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For Acceptance/Assignment of lesion for restorative

- Radiographic and/or clinical evidence consistent with caries extending to the DEJ
- All criteria must be acceptable—proximal contact, occlusion and patient history
Choice should not be about perfect...

Will the patient be reliable
#10-M    #9-D
#8-M, #-9-M good choice radiographically but not acceptable open contact
#10-M transillumination
#9-ML (clinically evident)
#9-M

#8 has been restored #9-M
#7-M (facial approach

Lesion cavitated
What if the posterior tooth has mesial and distal caries; no occlusal caries?

#13 - mesial and distal caries; no clinical evidence of occlusal caries; Avoid doing an MOD - pretreat the distal lesion as box composite before exam - you need a new BW radiograph
#20-DO

Deep but Acceptable
#29-DO
#30-DO
#29-DO

Acceptable, but deep
#4-DO but what about #4-mesial?  #5-distal too large
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