THE MAXILLARY MOLARS ANATOMY





COLOR CODING

Cusp

Ridge

Fossa

Groove

Pit

Root



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	First Molar	Second Molar	Third Molar
Cusps	- Mesiobuccal, Distobuccal, Mesiolingual, Distolingual, Cusp of Carabelli	- Mesiobuccal, Distobuccal, Mesiolingual, Distolingual	-Common as 3 cups only with Distolingual cups missing/or looking like 1st molar
Bucca	-Trapezoidal -DB sharper than MP -Buccal groove ends in Buccal pit, in line with mesiobuccal cuspMB root = DB root	-Trapezoidal (shorter & Narrower) -DB cusp is smaller and sharper than MB cuspBuccal groove in line with apex of mesiobuccal rootMB=DB root, inclined distally	-Shorter and narrower -Fused roots
Contac Area	-Mesial: middle 3 rd close to junction with occlusal 3 rd -Distal: middle of middle 3 rd	- Mesial: Middle 3 rd	
Lingua	-Cusp of Carabelli is on the ML cusp -ML cusp> longest & sharpest/ DL> Rounded -Lingual groove ends in lingual pit in line with apex of lingual rootIrregular developmental groove around cusp of Carabelli -3 roots can be seen	-DL, ML, DB cusps -DL cusp is smaller than 1st molar -Apex of lingual root in line with distolingual cusp -3 rootsLonger root trunk.	-One large lingual cusp -DL cusp sometimes present, poorly developed with a developmental groove.
Mesia	-MB, ML, Cusp of Carabelli -ML cusp is in line with ML root axisLevel of bifurcation is close to cervical line -Shallow concavity above contact area (middle 3rd) -2 roots only can be seen (MB root is broad)	-Crown length is less than 1st molar -MB & ML cusps2 roots	-Crown tapers towards fused rootsBifurcation in apical 3rd

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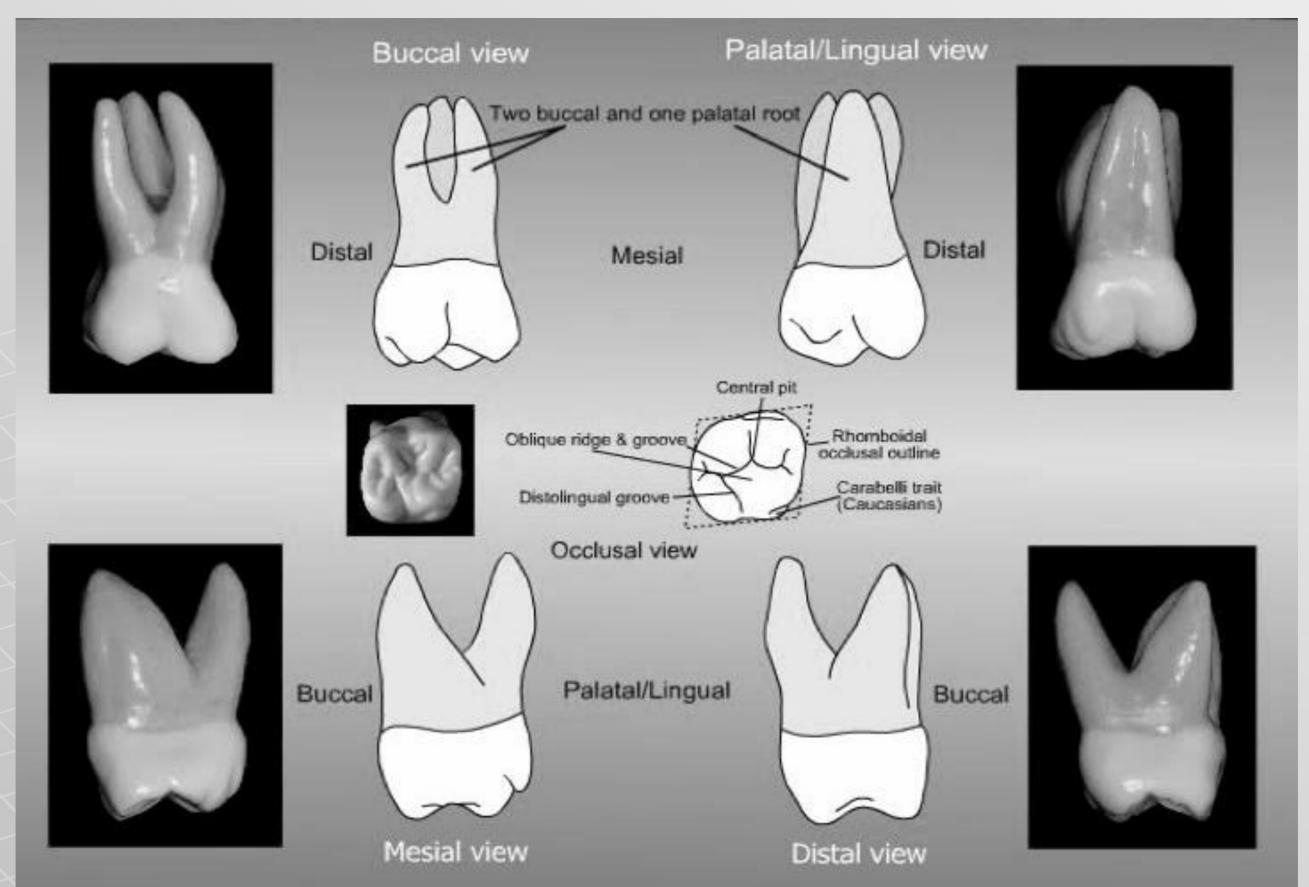
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Distal	-Buccal surface is visibleConcavity near the cervical line -Distal marginal ridge dips cervically -Triangular ridge is visible -Bifurcation is apically located -3 roots can be seen (DM root narrow)	-DL, DB, ML & MB cusps -DB cusp smaller -3 roots	-Buccal surface visible -more occlusal surface visible
Occlusal	-Rhomboidal -Primary Cusp Triangle (ML, MB, DB cusps) -Central Fossa, Distal Fossa, Mesial Triangular Fossa, Distal Triangular FossaMesial Marginal Ridge & Distal Marginal Ridge -Central Developmental Groove, Buccal Developmental G, Lingual Developmental G -Central Pit, Distal Pit, Mesial Pit -Oblique ridge, Transeversd Groove of oblique ridge, Distal Oblique Groove -Cusp of Carabelli's groove -Mesiobuccal triangular ridge, Distobuccal TR, Mesiolingual TR, Distolingual TR -MBTR + MLTR= Transverse Ridge	- Shaped as 2 types, (as 1st molar or 3rd molar) -MTF, DTF, CF, DF -MBTR, DBTR, MLTR, DLTR -OR, TGOR, DOG -MMR, DMR -CDG, BDG, LDG -CP, DP, MP	-Heart shaped -3 cusps -LTR, MBTR, DBTR -OR (poorly developed) -Many supplemental grooves

