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Learning Outcome of Module-2

LO	Particular	Course outcome module
1.	To gain knowledge about Dental Health & Dental products.	BP 104.2
2.	To understand Anticaries agents, Dentifrices & Desensitizing agents.	BP 104.2

Module Content Table

No.	Topic
1.	Concepts of Dental Hygiene.
2.	Anticaries Agents & Role of Fluoride.
3.	Dentifrices.
4.	Desensitizing agents.

DENTAL PRODUCTS

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ANTICARIES AGENT

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Some of the plaque bacteria turn sugar and carbohydrate (starches) of the food into the acids. The acid dissolves minerals in the hard enamel that covers the tooth crown. The enamel erodes or develops spots. They are too small to see at first. But they get larger over time. Acids can also seep through pores in the enamel. This is how decay begins in the softer dentin layer, the main

body of the tooth. As the dentin breaks down, the enamel over it can collapse, forming a cavity. A mucin-rich saliva has less cleansing action on tooth and therefore, helps to the development of caries. Poor nutrition of the infant and the mother at the time of infancy and childhood results in poor architecture of the teeth which becomes susceptible to the development of caries in the early age.

Dental caries can be prevented and oral and dental hygiene can be maintained with the help of dentifrices. Dentifrices are the products that enhance the removal of stains and dental plaque by the tooth brush. The most accepted approach to prevent caries including flossing and brushing accompanied by administration of fluoride and brushing accompanied by administration of fluoride either internally or topically the teeth.

Newer devices also have been developed to detect tooth decay. They are useful in some situations and they do not spread decay. The one most commonly used dental caries is a liquid dye or stain. The dentist brushes the nontoxic dye over your teeth, then rinse it off with water. It rinses always cleanly from healthy areas but sticks to the decayed area.

Some dentists also use high tech devices such as lasers to detect cavities. Under many conditions, these devices can detect very early tooth decay, which actually can be reversed.

ROLE OF FLUORIDE

Fluoride is anticariogenic as it replaces the hydroxyl ion in hydroxy apatite with the fluoride ion to form fluorapatite in the outer surface of the enamel.

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SODIUM FLUORIDE

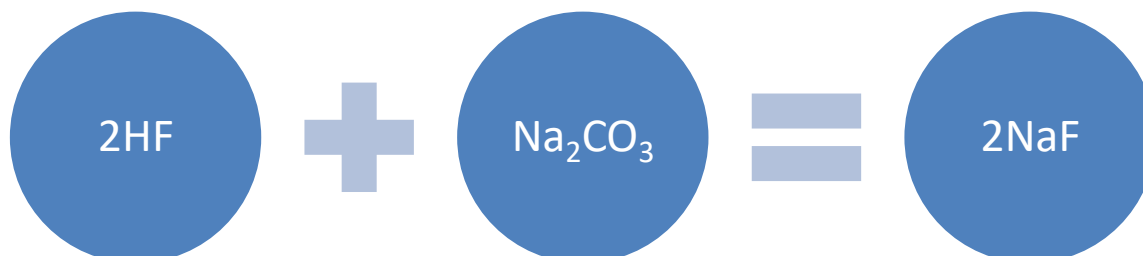
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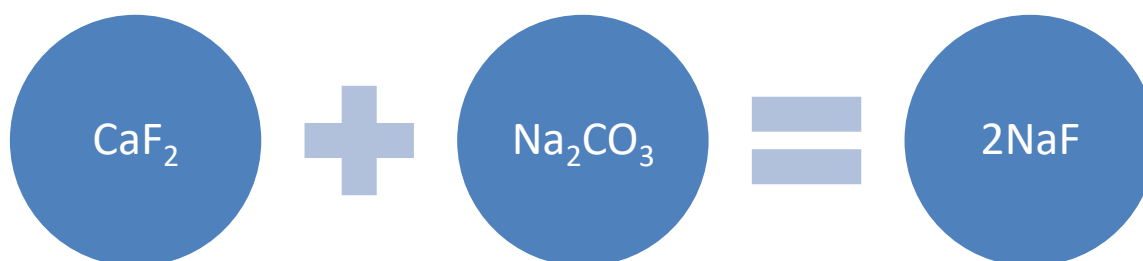
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Preparation:

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Alternatively, the another method involves the double decomposition of Calcium Fluoride with Sodium Carbonate.



