

Healthy Implants – the Importance of Maintenance and Good Plaque Control - Part I and II

Duration: 40 minutes per session

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Presented in two sessions these lectures will discuss how implant treatments have become part of many clinicians everyday clinical work. Patients may believe that implants are an easy solution for missing teeth, but the occurrence of peri-implant diseases are increasing and becoming a significant problem around the world. As clinicians we have a responsibility to contribute to the patients' knowledge related to dental implants to improve and contribute to healthier implants. The lectures will provide you with tips and actions on how to enhance oral health in patients with dental implants.

Part I: 40 minutes

Aims:

- To present the prevalence, development, and risk factors for peri-implant diseases
- Discuss the importance of prevention and maintenance care and offer a treatment protocol for maintenance visits

Learning Outcomes:

- Be aware of the prevalence and development and risk factors of peri-implant diseases
- Be able to recognise and differentiate between peri-mucositis and peri-implantitis
- Be able to plan and implement effective maintenance visits

Part II: 40 minutes

Aims:

- To further explore the risk factors for peri-implant diseases and the importance of considerations prior to implant placement
- To discuss the modifications that might be required for the patient's oral hygiene routine following implant placement; discussing specific oral hygiene tools and tips for their use
- To underline the important role of the patient in the maintenance of implants

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the importance of selection criteria for implant placement
- Be able to adapt the patients home care routine to improve plaque control around their implants
- Help patients to select and use interdental products that are effective for their specific implant design.