

CBCT interpretation for dental implant treatment planning

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OBJECTIVES

- Recognize a systematic approach in analyzing the CBCT data set.
- Identify the anatomic structures and their variations as evidenced in CBCT.
- Locate and trace the path of the inferior alveolar canal.
- Analyze the quality and quantity of the bone at the implant site.
- Understand the imaging considerations for bone augmentation.

When CBCT?



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Position statement of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology on selection criteria for the use of radiology in dental implantology with emphasis on cone beam computed tomography

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Initial examination

Panoramic radiography supplemented with intraoral periapical radiography

NO CBCT

Preop site specific imaging

Cross sectional imaging orthogonal to the site, preferably CBCT

CBCT, if planning for bone augmentation/sinus lift/ site development

Post op imaging

Intraoral periapical radiography/ panoramic radiography for asymptomatic pt

CBCT (limited FoV) – Implant mobility, altered sensation, implant retrieval

Radiation exposure concerns



Typical Effective Dose From Radiographic Examinations

Examination	Median effective dose	Equivalent background exposure
FMX	100 μ Sv	12 days
Panoramic	20 μ Sv	2.5 days
CBCT (small Fov)	50 μ Sv	6 days
CBCT (medium Fov)	100 μ Sv	12 days

Systematic approach for CBCT interpretation

Reorient
data

Optimize
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Explore
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Format
data



Reorient data



Axial section



Coronal section



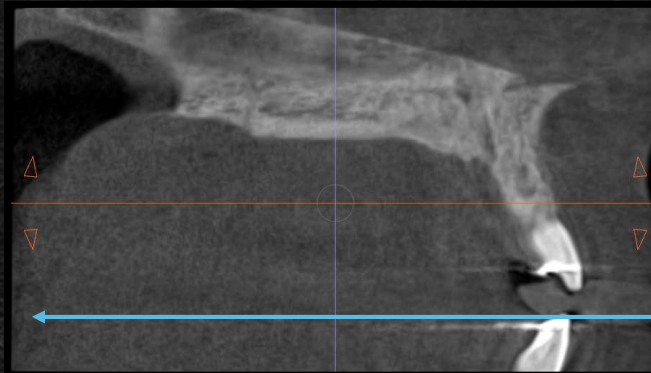
Sagittal section

How to reorient the data?

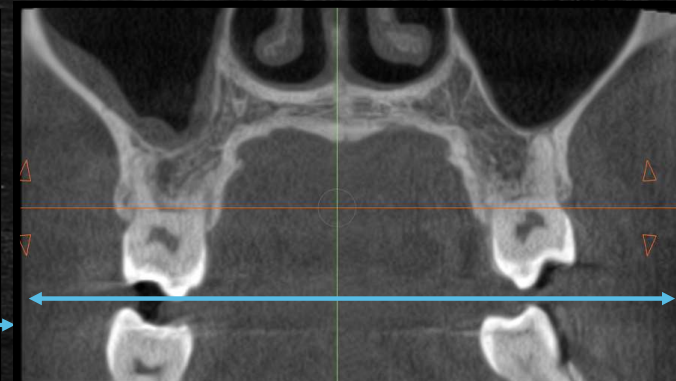
- Axial – Maintain maxillary/mandibular jaw symmetry



- Sagittal – Occlusal plane parallel to the floor



- Coronal – Occlusal plane parallel to the floor



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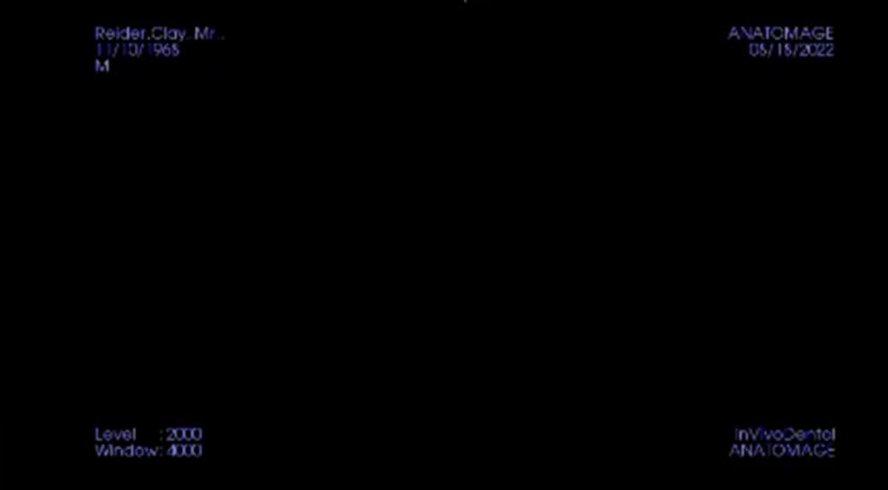
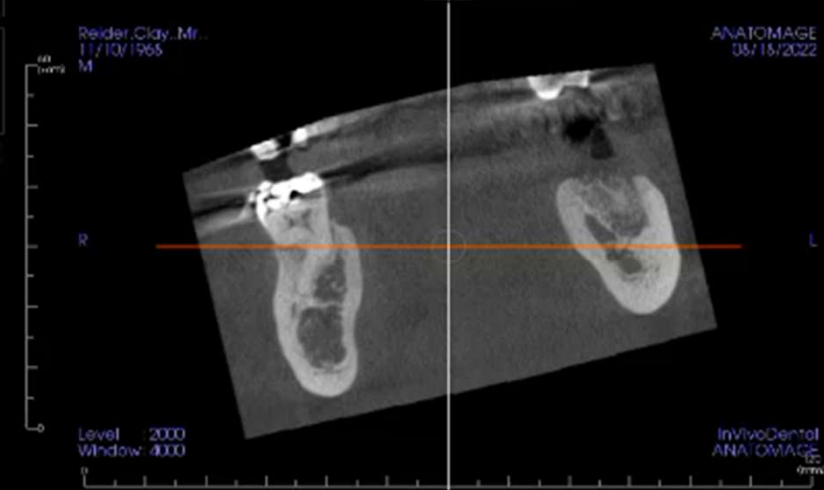
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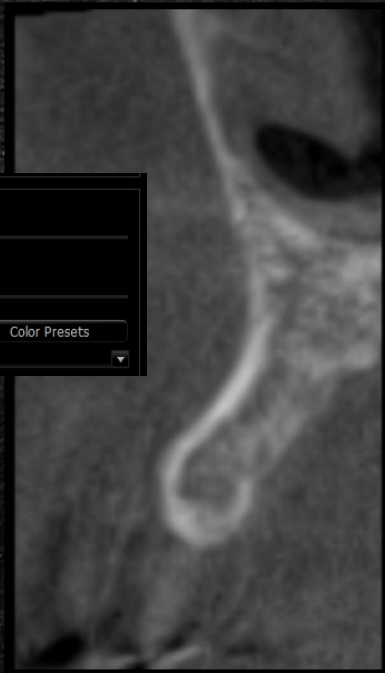
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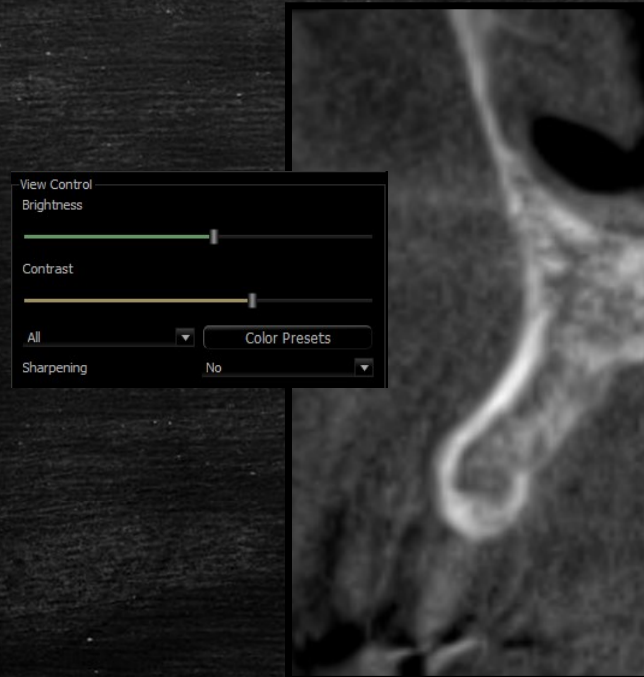


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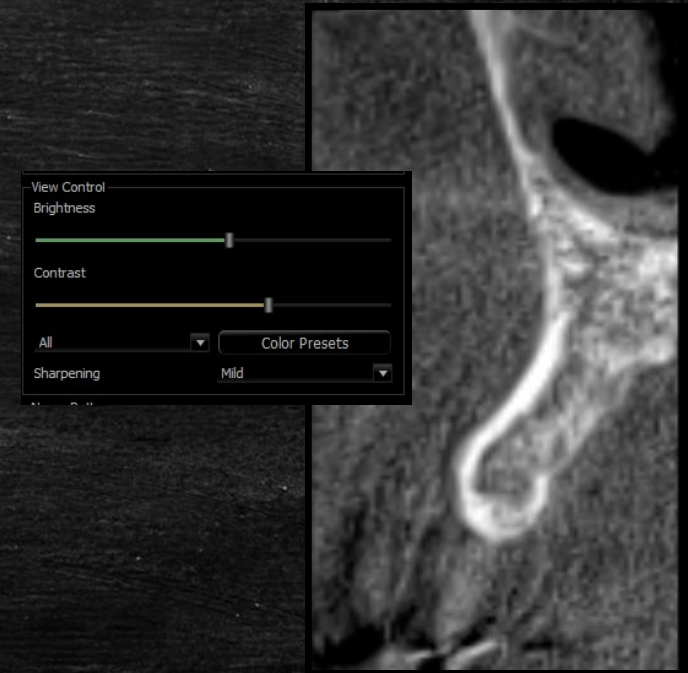
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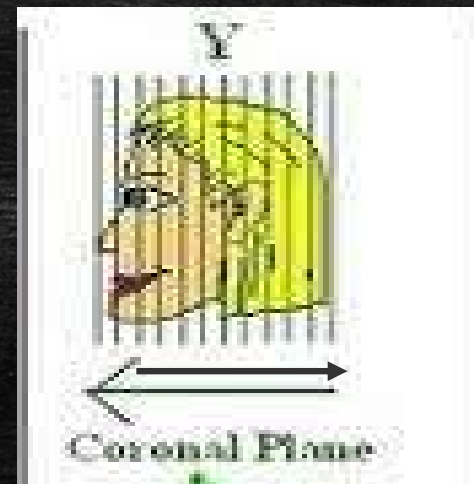
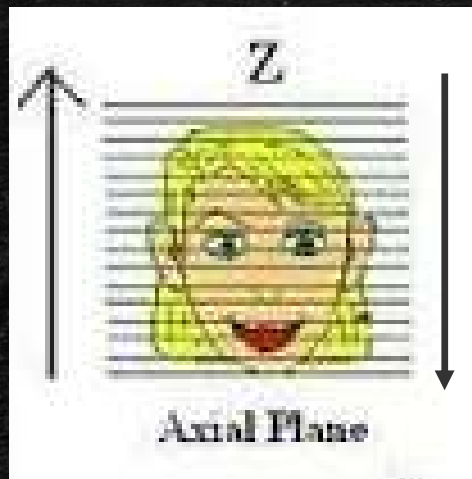


