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Title

Patient Centered Risk Assessment in Implant Treatment Planning

Abstract

Dental implant failures and complications lead to pain, lengthened treatment times, unaesthetic outcomes, frustrating both patients and clinicians. As a largely elective treatment, it is important to examine why implant complications arise. Implant success and complications are multifaceted and our research has sought to develop a list of risk indicators as well as the relative impact of each of those indicators. Current research and expert opinion was utilized to produce a list of risk indicators, their relative risk, and a risk assessment quiz that sorts patients in low, medium, high, and extreme risk categories. Initial validation studies have refined the assessment. The risk assessment is an educational tool for practitioners and patients allowing for better informed consent and leading to more predictable outcomes.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify the need and importance of a risk assessment for dental implants
2. Review identified risk indicators for dental implant complications
3. Discuss how to implement a risk assessment in practice

Biography

Allison Fishman DMD is a prosthodontist in private practice in San Francisco and San Mateo, CA. Alison is a co-founder and board member of the Dental Risk Advisor non-profit with the goal of developing accessible risk assessments tools. She is a recent graduate of the University of California, San Francisco Prosthodontics program, completed her dental school training at University of Pennsylvania and undergrad at Princeton University. She took part in the Future Leaders in Prosthodontics program in 2019. Alison also maintains a collaborative and educational dental instagram account, @Prosthonerd.