

# 1 SURGICALREMOVALOFTRANSMIGRATED

## 2 MANDIBULARCANINE:ACASEREPORT

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### 13 ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Mandibular canine transmigration is a rare occurrence and is an occasional diagnosis. Themajority of patients have no symptoms, and these canines are frequently discovered during a radiologicalexamination prior to orthodontic treatment. The exact aetiology is unknown, and treatment of impactedtransmigrated canine can be challenging for a practitioner if it is diagnosed at later stages. Early detectionof impacted canines and prompt treatment is utmost important to ensure facial harmony and improvedfunction.

**Aims:** To determine the management of rare case of an impacted mandibular canine that hadtransmigratedtotheoppositeside.

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**Methodology:** A patient with transmigrated mandibular canine with crowding in mandibular anterior teethwhereorthodonticrepositioningoftoothwasnotpossible,wassurgicallyremovedbyanintraoralapproachfol lowed by placement of Platelet Rich Fibrin (PRF) in the defect and that was followed by orthodontictreatment.

**Results:** PRF placed in the defect enhanced the healing process as PRF is rich in growth factors thatpromotesearlyhealingandboneformation.

**Conclusion:**Therarephenomenonoftransmigrationofthemandibularcaninecrossingthemandibular midline should be carefully evaluated and proper treatment modality according to the case should beconsidered for the management. Early detection and treatment is necessary to preserve adjoining tissues,and dentition, resulting in improved aesthetic and function. Surgical removal of the transmigrated canineunderlocalanaesthesiaappearstobethebest formoftreatment

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### 18 1. INTRODUCTION

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21 Toothimpaction,translocation,andtransmigrationcanoccurwhenteethdonotemergeintheproperplacein  
22 the dental arch. An unerupted tooth may migrate to a location some distance away from where it formed, but it

23 usually remains on the same side of the arch. The only tooth in the dental arch that has been reported to migrate  
24 across the midline is the mandibular permanent canine.<sup>1</sup>

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26 The term "transmigration" was coined by Ando et al. This appears to be the most appropriate phrase.

27 Transmigration was defined by Tarsitano et al. as the phenomenon of an unerupted mandibular canine crossing  
28 the midline. Joshi believed that the predilection of a canine to cross the barrier of the mandibular midline  
29 suture was more important than the distance travelled. Furthermore, the stage of transmigration of the tooth at the time  
30 of examination influences the distance travelled.<sup>3</sup>

31 In their clinical practice, oral and maxillofacial surgeons commonly encounter such clinical entities. Canines are  
32 the most important and foundational teeth of the dental jaws in the human dentition. They are essential for  
33 maintaining the beauty and functionality of the face, thus any change in their eruption is very concerning to the  
34 patient.<sup>2</sup>

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37 Transmigrated canines may persist as impacted and remain asymptomatic, or they may cause root resorption  
38 of neighbouring teeth, causing discomfort, pain, and neuralgic symptoms in the patient.<sup>3</sup> The incidence of  
39 impacted mandibular canines is 20 times lower than that of maxillary canines. The prevalence of transmigrated  
40 canines in the mandible ranges from 0.14% to 0.31%.<sup>4</sup> Clinical outcomes associated with canine transmigration  
41 include atypical retention of mandibular deciduous canines or the absence of mandibular permanent canines in  
42 the dental arch. The majority of the time, the transmigrated canines were lying horizontally below the apices of  
43 the anterior teeth.<sup>5</sup> This paper describes a unique example of transmigrated mandibular canine and its surgical  
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## 47 2. CASE REPORT:

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49 A 15-year-old female patient was referred from the department of orthodontics and dentofacial orthopaedics in  
50 association with a radiographic finding of horizontally impacted permanent canines seeking orthodontic treatment. On  
51 clinical examination, there was no obvious facial asymmetry, and TMJ movements were within normal limits with  
52 adequate mouth opening.

53 Intraoral examination revealed over-retained deciduous canines on the lower dentition on the right side of the jaw with  
54 all four third molars missing with class I molar relationship and anterior deep bite, there was no pain and  
55 tenderness on palpation. There were no significant findings in the dental or medical histories.

56 A panoramic radiograph revealed impacted 43 in the midline of the mandible. Cone beam computed tomography  
57 (CBCT) was recommended to determine the exact location of the mandibular canine relative to its adjacent tooth  
58 and to plan future treatment. CBCT revealed a horizontally transmigrated mandibular right canine, with the crown

59 passing the midline and approaching the opposite side canine and lying horizontally below the apices of the  
60 mandibular anterior teeth labially.

