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Amatus Cremona wrote:

Amalgam tattoos occur when some amalgam dust (or particles) get into a cut or abrasion in the soft tissues during a filling placement or removal. Typically due to the patient suddenly deciding (un-consciously) that they have to swallow, close or raise their tongue for some reason, and hit the spinning bur with the tissue below the tongue.

So you are saying that amalgam tattoos cannot be caused by mercury/alloy leakage from fillings. I thought above, this process was supposed to "take years". I am not saying by the way that most tattoos (which I have never had) leaks huge amounts of Hg. I only had deep unexplained metallic stains on my front teeth for years. But don't you think that the patient should be aware that

- 1) Common sense dictates that a tattoo, even if it is mostly amalgam particles will release some elemental Hg, just like amalgam
  - 2) I would surmise based on the available evidence that tattoos can form from slow leakage from an amalgam over time.
- Now say there is a galvanic reaction between two amalgams, couldn't that cause a tattoo.

You know what really pisses me off? I know two ladies that developed tattoos, a dentist drilled into their filling and they ended up in the hospital. Do you know that all amalgams aren't the same? Then you dentists are sitting here all calm and collected acting like there is no connection between a tattoo and amalgam breakdown, instability, / Hg release. Like you EVEN CARE.

There is EVERY connection. Regardless of whether 9 times out of 10 the dentist doesn't stuff the amalgam right and spills some amalgam material into the tissue which may be relatively inert, THE QUESTION is, Can an amalgam tattoo, be indicative of long term Hg release from a

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filling? Because this patient doesn't really know what is causing his tattoo and neither do you!

by the way are you aware that macrophages can act on a tattoo and break it down into elemental Hg and that if amalgam particles are swallowed in the stomach, research shows that the stomach can break down amalgam particles. I guess they don't teach that in dental school either?

This causes a small scrape

in the tissues where this dust can enter—sometimes.

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Amatus

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"John & Ninetta" <jsuljak@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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If its the gums next to a silver filling,  
sometimes the minerals in the  
filling can diffuse into the adjacent soft  
tissue gums and create a more  
grey/black or have even seen a darker brown  
colour to the adjacent gums.  
I  
have never seen it as purple in colour. This

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is not necessarily because  
an  
actual piece of the filling material is jammed  
in to the gums...it can  
occur  
even if the filling is in the tooth but just  
beside the gums. If this  
is  
what you are talking about, we call it an  
"amalgam tattoo". But, can't  
tell  
for sure without see it. Best to get is checked  
by a dentist to be  
sure.

John

Thank you John !

Where a drop of filling material falls onto the soft gum tissue  
during  
the filling procedure, what is known or debated regarding  
leaching  
into the body of the mineral compounds in filling material?...  
Because  
gum tissue is soft tissue unlike a tooth, could there be  
leaching of  
the mineral compounds from the amalgam tattoo into the  
body over  
time?... and the filling material embedding into the soft gum  
tissue.

Keep in mind, I never said you had an amalgam tattoo....you need a dentist  
to tell you for sure, so don't assume you have one.

Amalgam tattoos occur over a very long period of time (ie years), not just  
when a piece of amalgam falls on the gums during the procedure and is  
sucked up the suction before you leave the office.

As for the leaching into the systemic circulation, ask several reputable  
toxicologists, and not internet lurkers claiming to be experts.

John

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