

Teeth Roger Shore

# Permanent human dentition - 32 teeth









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#### **Common element**

fibrous collagen is the bulk protein







#### **ENAMEL 1**

#### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:**

Very hard and brittle – relies on DENTINE for resilience

Colour dictated by its translucency and colour of underlying dentine

#### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION:

96-99% mineral by weight (hydroxyapatite) (c.f. 60% forbone)3% water

1% organic (mainly protein but not collagen)



Amelogenesis *imperfecta* 

- a. Local hypoplastic
- b. Pitted hypoplastic
- c. Rough hypoplastic
- d. Hypomature
- e. Hypocalcified



#### ENAMEL 2

#### **BASIC STRUCTURE:**

Hydroxyapatite crystal 60-90nm x 25-30nm x ?

(c.f. bone crystals 40nm x 5-10nm x 50nm)

 $Ca_{10}(PO4)_6OH_2$ 

Crystals arranged into PRISMS (RODS) (approx

5µm diameter)

Prisms perpendicular to ADJ



















# S3400 20.0kV 5.7mm x2.10k SE









# DENTINE

### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:**

Slightly harder than bone

Elastic, not brittle

Yellow in colour

#### **CHEMICAL COMPOSITION:**

65% mineral (by wt), 35% organic and water

Organic mainly COLLAGEN but also proteoglycans and glycoproteins

# **DENTINE 2**

#### **BASIC STRUCTURE:**

Hydroxyapatite crystal

Crystals arranged mainly parallel to collagen (meshwork)

Dentinal tubules containing ODONTOBLAST process

Tubule extends from pulp to ADJ (odont. process also?)

Tubules not straight, they have -

primary curvature (resembles 'S' shape)

secondary curvatures (small, relatively regular wave-like deviations superimposed on primary c.)

Tubules branched (mainly at ADJ)







#### 3. PERITUBULAR (hypermineralised) and INTERTUBULAR







# 4. IRREGULAR SECONDARY (TERTIARY or REPARATIVE) (REACTIONARY or REPARATIVE)









Predentine

#### **Odontoblasts**

Cell-free zone

Cell-rich zone

Nerve plexus of Raschkow

#### **PROPOSED MECHANISMS OF DENTINE SENSITIVITY**

- 1. Direct innervation
- 2. Odontoblasts act as sensory endings
- 3. Hydrodynamics (fluid flow)



# The End