

## Intracanal medicaments: A review

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### Abstract

**Introduction:** It is important to develop new therapeutic materials that have the required clinical actions, are safe and economical.

**Objective:** To analyze the literature on intracanal medicaments such as triple antibiotic paste, calcium hydroxide, chlorhexidine and antimicrobial nanoparticles.

**Methodology:** The search was performed in PubMed, Scopus and Google Scholar databases. The terms "calcium hydroxide", "triple antibiotic paste", "chlorhexidine", "nanoparticles", "intracanal medication" and "endodontic" were used.

**Results:** Triple antibiotic paste contains medication that helps to disinfect the root canal, it is the most used treatment in pulp regeneration and revascularization. Calcium hydroxide is the most commonly used intra-canal medication in endodontics, since it induces the formation of a mineralized layer and has an acceptable microbial effect, it is not as effective on *E. faecalis* and *C. albicans*. Chlorhexidine is a drug widely used in endodontics as an irrigant; it is broad spectrum and is a retentive agent in dentin, it has an antimicrobial effect against biofilm with better results after 7 days of placement. Antimicrobial nanoparticles are new products used as an intra-oral medication, so studies are still needed to verify their effect on dentin and their long-term efficacy.

**Conclusion:** Intracanal medicaments are used between appointments, for the elimination of bacteria or to avoid canal contamination. We could say that nanoparticles with calcium hydroxide have a promising future in terms of antimicrobial efficacy and looking for a better effect on dentin.

**Keywords:** Calcium hydroxide, triple antibiotic paste, chlorhexidine, nanoparticles, peptide, intracanal medication

### 1. Introduction

Due to expanded resistance to intracanal drugs, modern elective methods are required [1]. The effective clinical utilize of dental materials depends on their physicochemical properties as well as their natural and toxicological unwavering quality. Distinctive neighborhood and systemic toxicities of dental materials have been detailed [2]. The victory of endodontic treatment determines from the total end of microorganisms able of causing intraradicular or extraradicular disease [3]; they depend on intraoperative variables such as water system, get to measure, the utilize of drugs or the number of arrangements [4]. In arrange to attain a more viable destruction of these microorganisms, the utilize of intracanal drugs between arrangements started to be utilized when the mash determination was necrosis or periapical canker. It is additionally utilized for when there are holes or in revascularization, to maintain a strategic distance from intracanal contamination [5]. Calcium hydroxide is the commonly used intracanal medication for the treatment of apical periodontitis because of its antibacterial effect; it is used alone or together with 2% chlorhexidine to increase its efficacy against bacteria resistant to *E. faecalis*, it is the most frequently reported microorganism in cases of apical periodontitis [6]. This research is conducted to update information on advances in intracanal drugs, bacterial resistance and sensitivity to treatments because it is a persistent problem. Intracanal medicaments such as triple antibiotic paste, calcium hydroxide, chlorhexidine and antimicrobial nanoparticles were reviewed with their uses, their antimicrobial efficacy, effect on dentin, limitations and their cytotoxicity.

### 2. Materials and Methods

Information from articles published in PubMed, Scopus and Google Scholar was analyzed, with emphasis on the last 5 years. The quality of articles was evaluated based on the standard guidelines, i.e., identification, review, choice and inclusion. The quality of the review was assessed using the measurement instrument for evaluating systemic reviews. The search was performed using the Boolean logical operators AND, OR and NOT. It was performed with the words "calcium hydroxide", "triple antibiotic paste", "chlorhexidine", "nanoparticles", "intracanal medication" and "endodontic" were used "diseases", "comorbidities", and "oral diseases". The keywords were used individually, as well as each of them related to each other.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Triple antibiotic paste

##### Use

Triple anti-microbial glue (TAP), which may be a blend of metronidazole, ciprofloxacin and minocycline, has been utilized as an intracanal sedate to purify the root canal amid regenerative methods [7] are exceedingly viable in dispensing with endodontic neurotic microbiota both in situ and in vitro [8]. TAP shows up to be a effective combination of drugs in root canal sanitization or sterilization and mash recovery and revascularization convention [9].

##### Effect on dentin

Treatment of dentin with TAP for 4 weeks given an moved forward microenvironment for reasonability and connection of DPSCs [10]. TAP essentially expanded the bond quality of methacrylate resin-based sealants [11].

##### Antimicrobial Efficacy

It has been appeared to be the foremost viable, giving activity against diverse microorganisms and creating exceptional comes about due to the combination of anti-microbials [12] 10 mg/mL of TAP brought about in total end of *E. faecalis* [13] intracanal sedate conveyance arrangement of TAP brought about in >99% decrease in colony shaping unit [14].

