



Asymptomatic bilateral maxillary and mandibular impacted permanent canines: serendipity in dental outpatient department

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Dear Editor,

Detailed radiographic study using orthopantomograms to determine the frequency of impacted teeth and categorization of impacted canines is present in the literature¹. This letter calls attention to a case of asymptomatic bilateral maxillary and mandibular impacted permanent canines in a 10-year-old Indian boy who visited our dental department for removal of corner milk teeth on the right upper and lower arches. On clinical examination, retained maxillary and mandibular de-

ciduous canines were found on the right side.(Fig. 1, 2) There was previous history of extraction of maxillary and mandibular deciduous canines on the left side 2 months prior. Radiographic investigation using orthopantomogram was carried out and showed bilateral maxillary and mandibular impacted permanent canines.(Fig. 3) There were no associated odon-

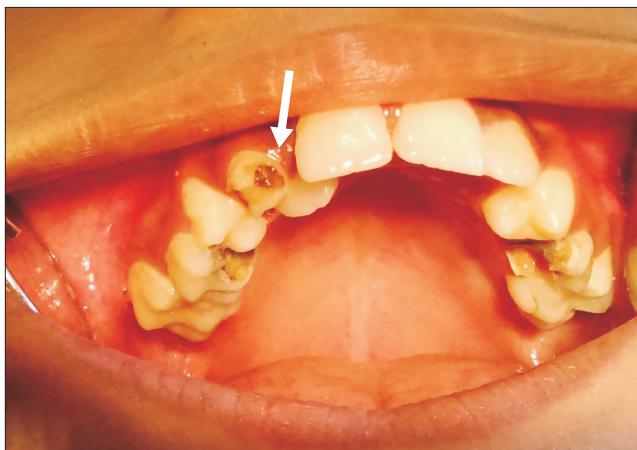


Fig. 1. Retained maxillary deciduous canine with palatal eruption of a maxillary permanent lateral incisor on the right side (arrow).
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Fig. 2. Retained mandibular deciduous canine on the right side (arrow).

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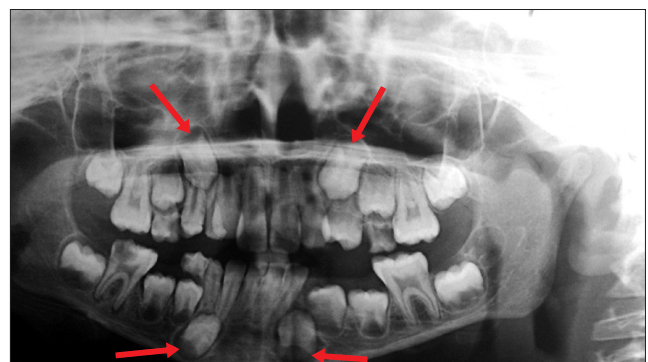


Fig. 3. Panoramic radiograph showing bilateral maxillary and mandibular impacted permanent canines (arrows).

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togenic neoplasms, and the patient was asymptomatic. Since there is no facility for orthodontic and surgical correction in our center, the patient was referred to a higher center for further treatment.

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