61 There were two surgical options: an extraoral approach through the lower border of the mandible or an intraoral  
62 labial approach through the mucobuccal fold. Because an extra-oral approach would require a sub-mental  
63 incision of at least an inch in length and was aesthetically unsuitable, the intraoral labial approach was  
64 .The chosen. Intraoral method appeared to be more conservative. Before the procedure, the patient was given 1g of  
65 Amoxicillin orally as a precaution. Local anaesthesia containing 2% lignocaine and 1:80000 adrenaline was  
66 injected as a Left inferior alveolar nerve block using sterile protocols. A No. 15 blade was used to make an  
67 incision from 1st premolar on right side to 2nd premolar on left side, and a full thickness mucoperiosteal flap was  
68 reflected. The symphysis region was exposed all the way to the lower border of mandible.

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70 The bone was cut with a round bur No. 4, and a window was created to expose the crown of the canine, followed  
71 by sectioning of the tooth beneath with a straight bur till the cement-enamel junction. The crown was divided and  
72 luxated, removed first, followed by the removal of the root with minor luxation. Copious irrigation with betadine  
73 and normal saline was done to flush the empty socket. Dental follicle associated with the impacted canine was  
74 thoroughly removed and empty socket was inspected for any remnants.

75 Meanwhile, patient blood was drawn from the right ante-cubital vein and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes  
76 to produce Platelet rich fibrin (PRF), which was then infused into the defect created and surgical closure was  
77 performed with 3-0 silk and pressure dressing was administered orally. The patient was prescribed analgesics  
78 for three days, with intermittent ice application for the initial 24 hours. The swelling and pain was minimal 3 days  
79 post surgery. The removal of the sutures on the seventh post-operative day revealed good healing with no post-  
80 operative complications. The patient received orthodontic treatment, and a 1-month post-operative  
81 orthopantomogram revealed a good amount of bone at the defect site, with on-going orthodontic treatment and  
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Figure no 1: Preoperative intra-oral view

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Figureno.2:PreoperativeOPGshowingTransmigratedCanine

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Figureno3:Intraoralexposureofcanine



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Figureno. 4:Extractedmandibularimpactedcanine

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Figureno.5:Emptysocket

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Figureno6: BloodwithdrawnforPRF

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Figureno7:PRF

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Figureno8:Suturesplaced

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Figureno9:Postoperative1<sup>st</sup>day

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Figureno10:Postoperative3<sup>rd</sup>day

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Figure no. 11: 1<sup>st</sup> month post-operative orthopantomogram

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## 121 DISCUSSION:

122 Canines are considered to play significant aesthetic and functional roles in human dentition. Impaction,  
 123 translocation, and, in particular, transmigrating involving mandibular canines are uncommon. There is relatively  
 124 little research on mandibular canine impactions. There have been few references to diagnostic criteria or surgical  
 125 management of these teeth. The scarcity of these impactions is most likely to blame for the scarcity of material  
 126 in this area.<sup>2,6</sup>

127 Panoramic radiographs, in addition to occlusal radiographs, are routinely recommended to detect transmigrated  
 128 canines. Other investigation methods include lateral cephalograms, CBCT, and, in rare cases, computed  
 129 tomography (CT). With the introduction of CBCT into the field of dentistry, it is now possible to accurately  
 130 localise impacted canines and associated vital structures, as well as detect root resorption of adjacent teeth.<sup>7</sup>

131 Mupparapu proposed a classification system for transmigrated teeth, categorising them into five types based on  
 132 the position of the teeth in the jaw and the pattern of migration.

133 • Type 1: Canine impacted mesioangularly across the midline, labial, or lingual to the anterior teeth with  
 the crown portion of tooth crossing the midline.

134 • Type 2: Canine horizontally impacted near the inferior border of the mandible below the apices of the incisors.

135 • Type 3: Canine erupted either mesial or distal to the opposite canine

136 • Type 4: Canine horizontally impacted near the inferior border of the mandible below the apices of the premolar or  
 molar on the opposite side.

137 • Type 5: Canine is positioned vertically in the middle with the long axis of the tooth crossing the midline

138 Following this classification, our case falls into the type 2 category.<sup>8</sup>

139 The majority of the time, transmigrated canines are asymptomatic, though follicular cyst development  
 140 surrounding the impacted tooth, chronic infection, and fistula formation have been documented.<sup>9</sup> In our case, the  
 141 patient was accidentally diagnosed with impacted canine despite the absence of clinical symptoms.

142 To some extent, the persistent retention of the primary canine is a consistent sign that results in the detection of  
143 its impacted permanent successor. The left canine is more affected than the right canine, and females are more  
144 likely to be affected than males.

