

“ENHANCING REMINERALIZATION: THE ROLE OF ELECTRIC FIELDS”

INTRODUCTION: Electric field in remineralization is one of the many innovative strategies that have been developed to remineralize a tooth in a short period of time without compromising the mineral content that is being deposited.

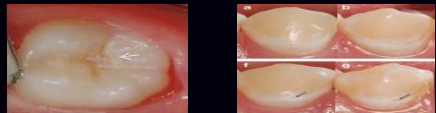
REMINERALIZATION



REMINERALISING AGENTS



TAKES AROUND 8-12 WEEKS TO REMINERALISE A INITIAL ENAMEL LESION



Demineralization

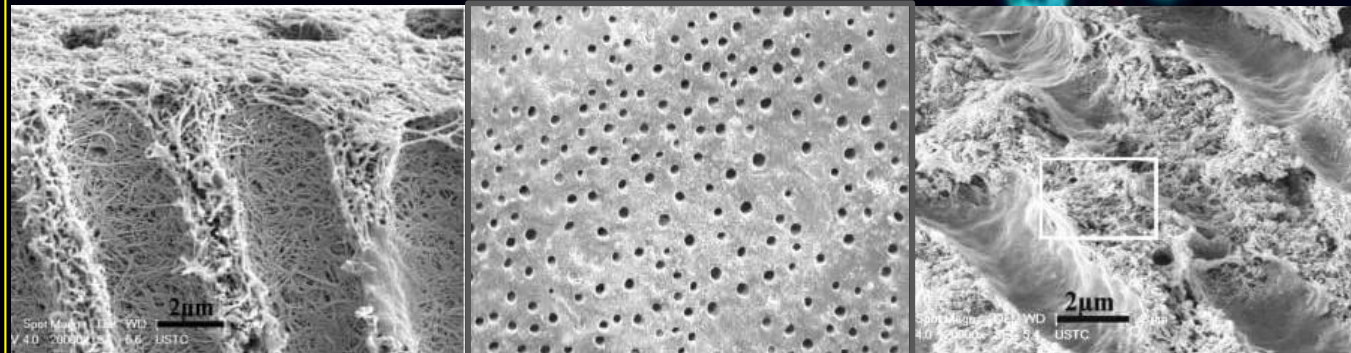
- sugars
- pH<5.5



Remineralization

- Diet
- pH>5.5

DENTINAL TUBULES SEEN UNDER SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY



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ELECTRIC FIELD
{20mA for 5 min}



TIME PERIOD IS REDUCED. MINERAL CONTENT IS NOT COMPROMISED. REMINERALISES BOTH INTER AND INTRA TUBULES. REMINERALIZES A COMPLETELY DEMINERALISED DENTINAL TUBULE.

CONCLUSION: Electric field-induced remineralization reduces the time required for remineralization, increases the hardness of newly formed mineral layer and maintains mineral quality, unique feature is that it remineralizes in absence of non-collagenous proteins.

REFERENCES

