

Evidence Based Dentistry:

Luting agents:

Can we identify the best luting cement from clinical studies

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Use of luting cements in USA

	Metal- Ceramic	Ceramic
Hybrid ionomer	65%	46%
Adhesive resin	46%	63%
Glass ionomer	33%	

*Dental Products Report Survey, Nov 2000 n= 319 dentists.

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Resinmodified GIC & polyacrylate modified resin




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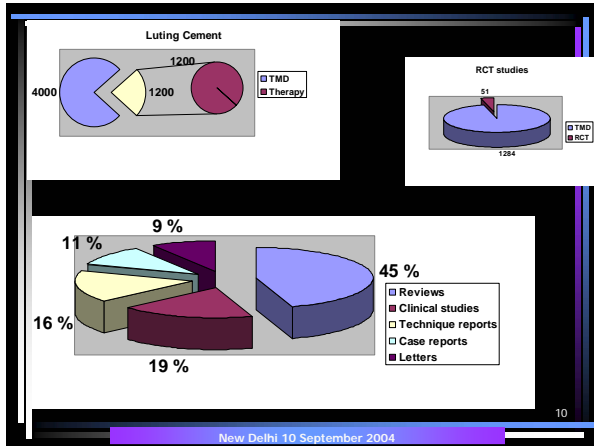
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- 5: opinions of respected authorities based on clinical evidence, descriptive studies or reports of expert consensus committees

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2: RCTs	6
3: Clinical trials	5
4: Experimental studies	25
5: Opinions, descriptive studies, reports, etc.	135

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Scientific evidence

Clinical trials demonstrate that most cements perform adequately

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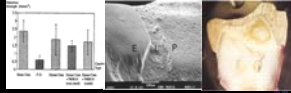
Extrapolations from laboratory studies?

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Extrapolations from laboratory studies: Relevance?

- Adhesive strength to: dentin, alloy, ceramic, ...
- Working & polymerisation time
- Biocompatibility
- Film thickness
- Fluoride content
- Chemistry: waterbased - hybrid - polymer
- Solubility
- pH
- Retentive ability
- Termic isolation
- Obliterative properties: "fit", microleakage,



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Laboratory study – a sample of variables

- Human or bovine tooth
- Time of testing after extraction
- Tooth storage environment
- Abutment form/geometry
- Surface area size
- Surface preparation techniques
- Enamel vs dentin surface area
 - Location on tooth where dentin is exposed
 - Dentin surface position relative to pulp

- Cement thickness
- Cast fit & alloy/Ceramic & Surface treatment

- Test setup
 - Geometry - cyclic loading, thermic stress, etc.
 - Simulation of intrapulpal pressure/ humidity
 - Test storage (time, temperature, etc.)

Measure of outcome?: Strength, leakage, SEM, degradation,

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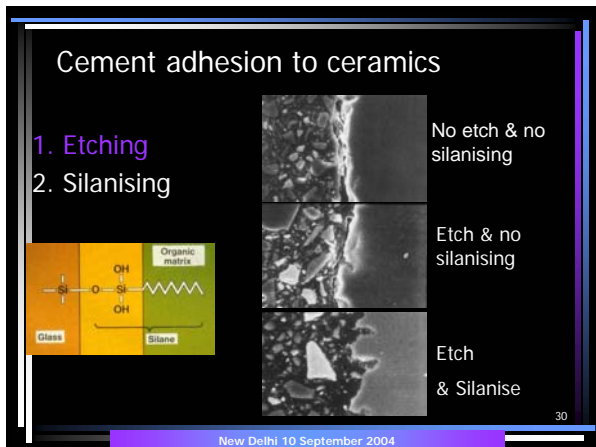
Other restorative materials

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Cement adhesion to alloys & surface treatments

1. Chemical binding to oxides on the metal surface
2. Micromechanical retention

Noble metals:

- Sandblasting
- Silanising
- Tin-plating
- "priming"

Non-noble metals:

- etching w/ different acids or electrochemically
- etching w/ different acids and silanising
- Sandblasting and silanising under high pressure (Rocatec, ESPE),
- Sandblasting and silanising with heat (Kevloc AC, Silicoater Classic & MD, Siloc, Kulzer).

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Which problems remain unsolved?

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Which luting cement should I use?

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Clinical evidence: clinical experience

Clinical trials and practical experience demonstrate that waterbased cements perform adequately when the tooth is prepared according to established guidelines, i.e.

- preparations with adequate retentive surface
- good precision of the restoration
- correct handling of the cement.

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Other evidence: biocompatibility

Waterbased cements

Biological properties are known and acceptable.

Endodontic problems constitute a limited complication risk.

Systemic and/or local toxic problems not documented.

Substances that may leach do not have an allergising potential.

Polymer-based cements

Risk for local toxic reactions during the cementation process

Risk for allergic reactions related to some of the organic substances included in the cements and adhesives.

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Other evidence: handling properties

The retentive ability and other mechanical properties are better for polymer-based than for waterbased cements measured in laboratory tests.

The use of waterbased cements is easy and allows room for variation of the work-time and polymerisation time with minor effects on the materials' properties.

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