| Detail | Ca(OH) ² | MTA |
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| Chemical Composition | Ca(OH) ² | Tricalcium Silicate Tricalcium Aluminate Silica Oxide Bisthmus Oxide |
| Presentation | Powder & liquid (Saline or distilled water) Two tube paste system Injectable paste Cones Ca(OH)2 containing sealers | Powder & distilled water |
| Mode of Action | pH 11-12 Induction of calcific barrier by: 1. Activation of alkaline phosphatase enzyme 2. Activation of Ca dependant ATP associated with hard tissue formation 3. Anti-bacterial 4. Anti-inflammatory | pH 12.5 Induction of osteoid or cementoid tissue |
| Methods of Placement | Injection Lentulo spiral Hand file, paper point or Gutta-percha Ca(OH)2 points | Specially designed carrier Micro Apical Placement system (MAP system |
| Histological Effects | Three histologic zones: Narrow layer of coagulation necrosis Basophilic inflamed tissue Calcific barrier Normal pulp tissue | Normal pulp tissue |
| Complications | Persistent chronic inflammation Pulp necrosis Internal resorption Dystrophic calcification | None |
| Clinical uses | Pulp capping agent Pulpotomy Apexification Intracanal medicament | Pulp capping agent Pulpotomy Apexification Perforation repair Root end filling material Regenerative endodontics |