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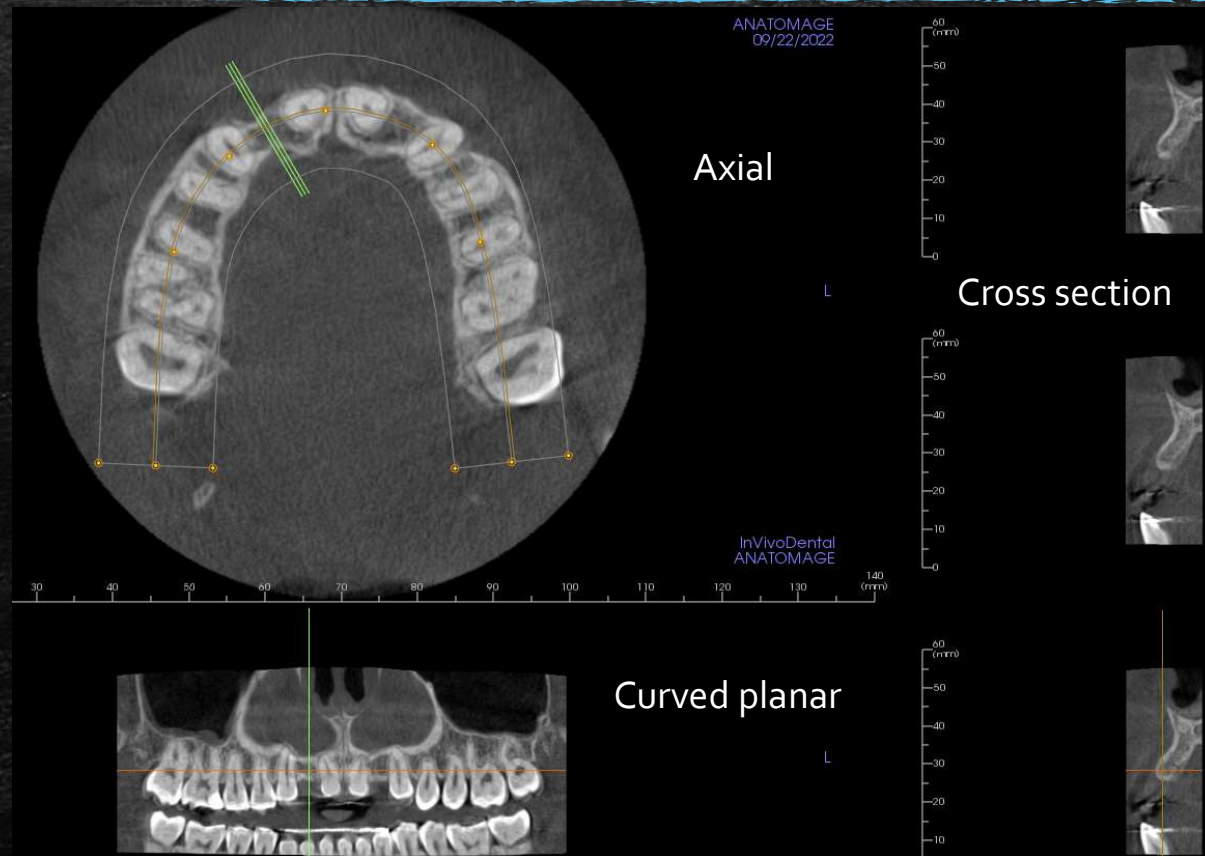


Explore the data

- Scrolling be performed craniocaudally (i.e., from head to toe) and then in reverse
- Should be performed at least in two planes (e.g. coronal and axial).



Format data



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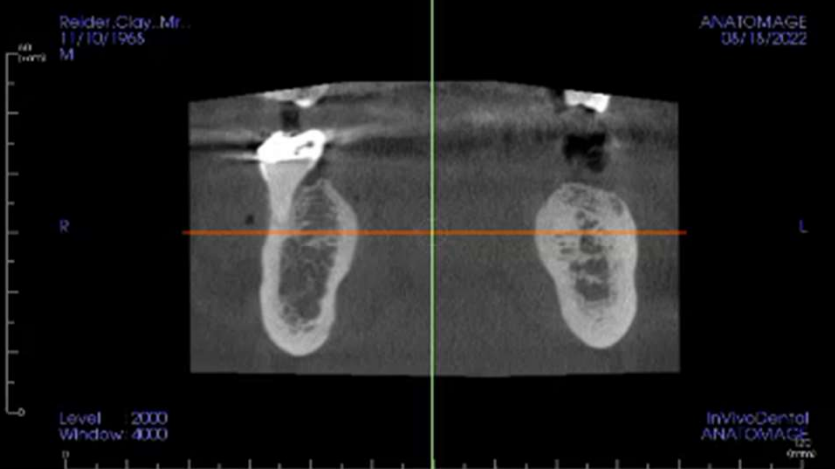
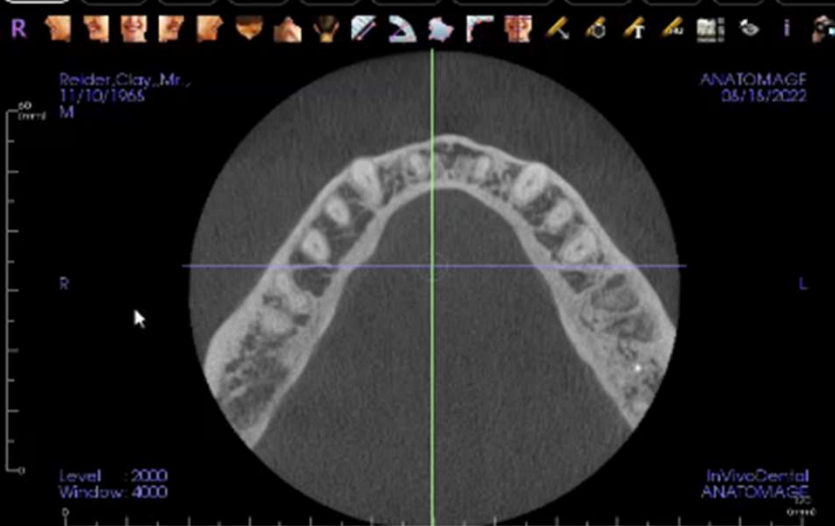
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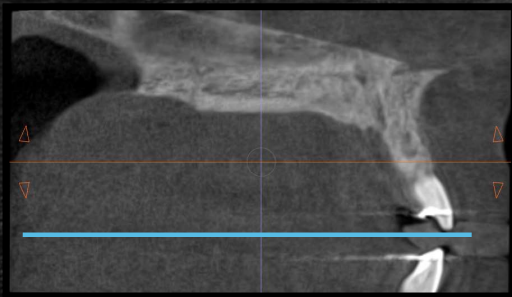
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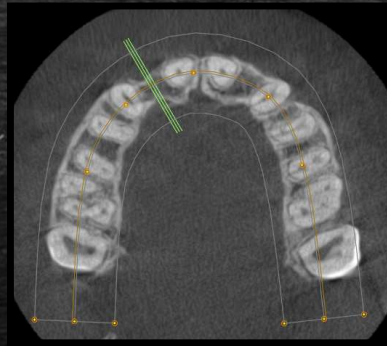
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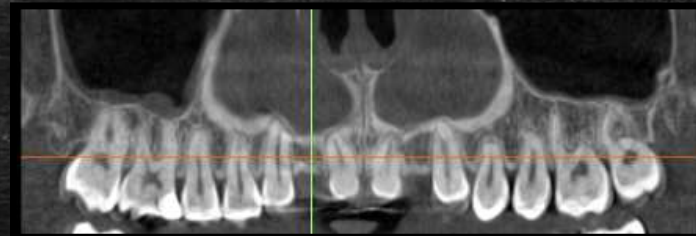
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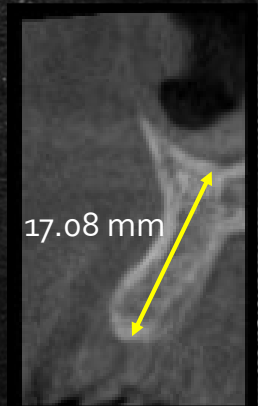
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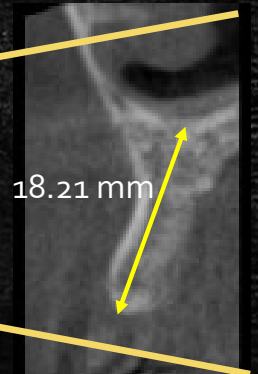
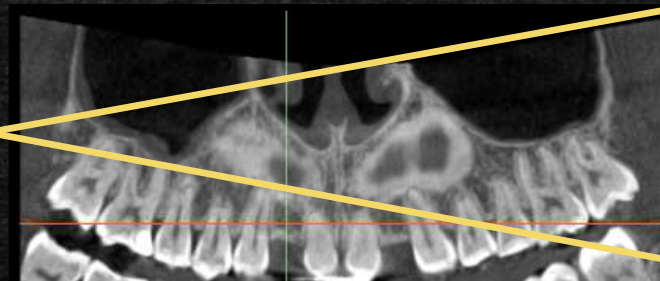
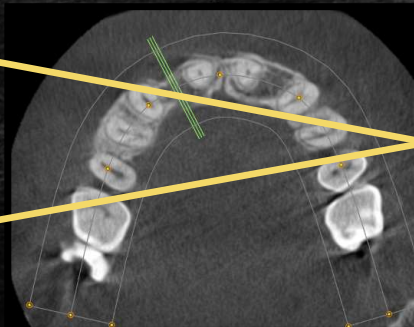
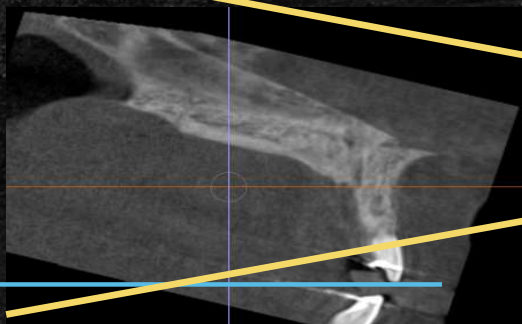
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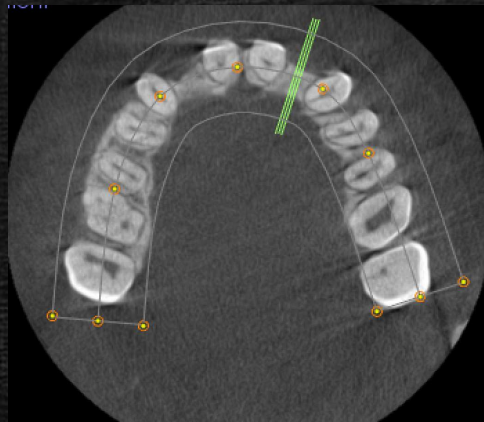
Arch section



