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Title

Is Location Fate? Defining the Role of Tooth Site in Dental Implant Complications

Abstract

Dental implant therapy has revolutionized the replacement of missing teeth for patients resulting in improvement in overall quality of life. Although a highly successful modality of treatment, the consequences of complications and failure are frustrating to patients and dentists. Considering that the etiology for early and late implant failure is not yet well understood it is important to build upon and continue to increase the knowledge of their potential causes. The presentation will focus on the clinical research done at the University of Toronto to explore the association between specific implant site location as a potential risk factor for early and late implant failure and local and systemic risk factors influencing these failures.

Learning Objectives

- Review current evidence on the prevalence of early and late implant failure.
- Review evidence on local and systemic factors contributing to implant failure.
- Discuss implications of site specificity in clinical decision making for single implants sites.

Biography

Neena completed her Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Masters in the speciality of prosthodontics from the College of Dentistry at Manipal in India. After she moved to Canada in 1996, she completed her Diploma in the specialty of Prosthodontics and a Master of Science from the University of Toronto. She underwent a specialized program at Harvard medical School and obtained a certificate in research training in 2020. She is involved in teaching with undergraduate dental students and post graduate students in the specialty of prosthodontics at the University of Toronto. Neena is an executive member of the Association of Prosthodontists of Ontario where she plays an active role in advocating for Prosthodontics and safe patient care. She works as an expert with the dental regulatory body in Ontario and as a medical assessor for private enterprise. She is active in clinical research at the graduate level at the faculty of dentistry, has several publications in peer reviewed dental journals and runs a multispecialty dental practice in Mississauga, Ontario.