CROWNS USED IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava
Professor & Head
Dept. of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry
Crown is an artificial replacement that restores missing tooth structure by surrounding most or all of the remaining structure with a material such as cast metal, resin, porcelain or a combination of materials. It is intended to reproduce both the form and the function of the tooth and to restore the appearance.
Preformed metal crowns/ Stainless steel crown

Indications —

1. **primary molar teeth** after pulp therapy
2. restorations of multisurface caries
3. patients at high caries risk primary teeth with developmental defects
4. where an amalgam is likely to fail
5. Hypoplastic tooth
6. Abutment for space maintainer
Different types of stainless steel crowns

- Untrimmed crowns (rocky mountain) nor trimmed nor contoured
- Pretrimmed crown (unitek stainless steel crown, 3M, denvo crowns) – straight noncontoured sides, festooned but require contouring.
- Precontoured crowns (unitek SSC, 3M) festooned & contoured

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Composition

- SSC (Austentic alloy - rocky mountain, unitek)
  - 17-19% chromium
  - 10-13% nickel
  - 67% iron
  - 4% minor elements

Austentic type - best corrosion resistance
Steps Involved in Adaptation of the Preformed Stainless Steel Crown

- 1. Crown selection
- 2. Preoperative occlusal evaluation
- 3. LA administration
- 4. Rubber dam application
- 5. Placement of wedges
- 7. Trial fitting, trimming and contouring the crown
- 8. Finishing the crown
- 9. Cementation
- 10. Post cementation instruction

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
The factors to be considered during crown selection:

- **Mesiodistal width of the tooth**: Preoperative MD width is measured with the calipers and matched with the SSC.

- A crown that provides resistance to removal or that requires pressure to place initially - too small

- Impossible to contour - a grossly oversized crown.

- Over contoured or oversized crowns on 2nd deciduous molar can prevent normal eruption of the 1st permanent molars.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
The factors to be considered during crown selection: ........................

- Primate space: Impingement of this space may prevent early mesial shift of the 1st permanent molar.

- Gingival marginal contour: differs from the 1st to 2nd molar as well from buccal to lingual to proximal aspect.
**Occlusal Reduction**

- Large round bur, tapered fissure or flame shaped diamond bur
- The occlusal reduction of 1.5-2.0 OR 1.0 -1.5 mm follows the anatomy of the occlusal surface.
- Initial placement of 1mm depth grooves in the occlusal surface followed by removal of remaining portion according to cuspal inclines
- Sharp line angles should be rounded.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Proximal Reduction

- The tapered fissure bur moved in bucolingual direction starting at the occlusal surface 1-2 mm away from the adjacent tooth.

- Until the contact area clears gingivally and buccolingually.
**Buccal and Lingual Reduction**

Minimal but adequate reduction necessary. The buccal and lingual cervical bulges can be left uncut if they do not interfere in the placement of the crown.

**Finishing**

All the line angles must be rounded.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Trial Fitting, Trimming and Contouring The Crown

- purpose of crown **trimming** - to leave the crown margins in the gingival sulcus
- **contouring** - to reproduce the tooth's morphology.
- **Crimping** - Adaptation at gingival margins.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Seating of a crown on a mandibular molar done by first fitting the lingual side and then rotating it buccally.

In the upper arch fit the buccal side first.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
The crown should snap into place when refitted. Care should be taken to see that there is no gingival blanching and no occlusal interference.
Finishing the Crown

Final finishing is done with stone and rubber wheel to remove scratches and obtain shine.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Cementation

- Cements used are ZnOE, ZnP04, polycarboxylate, Glass ionomer.
- Debris removed
  The tooth is isolated with cotton.
- All exposed dentin protected with varnish.
- The crown is 1/2-2/3 filled with cement mixed to luting consistency.

- The crown is seated on the tooth along the pre-determined path of insertion.

- The cotton rolls are removed and patient requested to bite gently on the crown to ensure it's being forced to place.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
the occlusion is rechecked and excess cement is removed using scaler. from the buccal and lingual aspects and floss can be used for proximal surface.

Postcementation Instruction

- The patient should be instructed to avoid heavy chewing with the crown for 24 hours.

- Instructions for maintaining oral hygiene and should be recalled once every 6 months
Modifications of Stainless Steel Crown

a. *When more than one stainless steel crown has to be prepared additional factors to be remembered are*

- i. Occlusal reduction of one tooth should be done completely before starting the second tooth. If done together there is a tendency to over reduce.

- ii. Contact point between adjacent teeth should be broken producing 1.5mm space at the gingival level.

- iii. Both crowns should be trimmed, contoured and prepared for cementation simultaneously.

- Cementation of the distal tooth is done first and should be the same as during trial fitting.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
b. *Drifting of tooth and space loss:*

Crown selected to fit M-D will be too small B-L. In such a case, a larger crown is taken and M-D width is adjusted by using Howe plier.
c. **Undersized crown**

- A vertical cut is made on the buccal surface of the crown.

