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Title

Perio-Prosthetic Strategies to Mitigate Biologic Risk in Dental Implants

Abstract

When a tooth is lost and the site is replaced with a dental implant, the clinician faces a challenge. A clear understanding of peri-implant biology and prosthetically driven treatment planning is crucial for predicting the functional, biological, and esthetic success of our implant cases. Clinical management of the dental implant site must be conducted with care and a biological mindset, as the prosthetic design can significantly influence the stability of the peri-implant environment.

Proper material selection, abutment design, and handling of the materials in the sub-gingival area are key to increasing implant therapy predictability. In this program, the clinician will be exposed to perio-prosthetic concepts to promote crestal bone and gingival margin stability over time, thereby helping to achieve long-lasting, optimal results.

Learning Objectives

- Identify essential considerations for the management and prevention of complications in esthetic implant therapy.
- Identify the relationship between position, soft tissue, and the prognosis of esthetic implant therapy.
- Understand the importance of the biological and mechanical management of abutment design in the subgingival space.

Biography

Jonathan Esquivel, DDS, is a prosthodontist in New Orleans, and a former full-time Associate professor and director of Implant Dentistry for the Department of Prosthodontics at LSUSD. He received dental training at Universidad Americana in his hometown of Managua, Nicaragua. After graduating from dental school, he joined his father's practice for four years. Due to his growing interest in prosthetics, he decided to pursue specialty training in prosthodontics at LSUSD, completing the residency in 2013. He was accepted and completed the LSUSD Esthetics and Surgical Implant Fellowship in 2014. Throughout his career as an educator, he won numerous awards, including "The Golden Apple" excellence in teaching award in 2016, along with being named honorary faculty member for the C. Edmund Kells Honorary Society and faculty member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society, Theta Kappa Chapter. He was selected to participate in the dental student "white coat ceremony", an honor bestowed upon respected faculty members, won the "Dr. Allen A. Copping" excellence in teaching award, was awarded the Brasseler USA Professorship in prosthodontics and won the Claude Baker award from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics.

He has published articles on dental implants and esthetics in nationally recognized peer-reviewed journals and has lectured nationally and internationally.

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