Here, insoluble calcium carbonate can be removed by filtration.

Properties

- It occurs as colourless, odourless crystals or as white powder.
- It is soluble in water but is insoluble in alcohol.
- On acidification of salt solution, hydrofluoric acid is produced. This is weak acid and ispoisonous. Aqueous solution of salt yields alkaline solution.

Storage

Aqueous solution of Sodium Fluoride corrodes ordinary glass bottles and hence the solution should be prepared in distilled water and stored in dark, pyrex bottles.

Uses

- It is used in the prevention of dental caries because of its fluoride ion concentration.
- It is aconstituent of some insecticides and rodenticides.

- It is used in the preparation of a tooth pastes which constitutes about 75% of Sodium Fluoride and 25% of glycerol.

DENTRIFICES OR CLEANING AGENTS

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The abrasive dislodges the dental plaques and helps to remove them. It should be mildly abrasive for this purpose.

CALCIUM CARBONATE

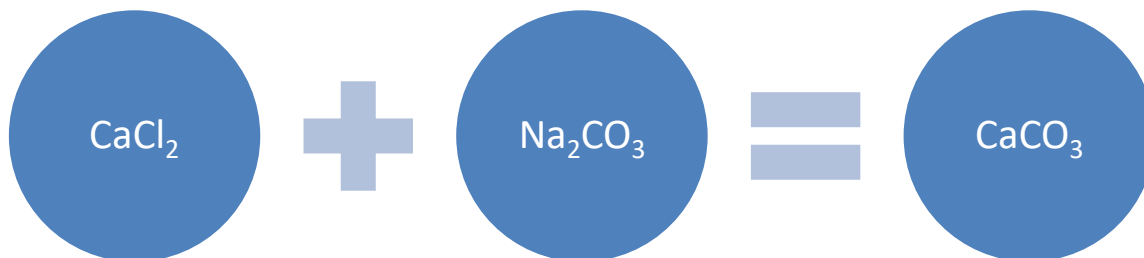
Chemical Formula: CaCO_3

Molecular Weight: 100.09

It is the most abundant and widely distributed in nature as limestone and shells of sea animals.

Method of Preparation

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Properties

- Calcium carbonate occurs as a white, odourless, tasteless, micro crystalline powder which is stable in air.
- It is practically soluble in dilute hydrochloric acid and nitric acid but is insoluble in water and alcohol.
- It dissolves in aqueous phosphoric acid & the solution on evaporation deposits crystals of calcium dihydrogen.

Assay

It is assayed by complexometric assay.

The sample is dissolved in water and hydrochloric acid



A known excess of 0.1M disodium edetate is added



diluted with water



It is neutralized with strong ammonia solution, ammonia buffer pH 10

mordant black II mixture is added



the titration is continued till the change of colour from pink to full blue takes place at the end point.

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Uses

- It is used externally as dentifrice, as a dental cleaning polishing agent for most tooth pastes and tooth powders.
- It is used as insecticides.
- Due to its fast action, calcium carbonate is used as an antacid, as a calcium supplement in deficiency states; as a food additive.
- It is also used in the preparation of homeopathic medicine.

DESENSITIZERS

The desensitizers tend to decrease hypersensitivity of the teeth. When applied to their outer surface, especially where erosion has occurred near the gum line, they reduce the sensitivity of the teeth to heat and cold.

Inorganic compounds of desensitizers are Strontium Chloride and Zinc chloride.

ZINC EUGENOL CEMENT

Zinc Oxide Eugenol(ZOE) is material created by the combination of Zinc Oxide and eugenol contained in oil of cloves. An acid-base reaction takes place with the formation of zinc eugenol chelate. The reaction is catalyzed by water.

