

What do I do when this new patient attends my clinic?

Case Conference Part 1

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The presenting patient

- Young lad aged 9 from a “blended family”
- Brought in from after-school program with a sore tooth and appropriate medical and dental care forms duly signed by the mother
- Acted withdrawn and fearful in dental chair
- Looked small for his age



Medical and dental history

- Child has not seen a dentist in 3 years
- Says he lives at home with his mother, step-father and three other children, of which he is the oldest
- Initially quiet at presentation, but becomes talkative
- Very excited at the prospect of visiting the office toy box



Extra- oral findings

- Round scab on skin
- Area of keloid on skin
- Apparent area of scar from paired circular ovoid marking
- Smells faintly of urine
- Clothing unkempt
- Arm in sling
- Marks on back of neck and at hairline at nape of neck



Images: extra-oral findings



View of patient smiling



Images: extra-oral findings



Bite mark on skin



Images: extra-oral findings

Keloid scar



Images: extra-oral findings



Evidence of traumatic hair loss



Intraoral findings

- Caries – significantly more than one would see in your community
- Freshly fractured tooth – primary maxillary left lateral incisor
- A second darkly stained discoloured anterior tooth in the lower



Questions for Viewers

- What is happening here ?
- How would you manage this case?
- When would you manage this case?
- What other information would you need prior to making a diagnosis or treatment plan?
- Have you any questions about this case for Dr. Wood when he comes back for Part 2?



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