##### Limitations and cytotoxicity

Improvement of safe bacterial strains and tooth discoloration are a few of its downsides [9]. Comparable poisonous quality impact of TAP at a concentration of 100  $\mu$ g/ml at the considered time interims on apical papilla stem cells; cell development is watched in twofold combinations of anti-microbials at moo concentrations (25 and 50  $\mu$ g/ml). These discoveries may appear comparable behavior of anti-microbials at lower concentrations, whereas having diverse impacts at higher concentrations [15]. Triple anti-microbial glue contains medicine that makes a difference to purify the root canal. It is most commonly utilized as a treatment in pulp regeneration and revascularization, because it gives distant better; a much better; a higher; a stronger; an improved "a much better microenvironment for dentin to recover. It provides greater adequacy against microbes, particularly it dispenses with *E. faecalis* from the canal, but microscopic organisms seem create resistance additionally discolor the teeth.

#### 3.2 Calcium hydroxide

##### Use

Calcium hydroxide is the foremost commonly utilized intracanal pharmaceutical and is suggested in clinical rules for the treatment of avulsed teeth in multiple visits [16]. It is additionally the foremost commonly utilized interappointment dressing for root canal sanitization, and is viable against gram-negative species. It can realize its antibacterial impact by inactivating film transport components [17]. Calcium hydroxide can be utilized in pregnant patients [18].

##### Effect on dentin

Dentin is considered the leading mash defender, and calcium hydroxide has illustrated through various thinks about its capacity to initiate the arrangement of a mineralized layer that serves as a bridge over the mash tissue [19]. For apexification of immature lasting teeth, the time period to make apical boundary was longer compared to the other drugs [20]. Calcium hydroxide as a mash capping specialist has properties such as the capacity to create reparative dentin, keep up mash essentialness, slaughter microscopic organisms, be sterile, radiopaque and give a great bacterial seal [21].

##### Antimicrobial efficacy

In one ponder it was illustrated that calcium hydroxide appeared 99.41% antimicrobial impact against the control bunch [22]. Clinical thinks about in people appeared less proficient restricted antimicrobial impacts against particular species such as *E. faecalis* or *C. albicans*, whose microorganisms were decreased but not totally disposed of after medications, and a few species had resistance; their adequacy has been addressed or demonstrated that other specialists ought to be blended to move forward their antimicrobial action [23]. The deadly impact on microorganisms has been credited to the following mechanisms: damage to the bacterial cytoplasmic film, protein denaturation, and DNA harm; be that as it may, it is troublesome to set up the most instrument included in bacterial passing [19]. The adequacy of calcium hydroxide against *Enterococcus faecalis* was best within the to begin with 72 hours of length [24].

**Limitations and cytotoxicity****3.3 Chlorhexidine**

Calcium hydroxide is less compelling against particular species such as *E. faecalis* or *C. albicans* [25]. There are a few drawbacks that confine its utilize, such as destitute cement quality and insufficient seal; deterioration and nearness of so-called "burrow absconds" within the therapeutic dentin shaped underneath it [21]. If the sedate isn't expelled from the root canal, sedate buildups may hinder the fixing capacity of endodontic sealers, which can discourage the dissemination of the sealers from the root canal into the dentinal tubules [26]. Calcium hydroxide is the foremost commonly utilized intracanal medicine in endodontics, because it actuates the arrangement of a mineralized layer and has a worthy microbial impact, be that as it may, it isn't as viable on *E. faecalis* or against *C. albicans*. When utilized between control arrangements, it is known that it isn't totally dispensed with from the canal, which causes buildups to deter the dissemination of cements at the time of obturation.

**Use**

Chlorhexidine could be a broad-spectrum antimicrobial operator and has been prescribed as an compelling intracanal pharmaceutical in endodontics. The preferences of chlorhexidine are its retentive nature in root canal dentin and its relatively moo harmfulness. In expansion, it is additionally successful against calcium hydroxide safe strains. A few considers have proposed that chlorhexidine may well be utilized in combination with calcium hydroxide to make strides antimicrobial adequacy against calcium hydroxide-resistant microorganisms [27]. In pregnant patients encountering endodontic torment, crisis opening, evacuation of kindled mash or drainage of discharge and torment alleviation, chlorhexidine/metronidazole can be utilized [18].

**Effect on dentin**

The foremost successful against *E. faecalis* inside dentinal tubules at 200 and 400  $\mu\text{m}$  profundity compared to calcium hydroxide. It was detailed that 2% chlorhexidine arrangement for 7 days expanded its activity against *E. faecalis*, particularly at 400  $\mu\text{m}$  profundity [28].