Cross section



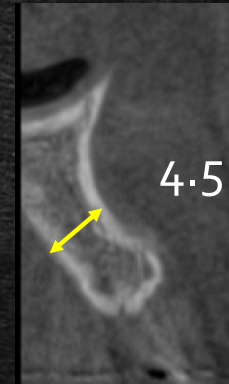
Forming accurate arch spline is important in constructing cross sections



Axial section

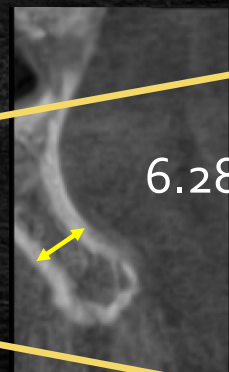
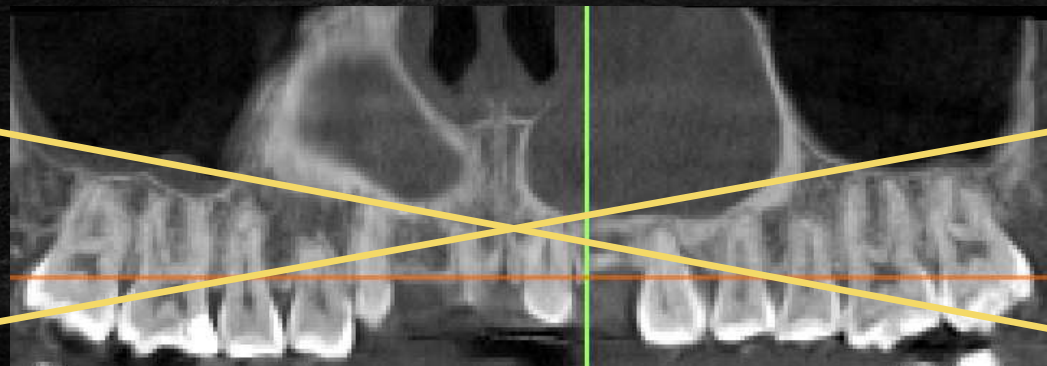
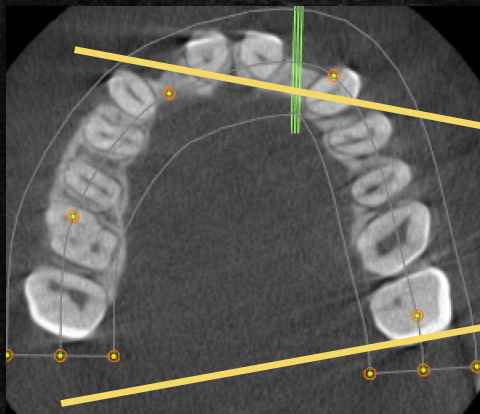


Arch section



4.5 mm

Cross section



6.28 mm

Bone quality assessment

Lekholm and Zarb in 1985:

Quality 1	Quality 2	Quality 3	Quality 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homogenous compact bone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thick layer of compact bone around a core of dense trabecular bone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thin layer of cortical bone around dense trabecular bone• Favorable strength	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thin layer of cortical bone around a core of low density trabecular bone
			

Best

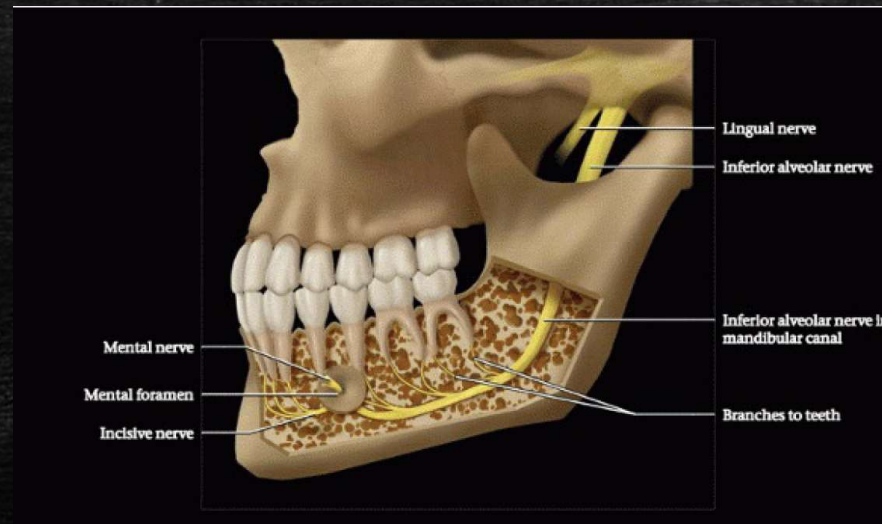


Poor

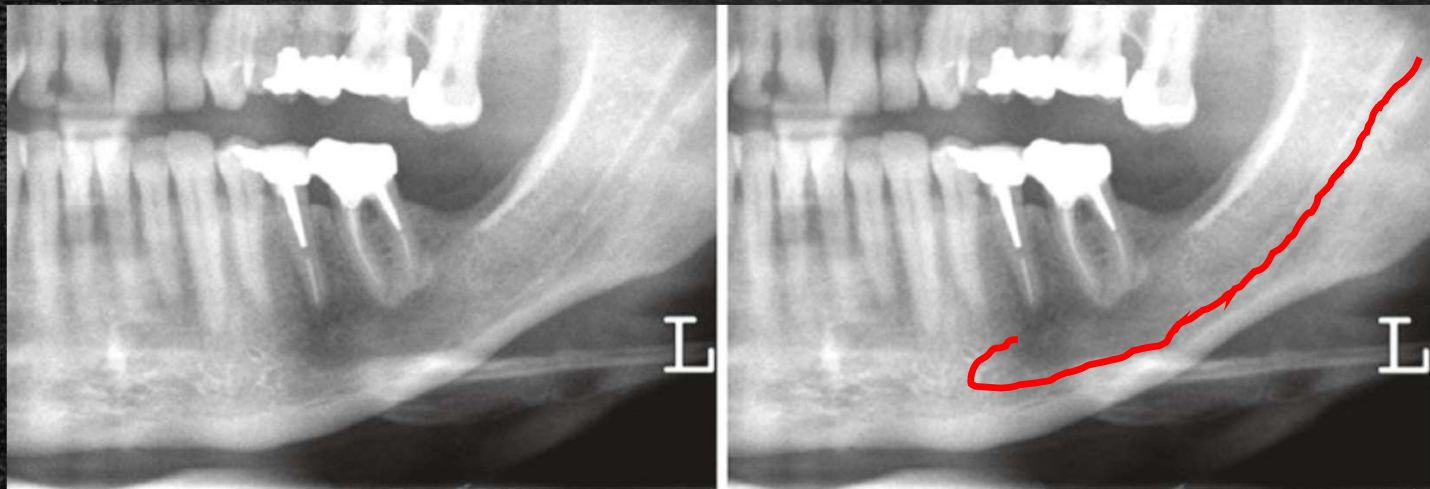
Anatomic considerations & Variations - Mandible

Inferior alveolar canal

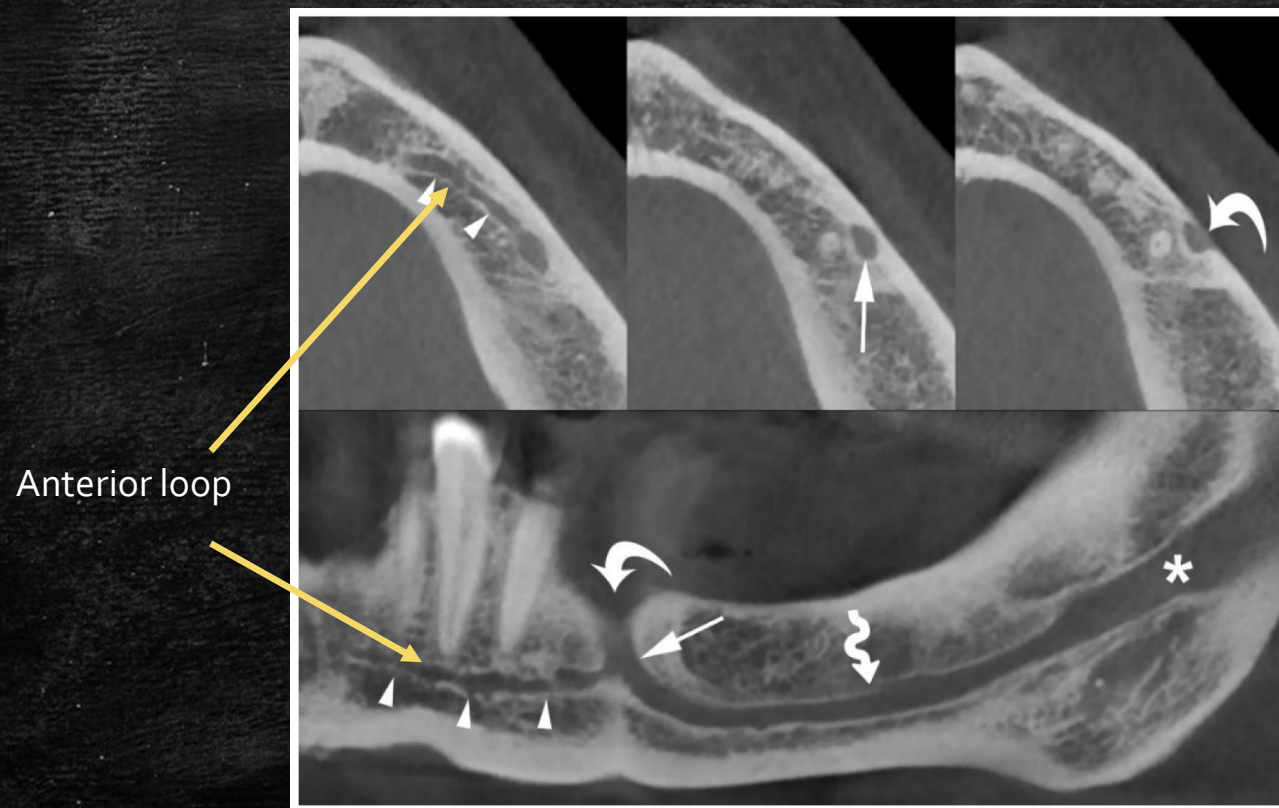
- Starts posteriorly at the mandibular foramen on the lingual plate, runs anteriorly, forms a small loop before exiting at the mental foramen apical to 2nd premolar or between the bicuspids.