Advantages:

- 1) Dimensional stability
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Disadvantages:

- 1) Eugenol allergy in some patients.
- 2) Cannot be used in very deep undercuts.

Composition:

Liquid

Eugenol (react with zinc oxide)

Olive oil (plasticizer)

Powder

Zinc oxide (principal ingredient)

Zinc stearate (accelerator, plasticizer)

Zinc acetate (accelerator, improve strength)

White rosin (to reduce brittleness of set cement)

Properties

- It is the cement of low strength, low abrasive resistance, and low flow after setting, so it is used for temporary filling not be more than few days.
- It has adhesive effect on exposed dentin. It is least irritating than other dental cements.

Uses

- For temporary fillings.

- Pulp-capping agents.
- Zinc oxide eugenol is used as an antimicrobial additive in paint.
- It is used as an impression material during construction of complete dentures and is used in the mucostatic technique of taking impressions.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. Fluoride inhibits caries formation via?

- a. Downward acid solubility of enamel
- b. Bacterial inhibition
- c. **Both a and b**
- d. None of these

2. Hydroxyapatite is a mixture Ca^{+2} salt of?

- a. CO_3^-
- b. PO_4^-
- c. OH
- d. **All of these**

3. Dental caries is a medical term of of?

- a. Cleaning action
- b. **Tooth decay or cavities**
- c. Polishing action
- d. None of these

4. Fluoride can be administered either?

- a. Orally
- b. Topically
- c. **Both a and b**
- d. None of these

5. Sodium Metaphosphate is also known as?

- a. Precipitated chalk
- b. **Mandrel's salt**
- c. Both a and b

d. None of these

6. Desensitizers tend to?

- a. **Downward hypersensitivity of the teeth**
- b. Upward hypersensitivity of e teeth
- c. Bacterial inhibition
- d. None of these

7. Example of Desensitizer is?

- a. **Zinc chloride**
- b. Sodium fluoride
- c. Calcium carbonate
- d. Stannous fluoride

8. Butter of Zinc is also known as?

- a. **Zinc chloride**
- b. Zinc bicarbonate
- c. Zinc carbonate
- d. None of these

9. Which vitamin is necessary for tooth formation?

- a. Vitamin A
- b. Vitamin C
- c. Vitamin D
- d. **All of the above**

10. Phosphate is used as?

- a. **Cleansing agent**
- b. Removing stains
- c. Flossing agent
- d. None of these

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

Q.1. Explain in detail about the Dental hygiene?

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Q.4. Give the method of preparation, properties and uses of Sodium fluoride?

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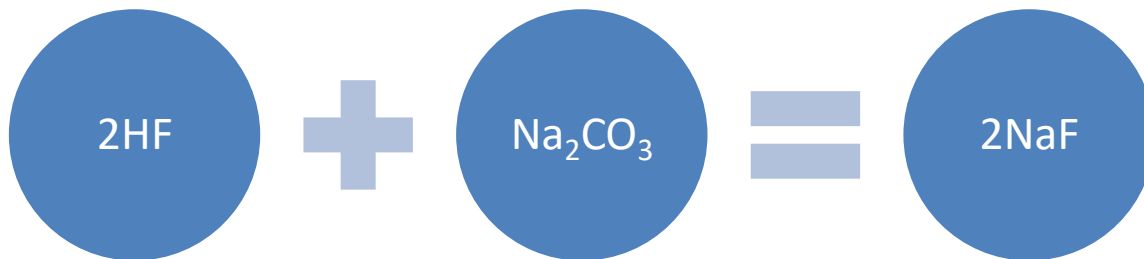
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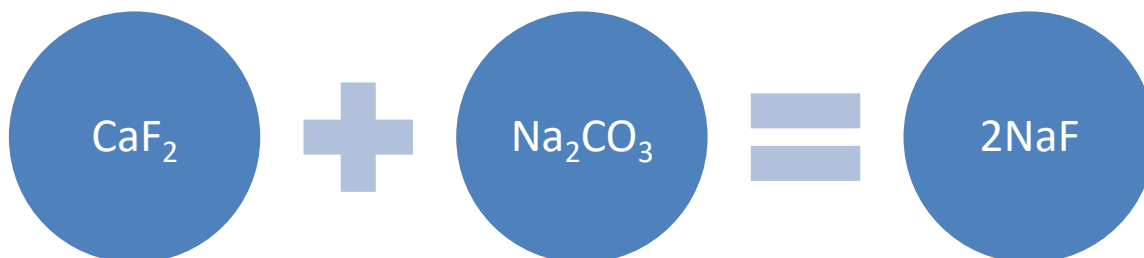
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Q.6. What is the difference between Dentrifices and Desensitizers?

