

Patient Satisfaction with Implant-Supported prostheses at Dental School, Mahidol Unvi.



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A retrospective study was done on patients treated with Brånemark implants for the prostheses of single, partial and full edentulous at Dental School, Mahidol University. The purpose of the present study was to determine patient satisfaction and their opinions on implant-supported prostheses, which might lead to show the influence of implantology on conventional prosthodontics. Sixty patients were included in this study. Most of them had the experience of conventional prostheses. The implants were placed by seven oral surgeons, three periodontists and the prostheses were finished by ten prosthodontists during the period of 1996-1998. All of the patients were interviewed by one prosthodontist to fill out two copies of comparative questionnaires for the former conventional and the new implant-supported prostheses. The main parts of this evaluation were focused on prostheses related problem, ability to chew different types of food, speaking, appearance, overall prostheses satisfaction, their opinion and social function. They consequently would or would not recommend implant-prostheses to their relatives and friends or even themselves. As a result, most patients were able to chew all kinds of food, improve of social function and had absence of discomfort. However, they complained about the long period and high cost of treatment. Therefore, it may be concluded that implant supported prostheses provide more satisfactory solution than the conventional prostheses. But there might have some controversy to introduce this approach to the large scale of public at the present time.