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## **ENDODONTIC IRRIGANT- AN UPDATE**

"he success of endodontic treatment depends on the eradication of microbes from the root canal system and prevention of re-infection. Mechanical instrumentation and irrigation are considered the most important factors in the eradication of microbes from root canal system. Irrigation is also the only way to impact those areas of the root canal system not touched by mechanical instrumentation. During root canal therapy, endodontic irrigant helps to remove the debris, dissolve organic tissues, kill microbes, and remove the smear layer. There is numerous root canal irrigant which are used in day to day endodontic practice. This lecture updates the commonly used root canal irrigant in endodontic therapy.