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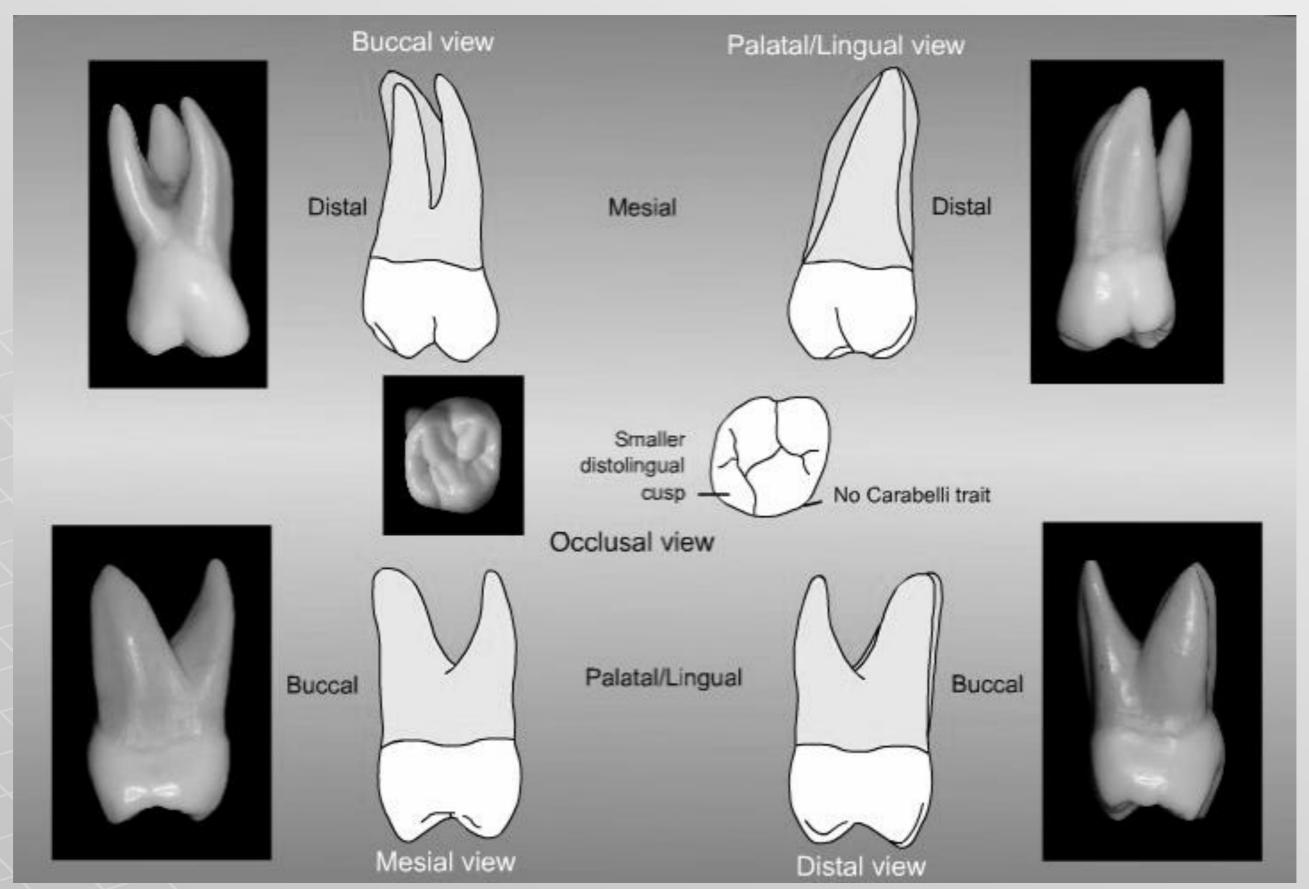


