

Implant Periapical Lesions

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The objective of implant-supported restorations in dentistry is to fabricate prostheses which fulfill the requirements of natural dentition. Proper case selection, excellent surgical technique, placing an adequate restoration on the implant, educating the implant patient to maintain meticulous oral hygiene, and evaluating the implants both clinically and radiographically at frequent recall visits are prerequisites in achieving optimal function, esthetics, and adequate access for oral hygiene. Long-term clinical studies have demonstrated that osseointegrated implants will successfully support fixed and removable prostheses and that the supporting tissues can be kept in a healthy clinical state for long periods of time. Despite the long-term results of osseointegrated implants, various complications occur in a small percentage of cases. The purpose of this presentation is to review potential etiology and treatment of implant periapical lesions by means of case presentations.