

*Scientific Studies:****Is MCS Cause by Diseased Teeth?***

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Diseased teeth have been implicated in many illnesses. Dr. Price, a dentist, experimented with his patients in the early 1900's after suspecting that root canals were related to their degenerative diseases.

Price remembered how bacterial cultures were taken from ill patients and injected into animals, producing the same disease in the animal. Price experimented by removing the root canal tooth from the patient and inserting under a rabbit's skin. In nearly all the cases in which Price did this, the patient recovered from their illness and the rabbit died of the same illness. Price chose rabbits because they have weak immune systems. He concluded that microbes hidden deep in tiny tubules of the root canal tooth may spread and cause degenerative diseases.

Individuals diagnosed with multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) experience exquisite sensitivity to low levels of chemical exposures previously considered safe. The cause of MCS is still unknown, though evidence suggests a toxicological origin.

Researchers at the Catholic University, Rome, Italy, report on a case of a 38-year-old woman who was diagnosed with MCS. After having removed all her dental restorations and extracting her diseased teeth, the researchers found that she showed a remarkable reduction of

hypersensitivity to chemicals and therefore a significant increase in her quality of life.

Conclusions cannot be drawn on a single case study. More subjects need to be studied to see if this case study is replicable. However, it seems clear based on the suppressed evidence that Dr. Price and his numerous colleagues found and this new study by Rossi and his colleagues that dental microbes may either play a role in the etiology (cause) of MCS or perhaps exacerbate it.

Does this mean everyone should run out and have all their root canal teeth extracted? It would probably be best to review the studies Price performed as well as information on both sides of this controversial issue to make an informed decision.

Should you decide to have root canal teeth pulled, there are certain procedures that should be followed to ensure no infection remains in the jaw bone. Certain dentists specialize in the procedure and thorough research is highly recommended before undergoing treatment. If the tooth is removed improperly and infection remains, extraction may not have the desired result.

Reference

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