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The post extraction implant site: Is earlier better?**Shalin Vinayak**

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Dental implantology has made great advances in recent decades. Improvements in implant designs, materials, surfaces and surgical techniques along with a better understanding of the biology allow for osseointegration to be achieved predictably. This has led to the widespread adoption of implants as a viable treatment option to replace a missing tooth or teeth. The goal of implant rehabilitation has shifted from being purely functional to restore esthetics as well. One factor that has a major influence on the functional and esthetic outcome of treatment is the timing of implant placement after extraction. The purpose of this presentation is to review the concepts of socket healing, describe the dimensional alterations in the ridge following extraction and the implications this has towards the outcome of implant rehabilitation.

Biography

Shalin Vinayak graduated with a DMD from Southwestern University and has further undergone full time specialist training in implant dentistry at New York University College of Dentistry. He currently works in a private practice in Nairobi with an emphasis on surgical and prosthetic reconstruction using dental implants. In addition, he maintains a keen interest in academia and research and is an associate editor of the Online Journal of Dentistry and Oral Health. Over the past couple of years, he has presented lectures at various meetings in North America, Middle East and Africa as well as having published 2 articles on dental implants. He has been recognized as a Member of the Faculty of Dentistry (RCSI), a Diplomate of the ICOI, Fellow of the ICD, MINEC Knight Class of 2018 and is an active member of the Academy of Osseointegration and American Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry.

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