

Soft tissue management in implant dentistry

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Implant dentistry has become one of the most exciting and rapidly developing field of dentistry over the past few years. It has increased treatment possibilities as well as good functional results for the patients. Decisions on dental treatment have always been based on the most predictable procedures benefiting the health and comfort of the patients.

Deviations from traditional approaches must be carefully scrutinized to weigh their benefits versus potential risks during active stage of treatment. Implant dentistry is not experimental anymore, it is well scientifically researched and documented in many aspects, even though there are more rooms for improvements. Due to the increased predictability of dental implant, practitioners are incorporating them into dental treatment on a routine basis.

Successful rehabilitation of dental implants is largely dependant on meticulous surgical and prosthodontic protocols. Implant dentistry is a surgical discipline with a prosthetic component. Surgical component of implant dentistry needs various aspects of disciplines. One of them is soft tissue management during various stages of implant surgery. Meticulous soft tissue management plays an important role for the success of dental implants, especially at stage one implant installation implant surgery and also stage two uncovering procedure.

This lecture will cover surgical principles of implant dentistry, incision design and incision techniques, various flap design and flap handling techniques, closure and suturing techniques, and also other complicated soft tissue management in implant dentistry.