According to Joshi et al, the root resorption of the primary canine is comparatively slow due to the absence of the developing  
permanent mandibular canine beneath the primary  
145 canine, as our patient had retained deciduous canine on the right side of the mandible.<sup>3</sup>

146 The nerves supply from the area of origin is retained by the transmigrated canine. As a result, anaesthetizing the  
147 nerve of the involved side to where the impacted canine is located is mandatory, especially under local  
148 anaesthesia. Henceforth this justifies administration of left inferior alveolar nerve block in our patient.<sup>2</sup>

149 If transmigrated canine is discovered at a late stage, management becomes extremely difficult. Treatment options  
150 include orthodontic repositioning, surgical extraction of the abnormally positioned canine, tooth transplantation,  
151 and surgically exposing the canine with orthodontic alignment.<sup>10,11</sup> Because the mandibular arch was crowded in  
152 our case, and the position of the transmigrated canine was near the lower border of the patient's mandible,  
153 orthodontic repositioning was not an option, so surgical removal of the transmigrated teeth was the treatment of  
154 choice. Henceforth the transmigrated was surgically removed, and the defect site was infused with PRF for faster  
155 healing. PRF contains various growth factors that promote early healing and rapid bone formation. Because our  
156 patient was young and required immediate treatment, we recommended this treatment as the best available option.

## 157 CONCLUSION:

158 The erratic and elusive phenomenon of transmigration of the mandibular canine crossing the mandibular midline is  
159 described in the dental literature. Some of the previously reported cases of transmigration canine in  
160 which extraction of the canine was elected as treatment of choice are as follows:

161 A case of bilateral canine transmigration with kissing phenomenon was described, which was treated surgically  
162 and yielded excellent results by incorporating Platelet Rich Fibrin along with bone allograft in the osseous defect,  
163 aiding bone regeneration and healing which is similar to this case, as PRF is used alone in this case to aid bone  
164 regeneration.<sup>12</sup>

165 In a case sequence, seven cases of canine transmigration were reported during orthodontic treatment, one of which  
166 involved the maxilla. A panoramic radiograph is an essential tool in the early diagnosis of transmigration and  
was recommended in cases of retained deciduous or missing teeth for proper patient management. It was also  
concluded that in transmigration cases, cone beam computed tomography can help assess three-dimensional  
location, labial and lingual displacement, and root resorption.<sup>13</sup>

165 In a case series, clinical and radiological characteristics of transmigrated canines in a Spanish population was  
evaluated, in total, 52 patients had transmigrated canines, resulting in a 0.76% prevalence. There were 28 women  
and 24 men in this sample. When a transmigrated canine was found, a CBCT scan was performed to evaluate the  
clinical and radiological variables associated with canine transmigration. The left was the most common side of  
transmigration as compared to the right side. According to the Mupparapu classification, corresponded to type IV

(42.30%), type II (36.53%), type I (15.38%), and type V (5.76%), with no type III transmigrations found. Only 17.30% of cases had clinical manifestations, and 11.53% of radiological findings revealed the presence of tooth cysts, which were confirmed by histopathological studies.<sup>14</sup>

A cone beam computed tomography study conducted in the past, was to examine and evaluate the maxillary and mandibular impacted and trans migrant canines, their relationship with neighboring tissues and pathology. It was concluded that transmigration incidence was statistically higher in the lower jaw as compared to the upper jaw. In cases of impacted or transmigrated canine along with a detailed clinical examination, CBCT is of a great importance for correct treatment planning and minimizing future complications after the surgical removal of the impacted canine.<sup>15</sup> Radiographic examination using panoramic radiographs is essential for diagnosing impacted canines, and newer technologies such as CBCT make it very effective for precisely diagnosing transmigrated canines.

A case of transmigrated canine associated with the dentigerous cyst was reported that develops in the canine of an impacted, embedded, unerupted, or developing tooth. The radiographic evaluation, was primarily based on the panoramic radiograph, to correctly diagnose the case of dentigerous cyst. Treatment of choice for this reported case was early detection, surgical removal of transmigrated canine and cystic enucleation.<sup>16</sup>

Early detection and treatment help to preserve such canines, adjoining tissues, and dentition, resulting in improved aesthetic and function. Furthermore, the canine occasionally migrates without any pathology, but in rare cases, a cyst or odontomes supplement such teeth. The aetiology of this phenomenon is unknown. In the majority of cases, surgical removal of the transmigrated canine under local anaesthesia appear to be the best form of treatment. A completed diagnostic and therapeutic method, as well as sound.

166 **CONSENT:**

167 As per international standard or university standard, patient(s) written consent has been collected and preserved

168 by the author(s).

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As per international standard or university standard guideline participant consent and ethical approval has been collected and preserved by the authors.

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