**Antimicrobial Efficacy**

It includes a restricted antimicrobial impact against polymicrobial biofilm found interior the root canal such as gram-negative and gram-positive microbes. The 2% gel incorporates a time-dependent antimicrobial impact [29]. Its power is due to its capacity to change the osmotic adjust of the cell. It has the capacity to preserve its antibacterial activity for a drawn out period due to its substantivity and ideal microbial movement at pH 5.5 to 7 [30]. There was a exceedingly noteworthy distinction ( $p < 0.005$ ) in *E. faecalis* tally in a ponder after day 7 of intracanal sedate arrangement [31]. Chlorhexidine appeared most extreme antimicrobial movement, taken after by chitosan, in both single and dual-species biofilms [32].

**Limitations and cytotoxicity**

Chlorhexidine shows the most noteworthy level of cytotoxicity and is related with expanded antimicrobial viability before long after application, moreover endures over time for up to 14 days and hinders wound recuperating in a human skin xenograft mouse show in vivo [33]. Chlorhexidine 2% may be a pharmaceutical broadly utilized in dentistry, in endodontics it is utilized more as an irrigant than as an intraoral medicine between arrangements. It is broad spectrum, effective against *E. faecalis*, because it may be a retentive specialist in dentin, having an antimicrobial impact against polymicrobial biofilm with superior comes about after 7 days of arrangement. It is the foremost cytotoxic hindering wound recuperating after drawn out utilize.

**3.4 Antimicrobial nanoparticles****Use**

Silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) have tall antibacterial movement due to their little particles and expansive surface zone [34]. In one ponder, a blend of CaOHAgAN was made that delivered an successful nanoparticle arrangement that may be utilized against common oral pathogens as a potential helpful specialist within the frame of root canal irrigant or intracanal pharmaceutical within the field of dentistry [35].

**Effect on dentin**

Due to their nanoscale, AgNPs enter more profound into the complexities of root canal frameworks and dentinal tubules, in expansion to upgrading the antibacterial properties of endodontic irrigants and sealants.

AgNPs continuously increment dentin hardness in endodontically treated teeth and advance antibacterial properties when utilized as intracanal medicine carriers [36].

#### Antimicrobial Efficacy

Silver nanoparticles (measure 20 nm) can be blended with calcium hydroxide, which appeared upgraded antibacterial activity when calcium hydroxide is utilized alone or in combination with chlorhexidine [37]. Biosynthesized AgNPs show effective antibacterial action against *E. faecalis* and, thus, can be used as root canal irrigants or intracanal drugs for root canal sanitization [38, 39]. In spite of the fact that there's a factually noteworthy diminish within the cruel CFU esteem, the nanogroup performed the leading. The most noteworthy rate of dead microbes was recognized within the BAG-np bunch, with a noteworthy contrast from the Sack bunch. The decrease of molecule estimate and the utilize of a Sack nanoform made strides the antimicrobial properties of the intracanal treatment of *E. faecalis* biofilms [40].

#### Limitations and cytotoxicity

In one consider the cytotoxic impact of Nano TAPC was lower than that of calcium hydroxide and higher than that of TAPC. In spite of the fact that Nano TAPC has the most noteworthy apoptotic esteem compared to TAPC and calcium hydroxide, there's still no factually critical contrast between them [41]. The cytotoxicity and expansion of DPSCs in reaction to AgNP gel were comparable to those of calcium hydroxide. This proposes that gel AgNPs may speak to a promising future candidate for clinical utilize in regenerative endodontics. In any case, their impacts may be concentration subordinate, which warrants assist examination [42].

Antimicrobial nanoparticles are modern items utilized as an intra-endodontic medicate so thinks about are still required to confirm their impact on dentin and their long-term adequacy. As for the present ponders, ready to know that it has great antimicrobial viability when combined with calcium hydroxide and negligible poisonous quality, in spite of the fact that restrictions have not however been found.

#### 4. Conclusion

Utilize of intracanal medicaments plays a crucial part in endodontics, particularly when there's any disease, mash recovery and revascularization. Triple antimicrobial glue, in spite of its viability against microscopic organisms, presents concerns related to bacterial resistance and conceivable tooth discoloration. On the other hand, calcium hydroxide is broadly utilized since of its capacity to initiate the arrangement of a mineralized layer, but its viability against certain microbes, such as *E. faecalis* and *C. albicans*, is constrained, and its perseverance within the canal can influence obturation. Chlorhexidine 2% could be a broad-spectrum specialist, particularly viable against *E. faecalis*, but delayed use may have cytotoxic impacts. The presentation of antimicrobial nanoparticles speaks to an energizing prospect within the field of intraoral drugs, but more inquire about is required to completely get it their long-term viability and safety.

In common, the choice of intracanal medicament ought to be based on case-specific contemplations and the got to address as of now known microscopic organisms, taking under consideration potential side impacts and biocompatibility. Endodontics proceeds to advance with the objective of giving more successful and more secure medications to protect patients' dental wellbeing.

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