

Tooth whitening: concepts and controversies

Abstract: Today's society dictates that it is the norm for people to have straight, white teeth. The demand therefore for tooth whitening in dental practice has increased exponentially over the last decade. A common approach to achieving this goal is by bleaching. This article discusses clinical aspects of dental bleaching by providing an evidence-based review of current literature. Topics covered include aetiology of tooth discolouration, indications for bleaching, its mode of action, different types of bleaching regimes, indications and potential side effects.

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Pharmacological management of acute dental pain

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