

Treating the effects of dental disease, but not the disease itself

We've taken an extreme case to illustrate the importance of the minimal intervention dentistry (MID) approach.

The images illustrate a patient, aged 33 at the time of the photograph, who has, judging by the number of root fillings shown on the x-ray picture, visited the dentist on many occasions in the past. However, despite all the dental treatment provided, the fundamental problem of his lack of oral hygiene has not been resolved.

The decay (caries) process, which is very aggressive, has not been halted. All of the dental treatment has failed.

The conclusion drawn from this case?

Fillings, crowns and root canal treatment do not in themselves create good oral health. We need to treat the effects of disease, but we must sort out the cause of the disease as well.

