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CLINICAL CASE

Creating emergence profiles in immediate implant dentistry

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The current esthetic demands presented by many patients have led to updating success criteria in dental implants in the anterior region and now involve not only osseointegration of the implant, but also the long-term peri-implant stability of hard and soft tissue.

This peri-implant stability may be compromised when there is already tissue loss resulting from the inevitable remodeling of post-extraction sockets. It is for this reason that when dealing with the anterior region, we have to view therapeutic options that can help us to reduce or compensate the inevitable remodeling of the post-extraction socket by means of alveolar regeneration or immediate implant dentistry.

Our commitment to the patient is to be able to compensate for the loss of hard and soft tissue so that 3D positioning of the implant is correct, the hygiene and esthetics of the implant-supported crown is optimal and the reliability of our treatment is not compromised in the long term.¹

The role played today by immediate implant dentistry and immediate loading in the anterior region ^{2, 3} is of paramount importance in order to understand that any surgical procedure to position an immediate implant implies correct management of the socket, mucosa and design of the provisional prosthesis until obtaining the final crown.^{4, 5, 6}

We are therefore faced with what is known as a "surgery-periodontology-prosthetic balance", in which the three specialties will be responsible for providing us with a reliable long-term result when dealing with the anterior esthetic region.

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Below is a clinical case of coronal fracture of tooth 11 with periapical lesion showing tooth extraction. Two treatment options were here taken into account:

Option 1: Tooth extraction with alveolar regeneration and deferred implant positioning

Option 2: Tooth extraction with immediate implant positioning

Following clinical, radiographic and tomographic examinations, it was decided to proceed with the extraction of tooth 11, immediate implant and immediate esthetic loading in order to be able to control and compensate for bone and soft tissue remodeling of the post-extraction area.¹



Initial orthopantomograph of patient



Prior panoramic X-ray of tooth 11



Orthoradial section of CBCT corresponding to tooth 11 showing apical lesion and palatal triangle of bone that can provide primary stability to our implant



Intraoral photograph showing loss of papillae with gingival margin of coronal 11 to 21, which must be preserved, and thick biotype with square-shaped tooth



Extraoral photograph showing a low-medium smile with slight extrusion of tooth $1\,1$



Detail of thick gingival biotype

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Tooth 11 was extracted and an AVINENT Implant System Biomimetic Ocean (3.5 x 13 mm) implant was positioned, prosthetically guided by a surgical guide made of resin that provided correct 3D positioning of the tooth to be restored and would simultaneously serve as an immediate loading provisional crown.



Post-surgery panoramic X-ray of Ocean implant with provisional crown



Provisional crown 4 months after implant placement with maintenance of gingival levels



Occlusal intraoral photograph of provisional crown at 4 months showing maintenance of gingival architecture



Removal of provisional crown showing good gingival health

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Insertion torque was 45 Ncm, the implant holder was removed and the implant was grinded to be able to line it with the provisional crown of the surgical guide. Following the critical and subcritical contour guidelines established by Óscar González,⁷ the provisional crown was screwed on and the implant holder was lined, previously having been painted with opaque so that the provisional crown could be left for a total of 4 months, thereby adequately handling the mucosal contour. After the third month of loading, the emergence profile was modified to obtain the current mucosal level.



View of gingival volume maintenance



Detail of gingival health showing full vestibular integration of biomaterial



Maintenance of gingival margin at same level as its homolateral



Creation of a personalized transfer abutment from provisional piece

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After 4 months, a personalized impression was taken by means of a customized flow closed tray transfer according to the emergence profile obtained with the provisional piece ^{8,9} and a final ceramic-metal crown screwed to the implant was created using CAD-CAM (Core3dcentres).



Emergence profile formed in silicone matrix to create personalized transfer abutment



Light-curing of resin to recreate emergence profile of provisional piece



Personalized transfer abutment with Ocean titanium implant holder



Insertion of personalized transfer abutment



Occlusal view of personalized transfer abutment positioned in mouth



Detail of personalized transfer abutment positioned in mouth

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Shade of final prosthesis against black background



Fully integrated final porcelain-metal crown



View of gingival maintenance and architecture



Detail of perfectly integrated crown showing straight correct emergence profile



Panoramic X-ray at the time of positioning final crown showing no crestal bone loss

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