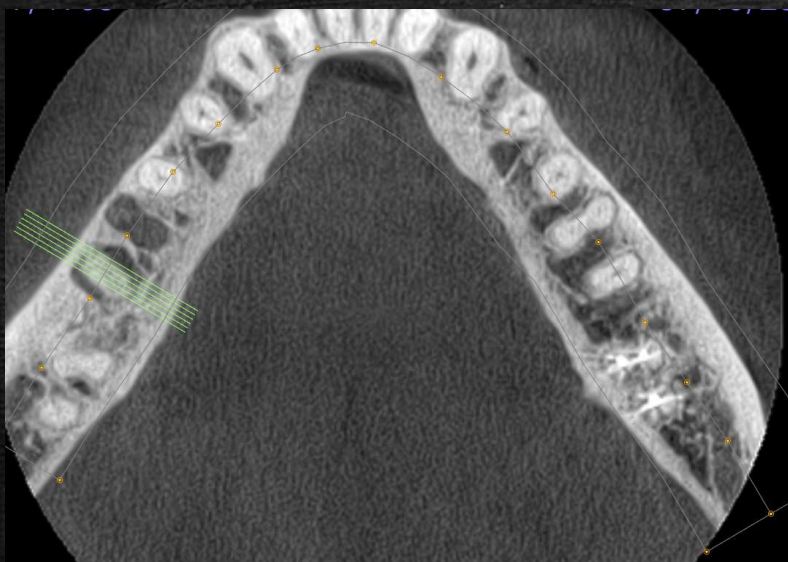
Inferior alveolar canal



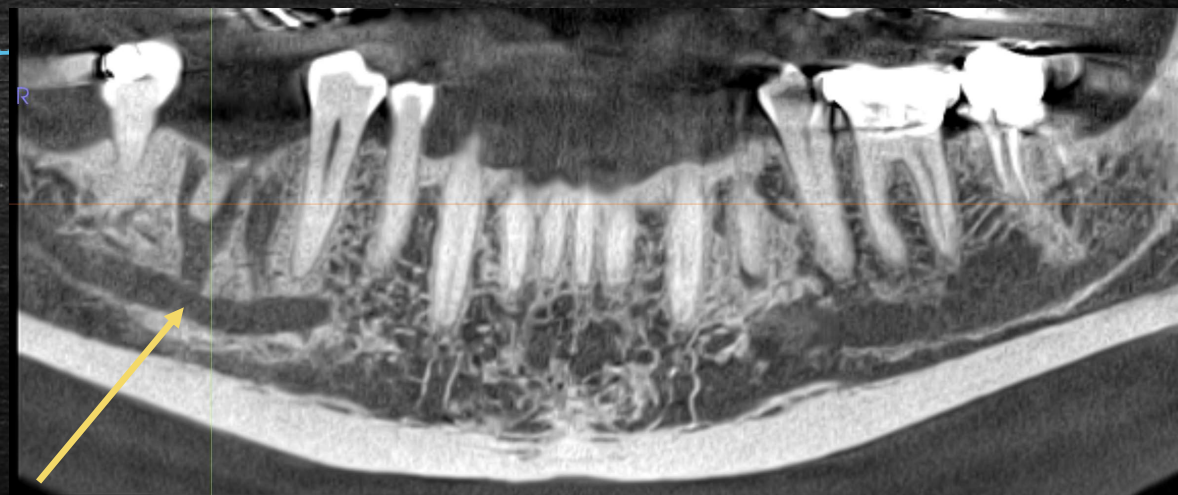
Anterior loop (incisive canal) of inferior alveolar canal



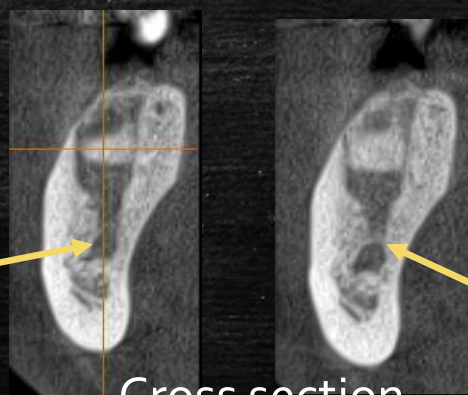
When IAN is not traced...



Axial

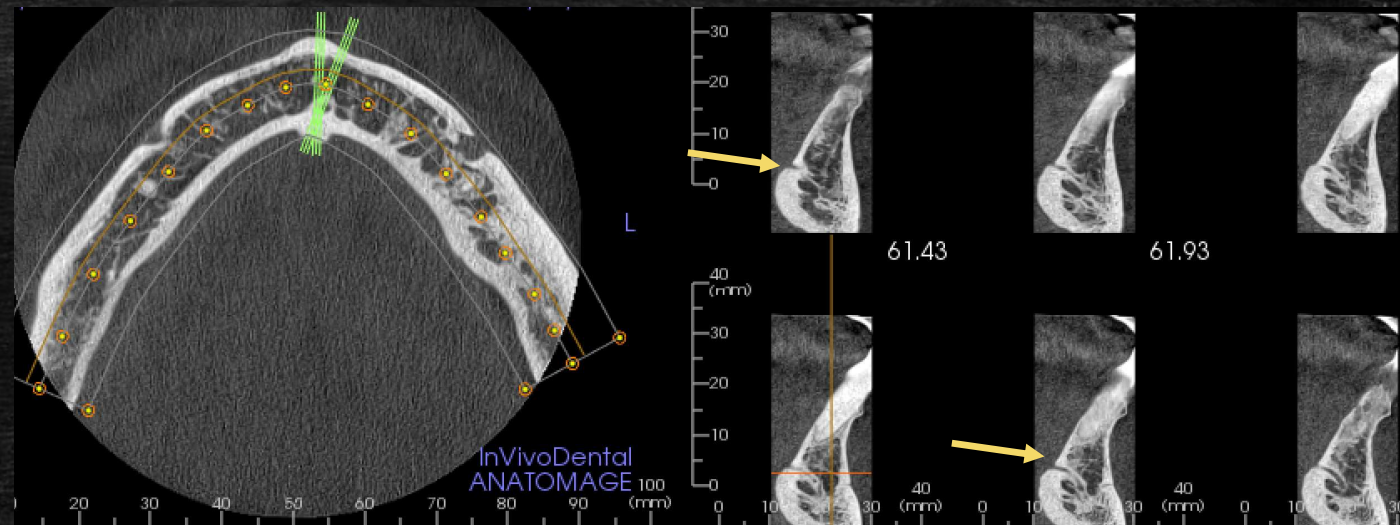
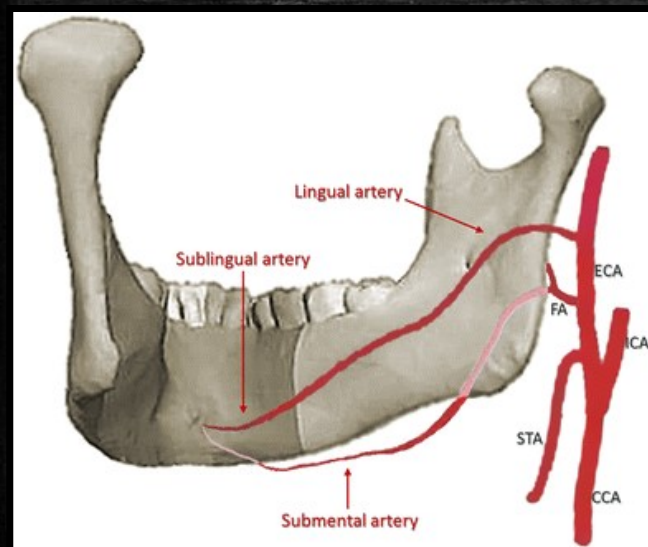


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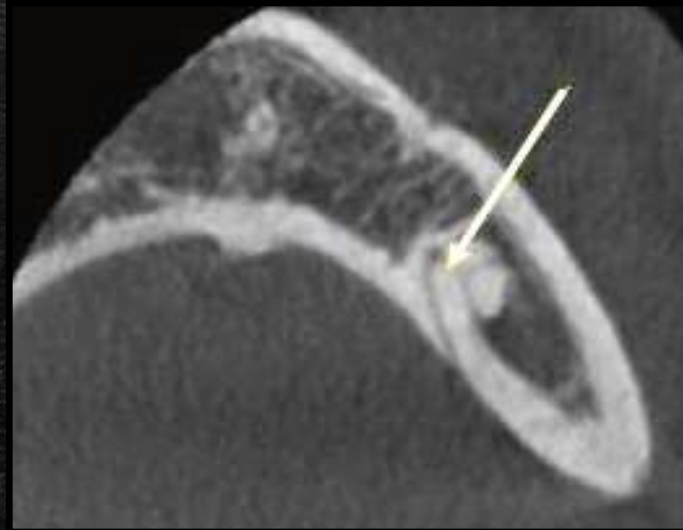


