

Focal Infection in Dentistry

Focal Infection Definition

- Any infection focused, localized somewhere in the body which is a potential threat for spreading to other areas such as downwards towards the mediastinum or upwards into the brain.

Focal Infection

- Necrotic pulp
- Gangrenous pulp
- Periapical lesion, granuloma or cyst
- Chronic marginal gingivitis
- Chronic marginal periodontitis
- Paranasal sinuses inflammation



Gingivitis

Infectious Agents

- Bacteria
- Toxins (of bacteria)
- Immunocomplexes

Risk Groups

- Immunosuppressed patients
 - organ transplantation
 - HIV
 - Cancer
- Prosthetic heart valves
- Hip replacement
- Heart surgery

Treatment Options

- The major factor that determines our treatment is the time that the patient comes
1. If the patient comes two to three weeks before surgery → EXTRACTION
 2. If we have adequate time we treat the patient (e.g. endodontic treatment)

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