgical RCT, removal of granulation tissue and sealing the apex during surgery. With more severe infections, incision and drainage may also be needed.

An antibiotic may be prescribed along with proper endodontic care if there is systemic involvement such as fever, malaise, lymphadenopathy, a compromised immune system, or facial space involvement.

The first choice for endodontic flora is still Pen VK. Amoxicillin has a broader spectrum than necessary and is often used interchangeably. Adding the clavulanic acid to amoxicillin (Augmentin), gives us a very good antibiotic for endodontic flora.

Clindamycin is the best choice for your patients who are allergic to penicillin. Keflex should only be used with patients who cannot take either Pen VK or Clindamycin.

Keep in mind, if your patient is allergic to Pen VK, there is a high crossreactivity to Keflex. The only other antibiotic that can be useful is Metronidazole (Flagyl), and it is usually combined with Pen VK to treat more resistant infections.

Dosing

Pen VK— 1 gm loading dose then 500 mg qid for seven to 10 days.

Clindamycin— 600 mg loading dose then 150 to 300 mg qid or tid for seven to 10 days. This is a broad dosing recommendation. I try to be careful with Cleocin, because even though all antibiotics can cause pseudomembranous coitis, this one seems to cause diarrhea the most quickly.

Augmentin— 1 gm loading dose then 500 mg tid for seven to 10 days. Metronidazole— 500 mg loading dose then 250 mg qid for seven to 10 days.

Always remember that antibiotics should be prescribed in conjunction with appropriate care. Endodontic Associates is always here to help your patients with their endodontic needs

Dr. Dayna Duke earned her D.D.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and completed her endodontic specialty training at the VA Medical Center in Long Beach, California.



Please share this fun and helpful information with your staff by passing on *ROOT WORDS!* If you would like additional copies, please call Sherri at Endodontic Associates, (405) 748-6000 or (800) 522-9609.

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Quality Patient Care in a Comfortable Environment



Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMom) was held in ENID on February 7-8 at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center. Dr. Myron Hilton, Kim, and Mel attended. OkMOM is a two-day, MASH-style free dental clinic designed to treat the most pressing needs of patients that are either uninsured, underinsured or would normally not have access to dental care.

Congratulations...February Lottery Winners

Janice and Stephanie won tickets to *Beauty and the Beast* at the Civic Center! Be sure to participate in our next lottery!



Janice Griffin Dr. Craig Wooten's office

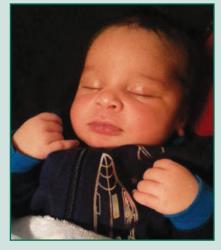
Stephanie Ricer Dr. Brian Prince's office

Bravo

Two EA assistants delivered baby boys a day apart! Congrats to Mary Jo & Janet!



Mary Jo welcomed baby Carson on February 11. Carson weighed 9 lbs 2oz.



Janet welcomed baby
Donovan on February 12.
Donovan weighed 7lbs. 4 oz.

Save the Date

What: EA's annual seminar Who: Doctors Only When: August 22, 2014 Speaker: Dr. Stephen Poss CE: 5 Hours

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