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Narrow Implants in the Aesthetic Zone

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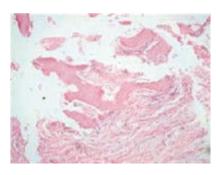
In this first of a two part presentation, Dr. Edward Mills outlines the rationalization and parameters that guide the utilization of narrow diameter implants in the aesthetic zone. In addition to utilizing narrow implant components, Dr. Mills also discusses ridge expansion and tissue management in overcoming aesthetic challenges related to lack of bone and soft tissue dimensions. Smoking Cessation for Clinical Practice



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Microbiology of Peri Implant Infections Lanka Mahesh, BDS, MBA; Gregori M. Kurtzman, DDS; Tv Narayan, BDS, MDS; Dr. Sagrika

The oral cavity has numerous microbes, providing us with a balanced microbial environment, however conditions like periodontitis sometimes prevail leading to bone loss and eventually causing tooth loss if not treated appropriately. By the same token, even with implants, gram positive facultative flora, establishes shortly after implant placement and stable implants showed no significant shifts in the composition, where as failing implants showed presence of Gram-negative anaerobic bacteria, particularly fusobacteria, spirochetes, and black-pigmenting organisms such as Prevotella intermedia. Which leads to destruction of the peri-implant apparatus and eventual loss of the implant if not attended to in a timely fashion. It is important to understand the microbiological aspects of peri-implant disease in order to proffer appropriate treatment.

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