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The Root of the Cause – A Clinical Case Report of the Surgical Removal of a Retained Root via an Extra-Oral Approach

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Retained roots are commonly seen as an incidental finding, with many being asymptomatic. A general dental practitioner (GDP) may notice this incidental finding in practice following radiographic examination. Over time they may have the ability to migrate, develop pathological change and become symptomatic for the patient. In this circumstance, they may be referred to an oral and maxillofacial department for further investigation. This paper uses an interesting clinical case to demonstrate where these roots can migrate to, how they can present and the surgical techniques required in their removal. In this particular case, the retained root of a lower right second molar migrated to below the right side of the inferior alveolar nerve.

Biography:

Melissa Loh is currently undertaking her second year as a Dental Core Trainee in an Oral and Maxillofacial Unit at Arrowe Park Hospital in the Wirral, Merseyside. She has enjoyed the challenges and various clinical exposures in relation to managing patients in a secondary care setting. She hopes that the skills that she has acquired during her time as a Dental Core Trainee will be transpired into my career in the Dental Profession.