Cross section

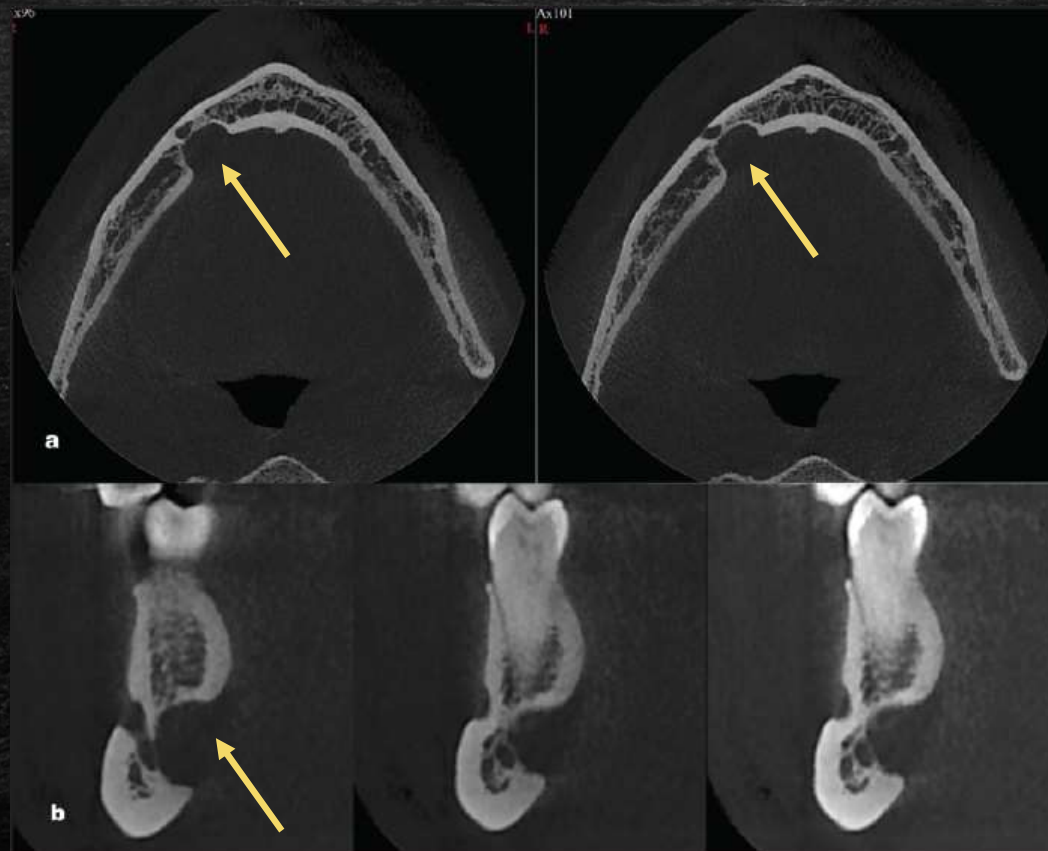
Lingual canal & foramen



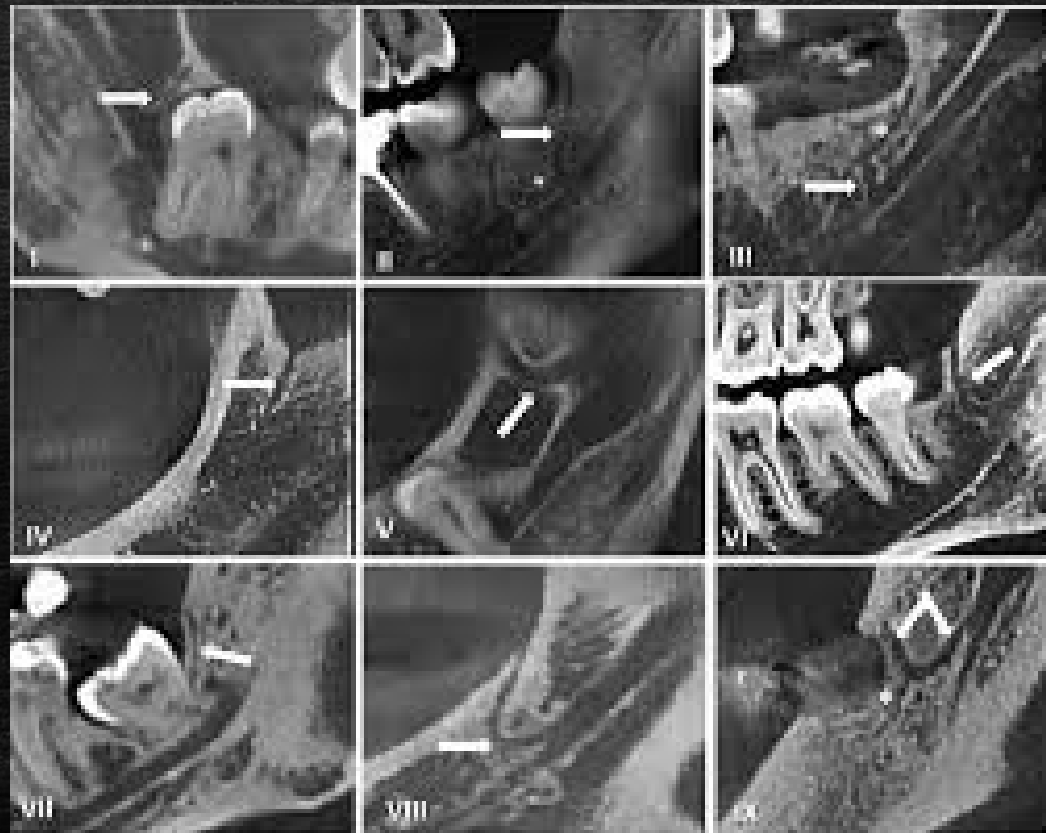
Accessory neurovascular canals (Lateral lingual canal)