- The margins are pulled apart and an additional piece of steel band material is spot welded to the buccal surface increasing the dimensions of the crown.

- After contouring, the crown is soldered, polished and cemented.

---

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
d. **Over sized crown**:

The crown is cut vertically along the buccal wall.

The free crown margin are approximated and overlapped over each other spot welded to reduce the crowns dimension.

After contouring, the cut and relocated area is soldered and polished.
Deep sub gingival caries in the interproximal surface

managed by 2 methods
a) unfestooned crown
b) modified prefestooned crown.

A normal prefestooned crown can be used by spot welding an additional band piece thus increasing the length of the crown wherever required.
f. **Open contact** (except the primate space): corrected by using larger crown,

g. **Anterior teeth**: Due to its strength and stability SSC -preferred in grossly destroyed anterior teeth.

Poor esthetics of stainless steel crowns can be improved by removing a portion of the labial surface of the crown or replacing it with a layer of composite resin.

These crowns are also used in the correction of anterior cross bite,
In bruxism: the thickness of the metal on the occlusal surface is increased by addition of a layer of solder from the impression surface of the crown. - Croll's technique.
Complications that may Develop during Stainless Steel Fabrication

a. *Formation of interproximal ledge* - Leads to inability to seat the crown.

b. *Ingestion of crown* - overcome by using a square piece of gauze as throat screen or by using rubber dam.

Should this happen PA chest radiograph is mandatory and patient is referred to the physician.

- If not found in the radiograph it is assumed to **pass uneventfully through the alimentary tract within 5-10 days**
- If not found abdominal X-ray is necessary to locate the crown.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Final placement of SSC

Stainless steel crown
Polycarbonate crown

- Heat molded acrylic resin to restore ant. primary teeth

contraindications

- Severe Bruxism
- Excessive abrasion of anterior teeth
- Deep bite
Technique

- **Crown selection** - MD dimension of crown should be determined
- **Preparation of tooth** - MD surface reduced till contacts are open, surface becomes parallel; labial & Lingual reduced 0.5mm
- **Finish line** – Stewart et al prefer Chamfer
- Incisal edge – reduced 1 - 2 mm
- Add an undercut – increase the retentive prop of prep
- Remaining caries – removed
- Pulp protection
- **Crown adaptation** – selected crown adapted to prep by selective grinding of gingival margin & internal portion of crown
Cementation of polycarbonate crown

- Drill a hole through palatal surface of crown – allows excess cement to escape
ARTGLASS CROWNS

- current material for restoring ant primary teeth

- It is a crosslinked three dimensional polymer. Its filler material (microglass & silica) provide greater durability & esthetics than composite strip crowns

- Available in 1 shade & 6 sizes for prim central, lateral, & canine teeth

- The vast majority of the failures were due to bond failures.
STRIP CROWN/ CELLULOID CROWN

Indications:
1. Primary incisors with loss of mesial & distal incisal corners
2. Nursing bottle caries
3. Enamel hypoplasia
Strip crown technique

**Step 1.** Isolation desirable, not essential,
- All caries removed
- Advisable to restore all *four* incisors at the same time.

**Step 2.** The length of the crown is reduced incisally.
Mesial & distal slices are cut tapering *to* a knife edge at the gingival margins.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
- If deep overbite - reduce the palatal bulk of the enamel.
- A calcium hydroxide lining material is applied to the pulpal wall of any exposed dentine.
Step 3. The shade of composite resin is now chosen, usually a very light shade.

Step 4. Celluloid strip-crown forms are selected of the right size and trimmed using fine curved scissors.

The crowns are thin and easily split if care is not taken at this stage.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Step 5. Vent holes at the incisal-edge corners of the crown form -allow air to escape when it is filled with composite resin.
crowns trial-fitted for length and cervical fit

Step 6. The teeth are etched, washed and dried
- bonding agent applied and cured
Step 7. The crown form is then filled with composite resin
Step 8. The crown forms with composite resin are firmly seated on to the prepared teeth. If more than one incisor is being restored the crowns should be seated together.

Care should be taken to remove excess resin with a probe or small Hollenback carver.

Excess pressure can result in the crown form splitting so the amount of pressure required is that to seat the crown only.
Step 9. composite resin cured for 1 min, cure thoroughly both labially and palatally.

**Step 10.** An excavator or probe is inserted beneath the edge of the celluloid and the crown formes stripped off.

- Reduction of the incisal length may be needed

**Final Step.** The cured crown is smoothed and polished.

- The finished crowns restore the aesthetics

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
ADVANTAGE: Strip crown technique is quick & simple method for restoration of primary incisors

- encourages an interest in dental health for both parents and child.
- Very good esthetic.

Dr. Nikhil Srivastava, Subharti Dental College, SVSU
Drawbacks: Strip crown are difficult to place because of the complexities of tooth preparation, pulp protection, moisture control (especially that of marginal bleeding when caries is subgingival)
thank you