

Brian,

please find below a summary of 18 pt's that have had Endox RCT's.

I think one has to bear in mind that there is a learning curve and this is reflected in my initial experiences.

As I have mentioned to you the anaesthesia takes some practice but I seem to have the measure of that now and I feel much more confident using the machine. New users would DEFINITELY benefit from a coaching session.

***Diary of an Endox novice.***

Patient:

1. Upper left 1, irreversible pulpitis. Tooth settled immediately with no after pain.
2. Upper right 6, non vital. " "
3. UL6 re-treatment, settled but then flared up on hols. Don't think I cleaned out the old RF well enough. re treated with Endox and settled fine.
4. UR5 non vital tooth settled no after pain
5. LR5 re treat. Tooth wouldn't settle but canal blocked from previous RCT so unable to reach apex. Tooth extracted.
6. UL5 large buccal swelling. RCT with Endox, swelling gone after 48 hours. No problems since.
7. UL5 irreversible pulpitis. Tooth settled no probs.
8. LL6 non-vital TTP tooth settled no probs.
9. UR6 tooth settled no probs. Irreversible pulpitis.
10. UL7 (practice hygienist) non vital, hemisected tooth, no probs. Bridge subsequently fitted over tooth.
11. UR6 (nurse) re-treatment. MB canal would not settle. Endox used and settled after approx 10 days. Suspicion of bruxism.
12. LR6 non vital- after pain for approx 1 week then settled. OK since (approx 4 months)
13. UR6 non vital tooth TTP. Tooth settled no probs. Amazing since this patient would complain of after pain after a scale & polish!
14. LL7 re-treat. Good initial RCT refused to settle. Settled uneventfully after Endox.
15. UL4 re-treat, very stubborn. Eventually settled after approx 3 months.
16. LR6 irreversible pulpitis. Settled after 24 hours.
17. UR5 large PA area. Settled uneventfully. Follow up PA to be taken.
18. UL3 through bridge. Tooth opened, cleaned and dressed but wouldn't settle. Treated with Endox, settled uneventfully.

Most of the above cases are successful but not all. I think this is a fair and positive view of the Endox as it would be somewhat unbelievable if a complete novice had 100% success immediately.

As I promised Brian, I have been using the machine for virtually all my RCT's over last couple of weeks. I have a second list, 8 patients so far. I will ring them and take 3 month follow up x rays.

Speak to you soon  
Regards

Paul