Submandibular salivary gland depression

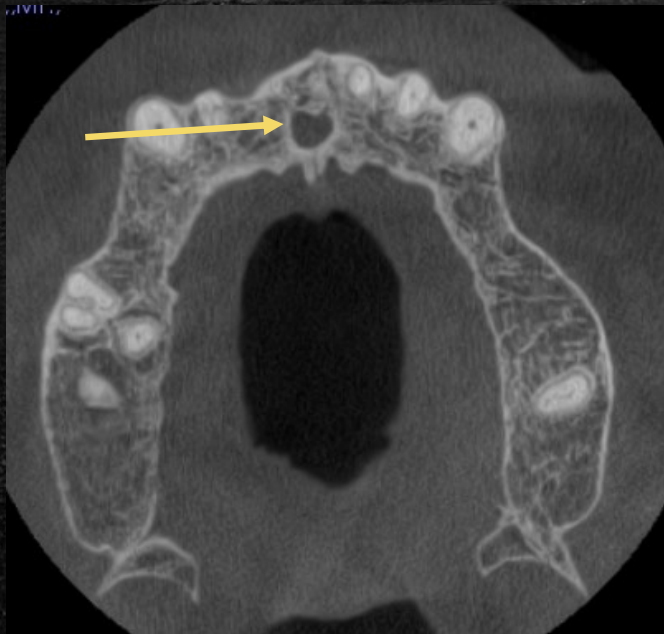


Retromolar canal

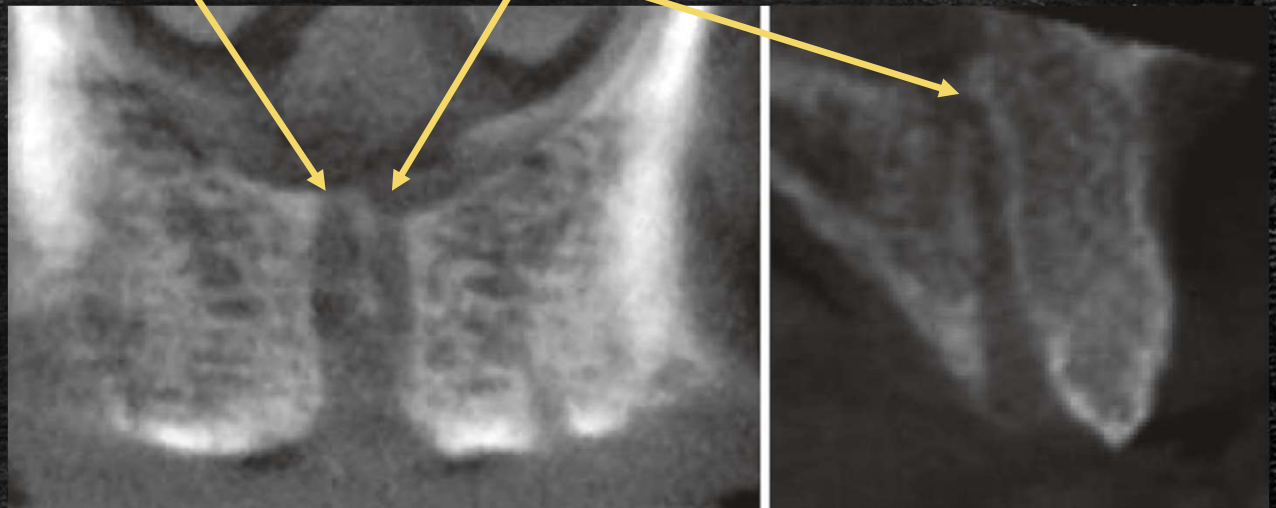


Anatomic considerations & Variations - Maxilla

Nasopalatine canal & incisive foramen

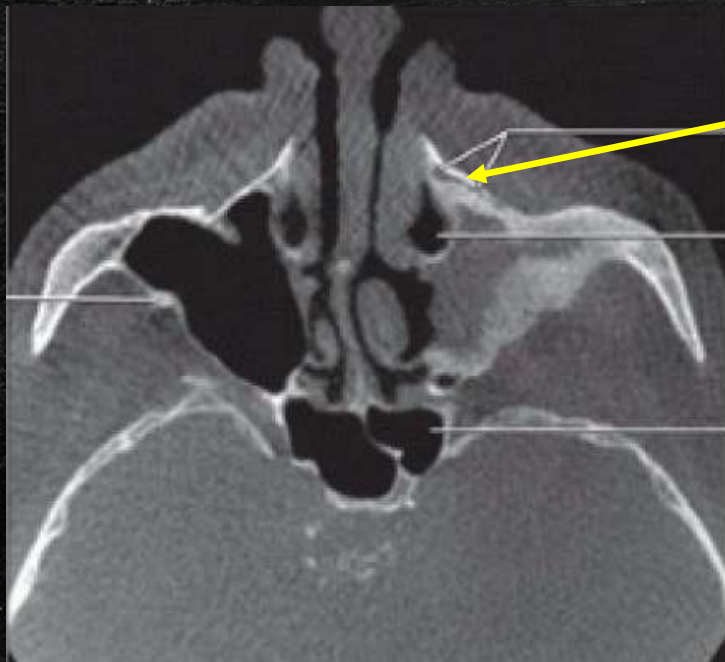


Foramina of Stenson



Canalis sinuosus

- Palatal extension of anterior superior alveolar canal

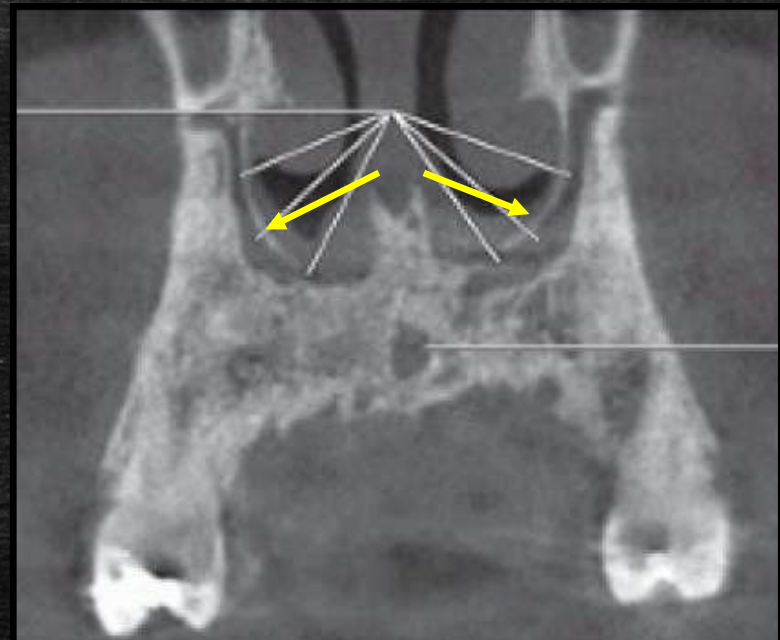
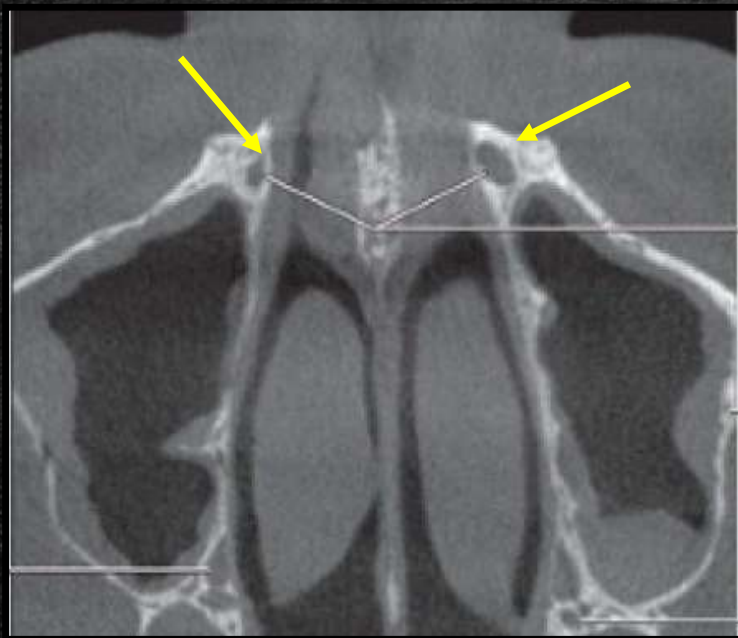


Anterior superior alveolar canal

Canalis sinuosus



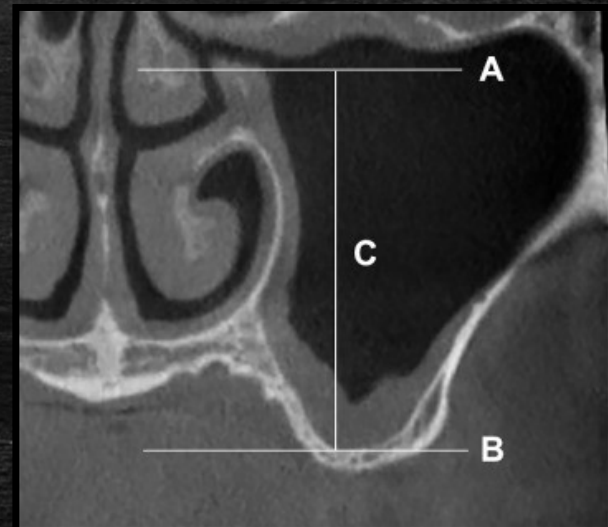
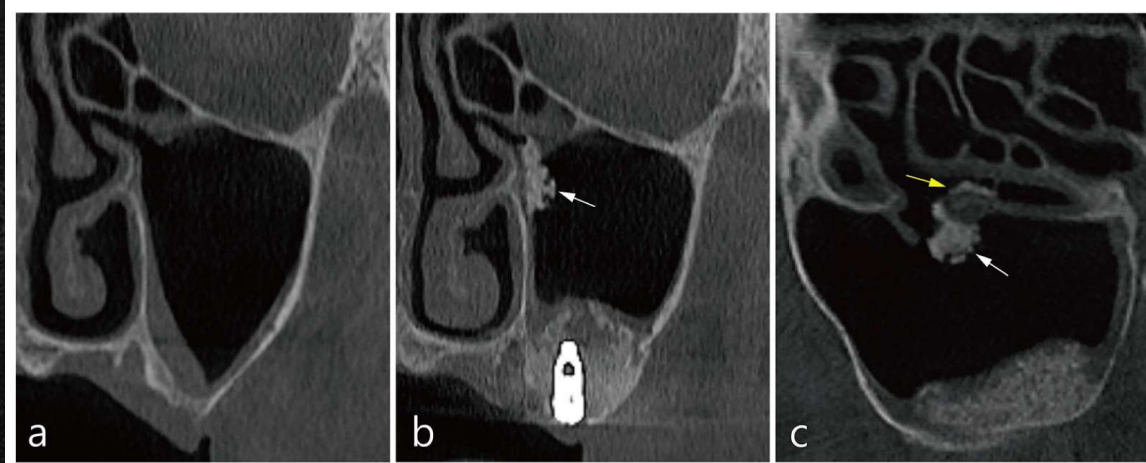
Prominent anterior superior alveolar canal



