





Figure 1

Lingual Pit on Left Maxillary First Molar

Editor's Note: Kelley and Gillerin state that the lingual pit seems to have gone unreported in the literature. Such is not the case, although I can find no record of its use in dental anthropology. G.V. Black (1897) describes the lingual groove as "deeply sulcate" (p. 60). Kraus et al. (1967, p.90) state: "a lingual pit not infrequently occurs at the point of termination of the lingual groove. These pits are of particular significance clinically, since they predispose the area to decay."

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