Ans.

Q.7. Explain in detail about the method of preparation, properties and uses of Calcium carbonate?

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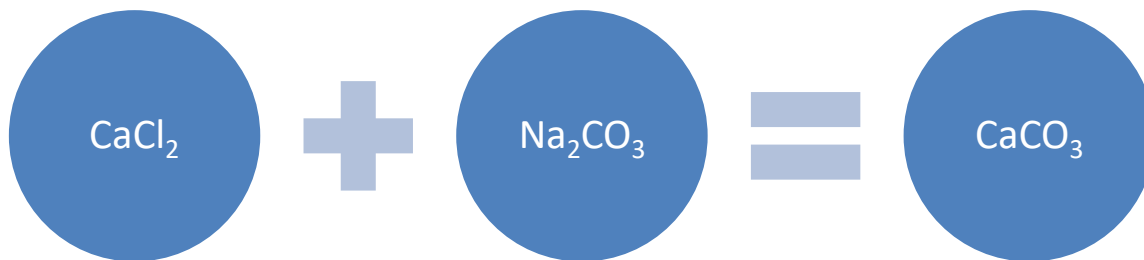
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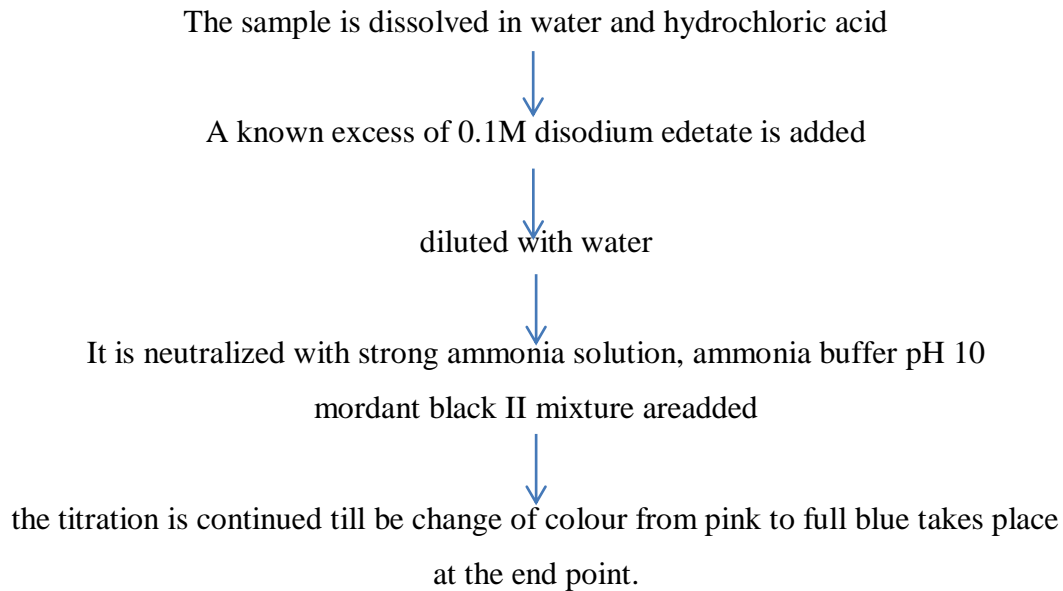


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