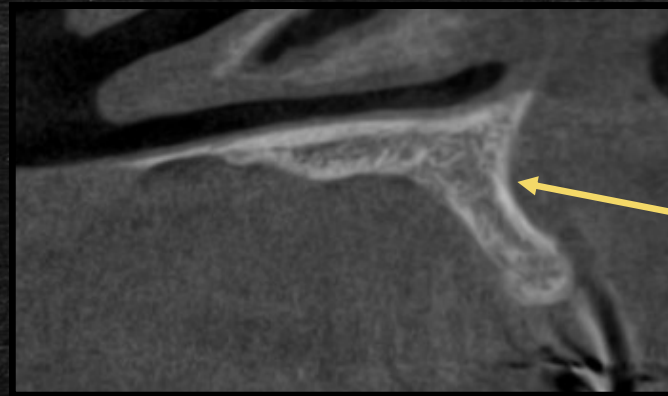
Nasal fossa



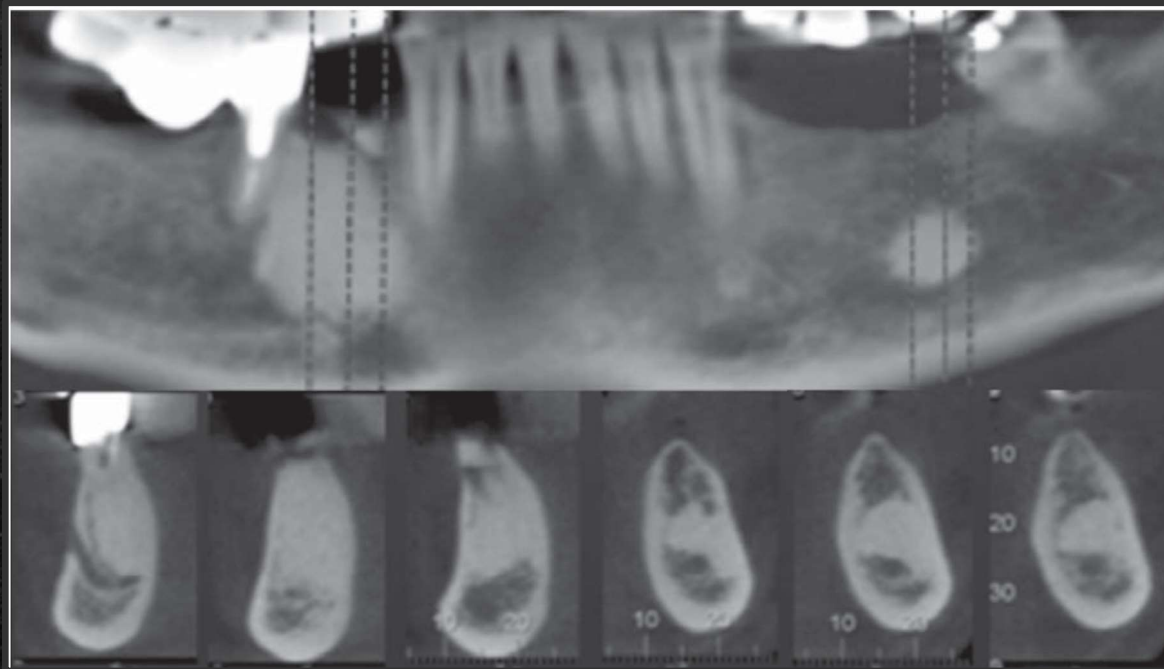
Pneumatization of the maxillary sinus



Buccal/labial concavity



Dense bone island



Might compromise healing due to decreased vascularity

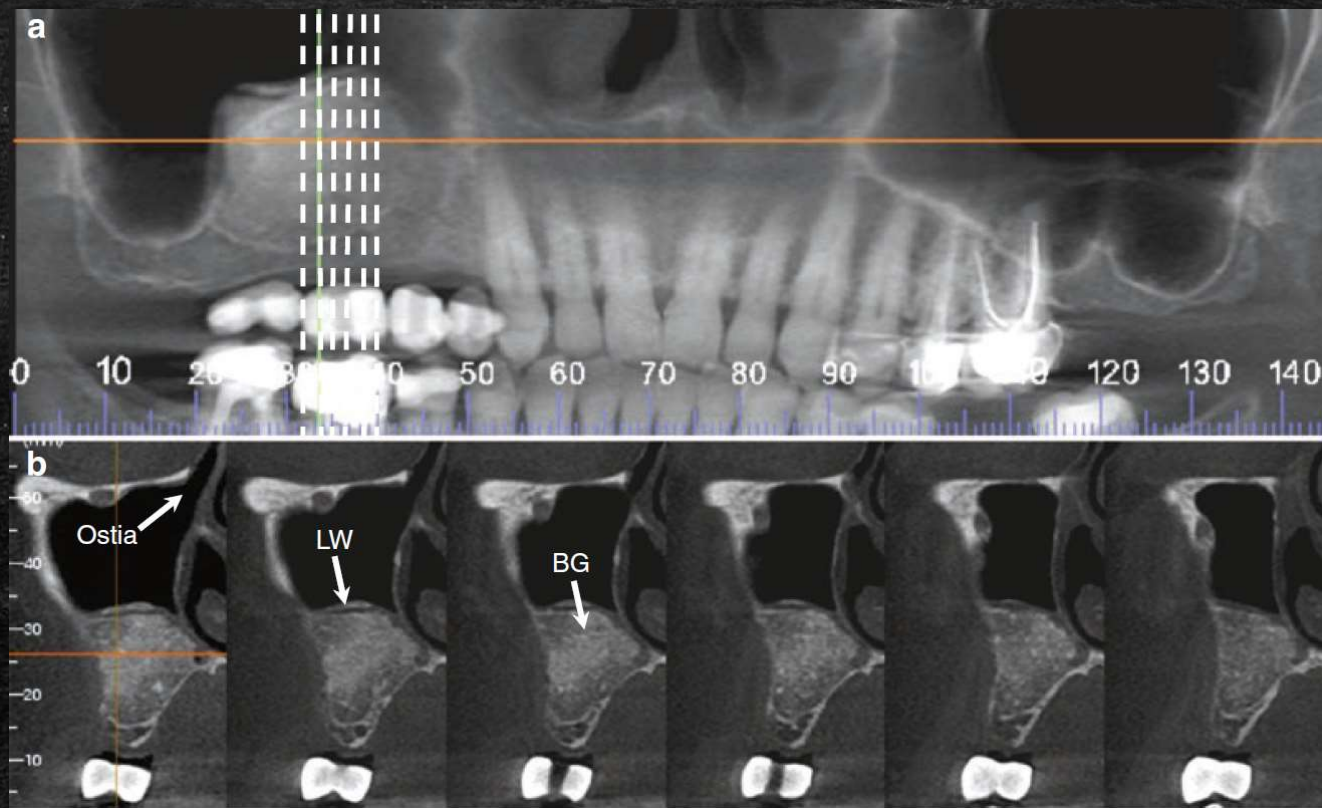
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Anatomic considerations for bone augmentation

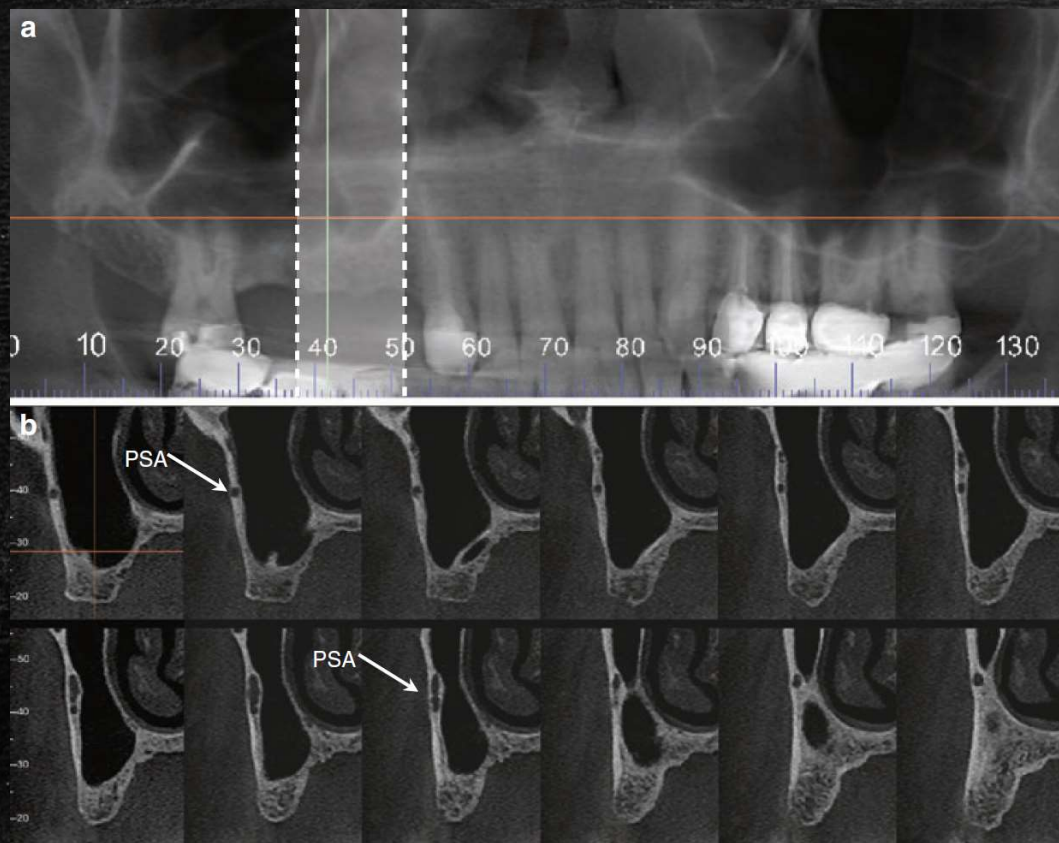
Considerations for maxillary sinus augmentation

- **Cross sectional CBCT** – location specific measurements to optimize access (3–4 mm above the apical base of the maxillary sinus through the buccal plate)
- Sinus disease free or have minimal mucosal thickening (<3 mm)
- **Ostia patent**
- **Posterior superior alveolar artery** in the lateral antral wall should be identified and avoided during surgery.
- Any condition leading to obstruction of ostium and drainage of the maxillary sinus such as **localized mucosal thickening of the ostium and concha bullosa** (pneumatized inferior turbinate) should be identified.