THE MAXILLARY RIGHT FIRST MOLAR (16)



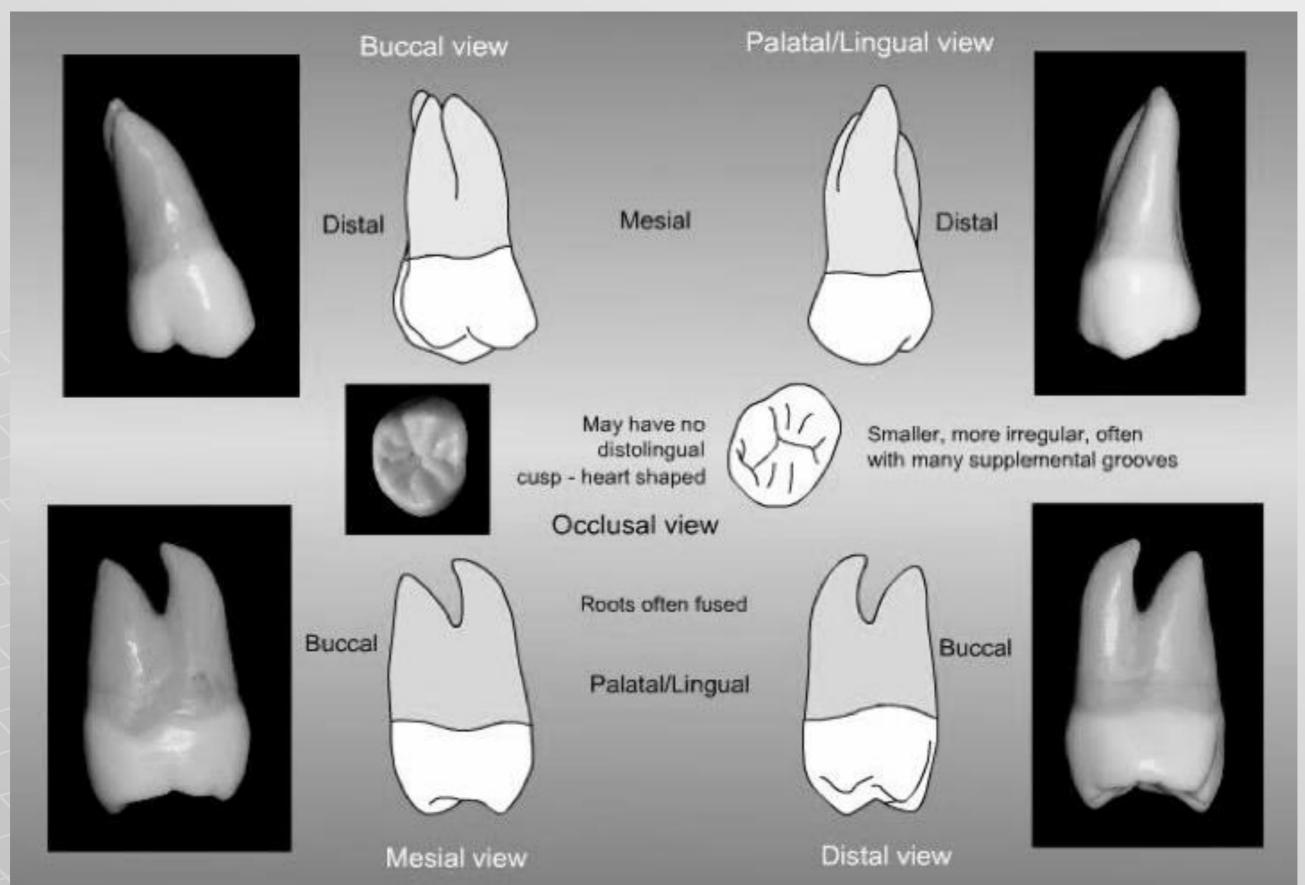


THE MAXILLARY RIGHT SECOND MOLAR (17)





THE MAXILLARY RIGHT THIRD MOLAR (18)





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