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Dental implants, when is the right time to graft?

Dental implants play predictability due to their high treatment cost and sky-high patient demands. The patients who require bone grafting for dental implants are either complex from the very start or they are rendered complex by our planning and execution of the dental treatment. The treatment planning in dental implantology starts very early even before the extraction of the offending tooth. In predictable cases if we have planned the journey of the patient correctly the need for bone grafting remains basic and the whole procedure is minimally invasive. In complex dental implant cases bone grafting is paramount in achieving the high success rates what we are proud of today. It enables us to place implants in the bony envelope and achieve maximum osseointegration. On the other hand, it increases the complexity of the treatment and raises the cost; especially autografts leads to another surgical site and can prove difficult for the patients to accept. The amelioration in the graft materials has given us the liberty to choose the materials of different significance and apply them according to our needs. 'A stitch in time saves nine' is the hypothesis in bone grafting and dealing with complex cases. Decent treatment planning and to predict the right time for bone grafting is our most important job and the preservation of bone levels at the time of extraction or initial surgery saves a lot of hassle afterwards. The speaker will share his experience for using different graft materials and he will focus light on the procedures of predictable bone grafting. The invasiveness of the procedure can be significantly reduced by suitable planning and bone grafting at the appropriate time. Learning objectives include: To understand the need for bone grafting; to appreciate the indications of different graft materials; to figure out the technique to reduce the complexity of the treatment; how can we maintain the bone levels during dental implants treatment? and; How can we tackle difficult cases of bone grafting?

Biography

Kashif Hafeez was honoured by Membership and Fellowship from Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland and has been honoured with Fellowship from Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh. He has completed his Post-graduate certificate in Medical and Dental Education from Oxford Brookes University. He has special interest in Oral Surgery and Dental Implantology and is practising as visiting Implantologist to various practices. He has been a Post-graduate Dental Foundation Trainer for Oxford Deanery from 2010 to 2015 and due to his passion for quality in education he has been appointed as Examiner for Royal College of Surgeons Ireland and Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh. He teaches at the M Clindent programme, City of London Dental School, BPP University and lectures internationally on Oral surgery and Dental Implantology. He has been presenting his scientific work & research at prominent International Dental Conferences. He serves as an advisor & expert for GDC UK. In addition, he serves as Editorial Board Member for Porodental CPD and visiting teaching faculty abroad. He was honoured with the Best Dentist award by APPS UK in 2013.

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