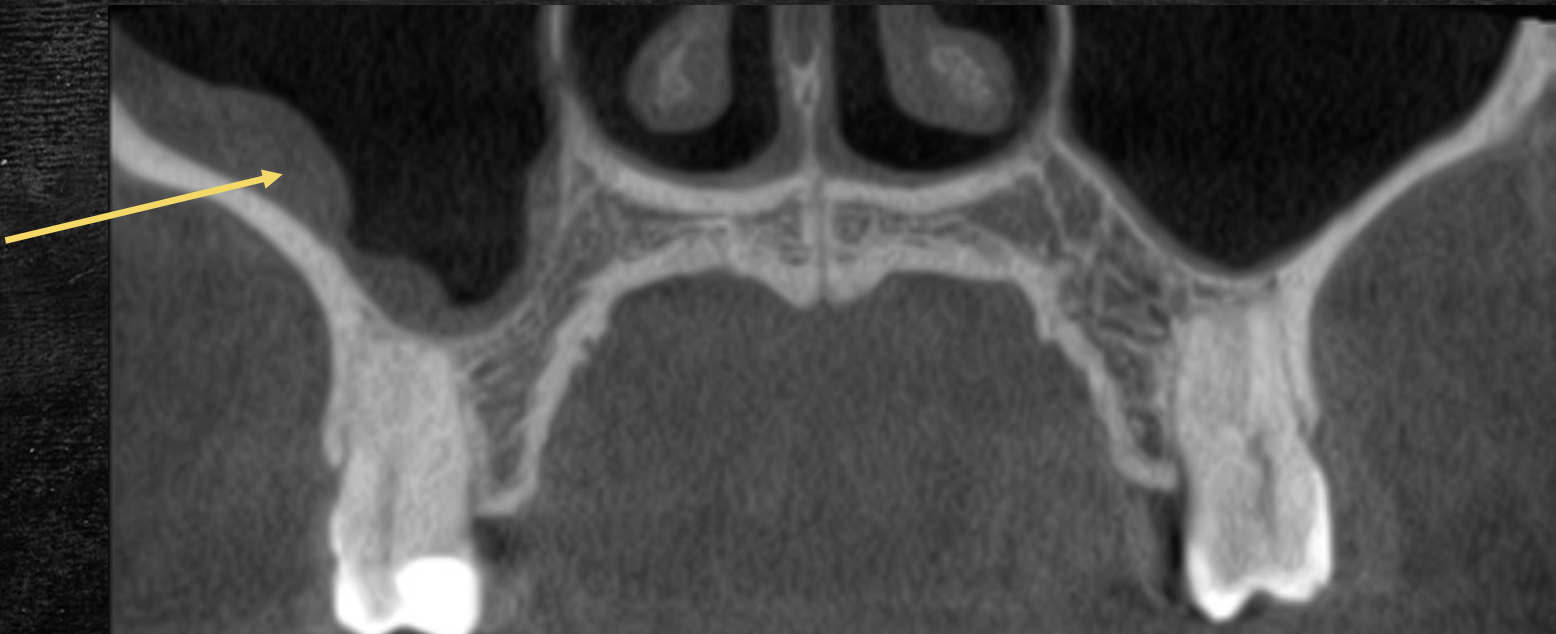
Patent ostium



Posterior superior alveolar canal

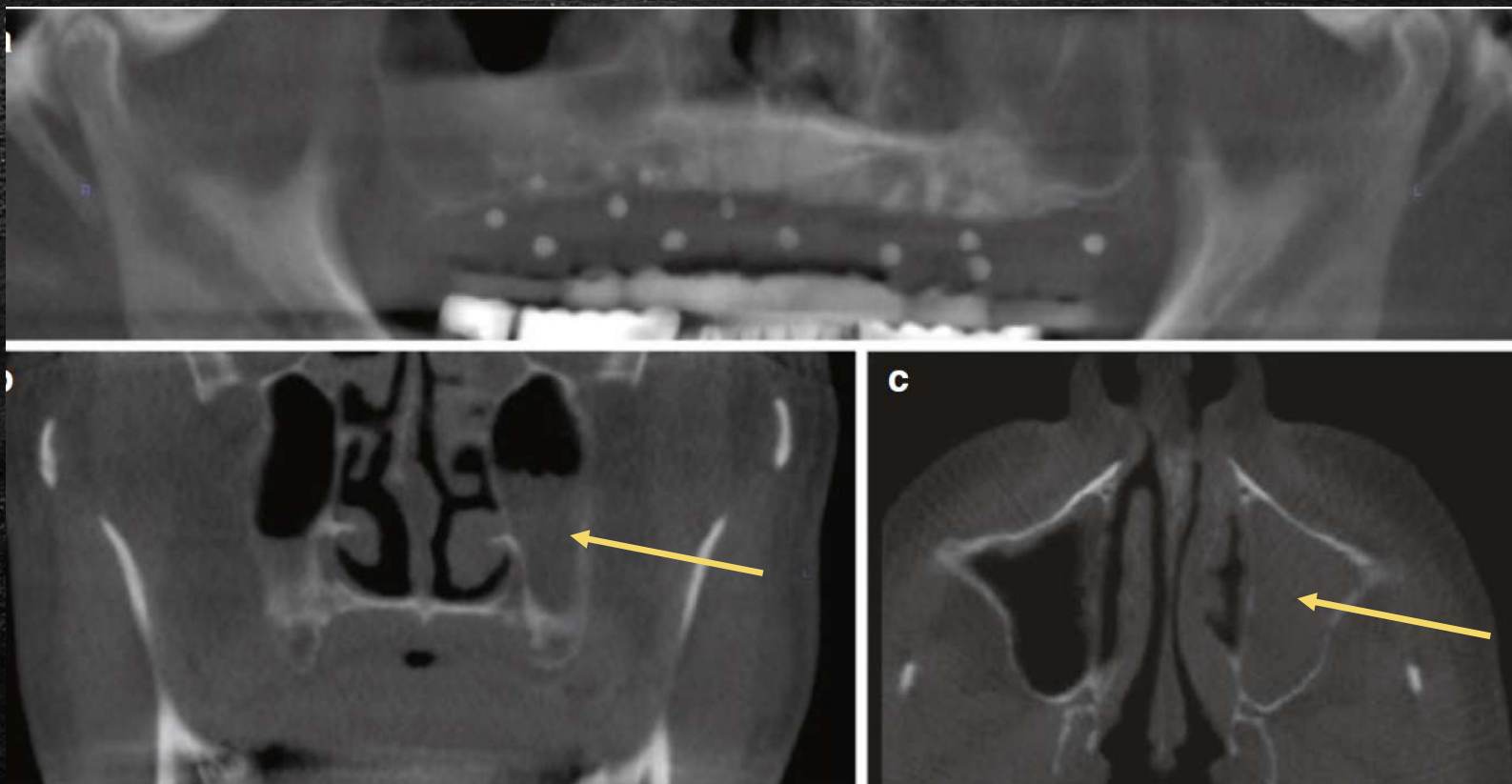


Presence of maxillary sinus mucositis

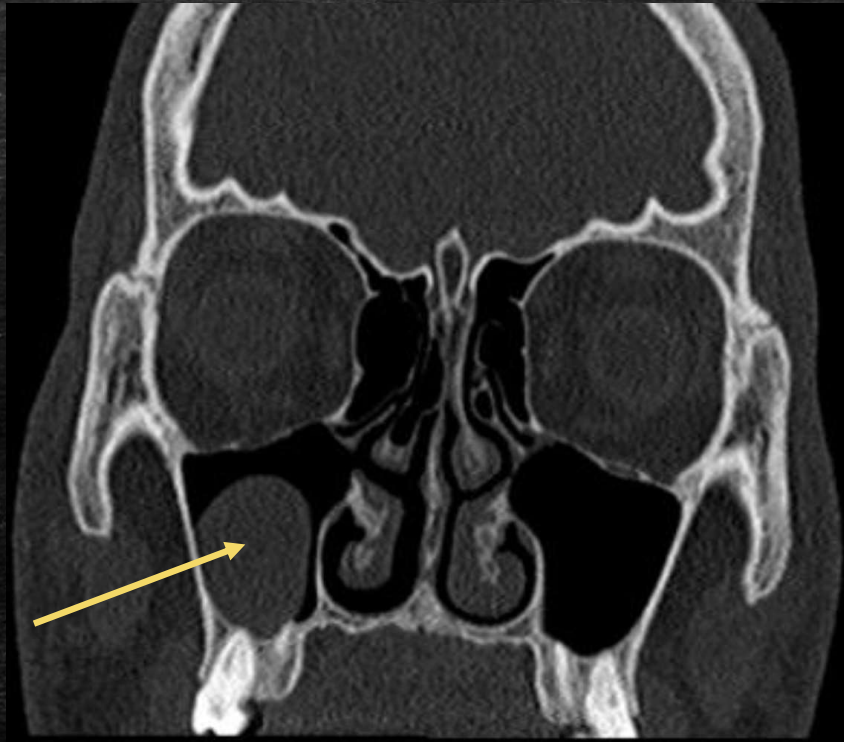


Should be no more than 3 mm

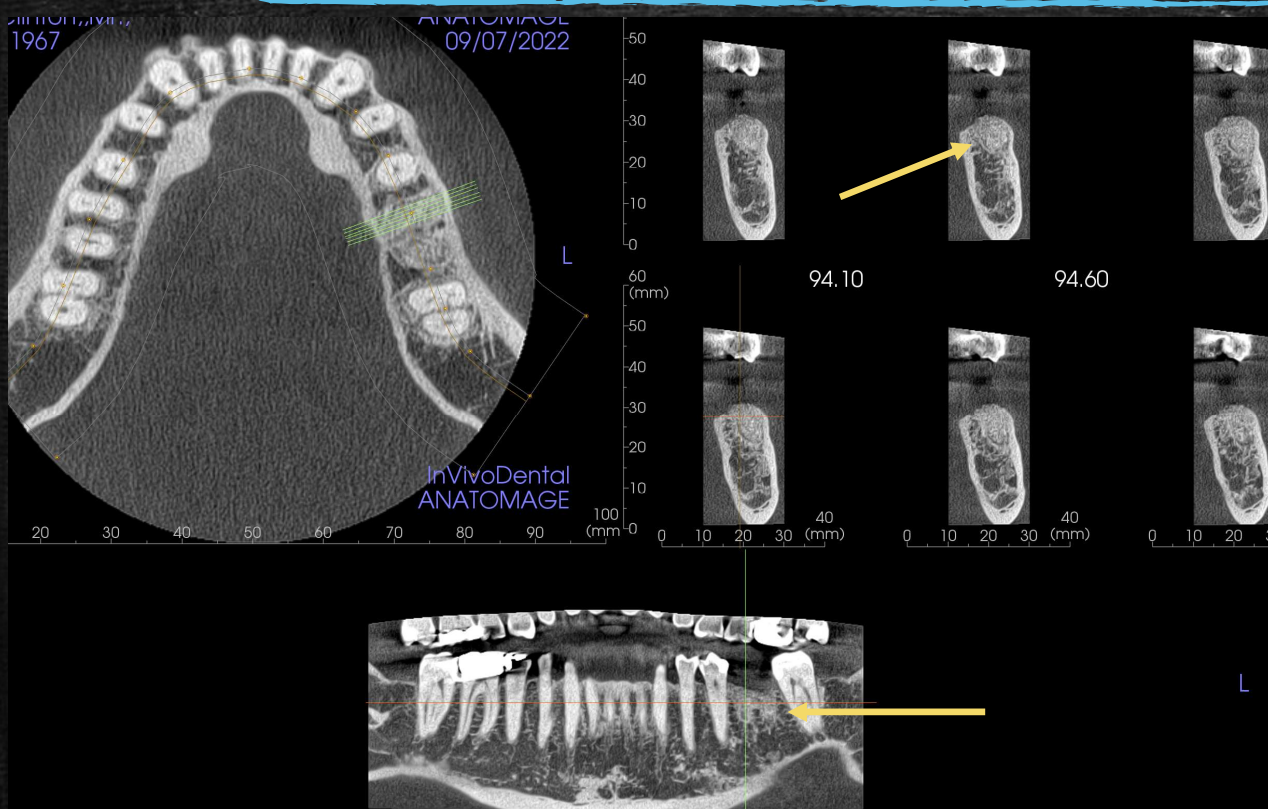
Chronic sinusitis



Mucous retention pseudocyst



Socket preservation/bone graft



Graft integration

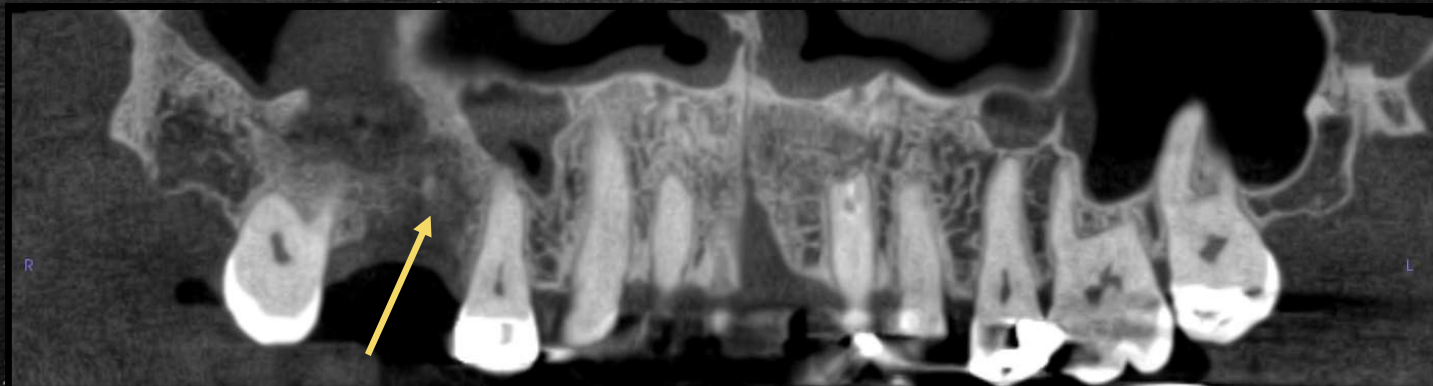
- Well integrated
- Moderately integrated
- Poorly integrated

Consolidation

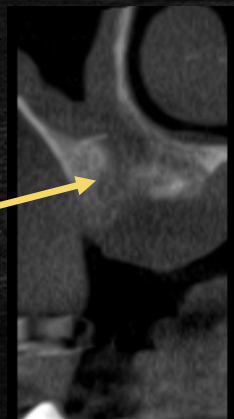
- Well consolidated
- Moderately consolidated
- Poorly consolidated

Well-integrated, well consolidated bone graft

Poorly integrated bone graft



Poorly integrated
bone graft with
oroantral
communication



Conclusion...

- Follow a systematic approach in interpreting CBCT
- Trace IAN canal; identify & locate adjacent anatomic structures
- Assess the bone quality and quantity
- Determine the necessity for bone augmentation

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