

Huntington's Disease in the O.R.



Huntington's Disease

- Was called Huntington's Chorea
- Chorea means "dance"
- Inherited, progressive, degenerative brain disorder
- Produces physical, mental, emotional changes with dementia and psychiatric problems

Huntington's Disease

- Described by American physician George Huntington (1872)
- Single faulty gene on chromosome #4 (1993)
- Autosomal dominant (50% pass to child)
- One in 30,000 in U.S.
- No race or gender bias

Huntington's Disease

- Typical onset age 35-50
- Typically fatal w/n 15-20 years p onset s/s
- Fatalities usually caused by
 - 1. Infection
 - 2. Suicide
- Woody Guthrie (1912-67)



Dental Physical Symptoms

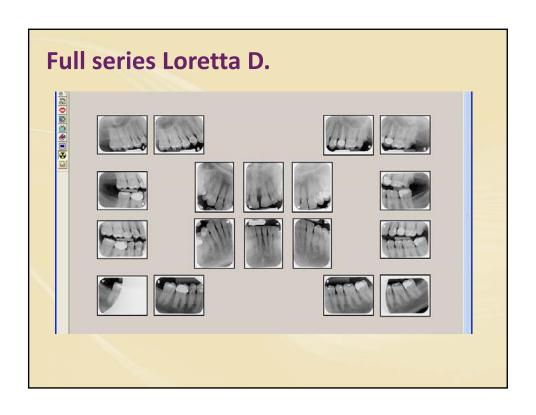
- Grind and clench teeth
- Unable to open mouth wide
- Dysphagia (difficulty swallowing)
- Dyslalia (severe darting movement of tongue and head)
- Facial muscle movements eject dentures
- Cannot sit still

Pre-op Intraoral camera

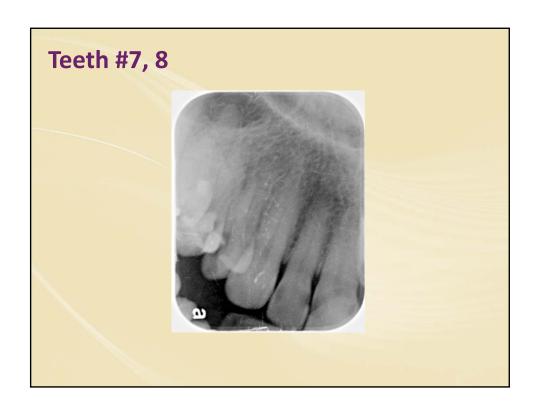


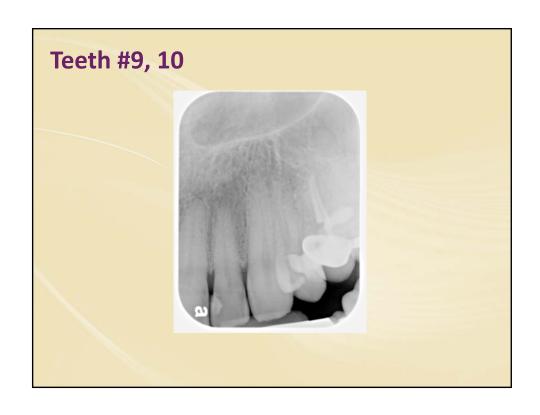


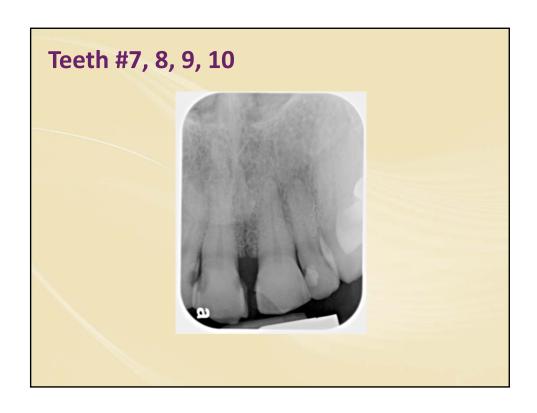


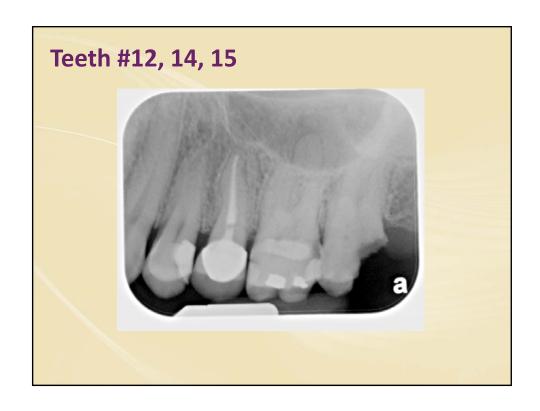


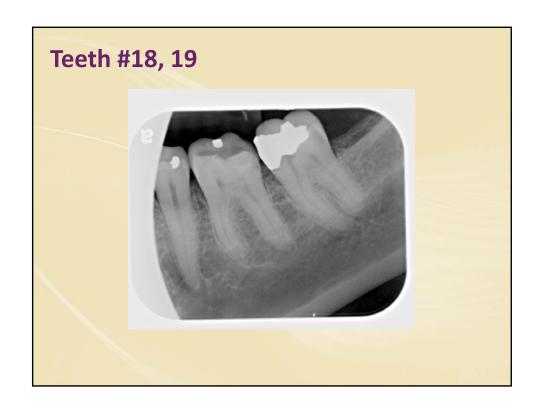






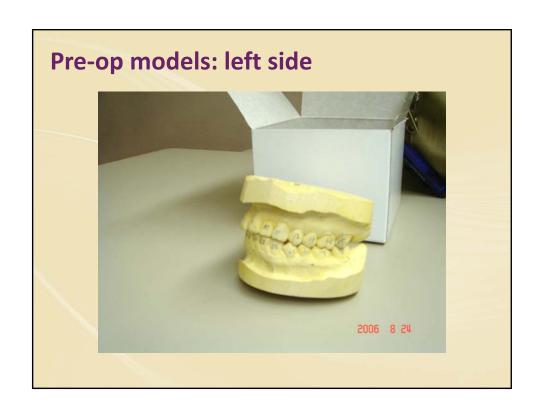












Fractured & abscessed #15, 18



Loretta D (1st visit)

- Xerostomia (dry mouth)
- Multiple dental caries
- Abscessed and fractured teeth
- Gingivitis
- Frequent involuntary head/body movements
- Reduced manual dexterity

Treatment in OR

Multi-disciplinary dentistry:

- Crowns
- Restorations
- Extractions
- Possible root canal
- Prophylaxis
- Fluoride

2-day follow-up

- Smooth temporary crowns
- Check restorations
- Check extraction sockets

2-week follow-up

- Cement crowns
- Check sockets, restorations
- Discuss oral hygiene modifications due to impaired manual dexterity and xerostomia



















